MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF RYCROFT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2024
VILLAGE OF RYCROFT COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT:	**James Verquin**	**Mayor**
	Roxann Dreger	**Deputy Mayor**
	Joanne Chelick	**Councillor**
	Dwayne Kotyk	**Councillor**
ABSENT:	**Brian Markovich**	**Councillor (with notice)**
	Lisa Shaykowski	**Acting Chief Administrative Officer**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Verquin called the Regular Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2024-1-3-1 **MOVED** by Councillor Chelick that Council adopt the Regular Council meeting agenda for January 3, 2024 with the following amendments:

REPLACE: Item 9.11 RFD: Water Line Replacement 2024 with RFD: Water Line Replacement under Highway 49 and CN Tracks 2024.

ADD: Item 11.2 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Pt. 1, Div. 2, Sect. 24 (Personnel)

ADD: Item 11.3 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Pt. 1, Div. 2, Sect. 24 (Personnel) **CARRIED**

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

3.1 Minutes from the December 15, 2023 Council Strategic Planning Meeting

2024-1-3-2 **MOVED** by Councillor Kotyk that Council approve the December 15, 2023 Council Strategic Planning meeting minutes as presented. **CARRIED**

3.2 Minutes from the December 19, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

2024-1-3-3 **MOVED** by Councillor Kotyk that Council approve the December 19, 2023 Regular Council meeting minutes as presented. **CARRIED**

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. DELEGATIONS

6. CAO REPORT

6.1 CAO Report, Action Item List, and Calendar

2024-1-3-4 **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council rescind the following motion:

2023-12-19-354 MOVED by Mayor Verquin that Council change the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 20 to Monday, February 19 to accommodate participation in the Growing the North Conference.
CARRIED

2024-1-3-5 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Dreger that Council direct Administration to research methods of providing information to those not on social media and present costs related at the next Regular Council Meeting on January 16, 2024. **CARRIED**

2024-1-3-6 **MOVED** by Councillor Chelick that Council accept the CAO Report, Action Item List, and Calendar as presented. **CARRIED**

7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Chelick
December 20 Grande Spirit Foundation Meeting

Councillor Kotyk
Baseball Diamond Project

2024-1-3-7 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Dreger that Council direct administration to research grant funding for purchasing trees to be planted at the Baseball Diamonds. **CARRIED**

2024-1-3-8 **MOVED** by Councillor Kotyk that Council accept the Council member verbal reports as presented. **CARRIED**

8. PREVIOUS BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 RFD: Capital Road Paving Project Borrowing Bylaw 241-23

2024-1-3-9 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Dreger that Council give second reading to Borrowing Bylaw 241-23, a bylaw of the Village of Rycroft in the province of Alberta to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture(s) in the amount of one million, six hundred thousand dollars ($1,600,000) for the purpose of the east side road paving project. **CARRIED**

2024-1-3-10 **MOVED** by Councillor Kotyk that Council give third reading to Borrowing Bylaw 241-23, a bylaw of the Village of Rycroft in the province of Alberta to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture(s) in the amount of one million, six hundred thousand dollars ($1,600,000) for the purpose of the east side road paving project. **CARRIED**

9.2 Minister of Environment and Protected Areas RE: Drought Conditions in Alberta

2024-1-3-11 **MOVED** by Councillor Kotyk that Council accept the correspondence from the Minister of Environment and Protected Areas regarding Drought Conditions in Alberta for information. **CARRIED**

9.3 Mighty Peace Watershed Building Resistance in Times of Drought Workshop

2024-1-3-12 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Dreger that any Council member available to attend the 'Mighty Peace Watershed Building Resistance in Times of Drought Workshop' in Grande Prairie on January 31, 2024 be enabled to do so. **CARRIED**

9.4. Federation of Canadian Municipalities Membership 2024

2024-1-3-13 **MOVED** by Councillor Kotyk that Council accept the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Membership 2024 renewal for information. **CARRIED**

9.5. Brownlee Law Emerging Trends Workshop

2024-1-3-14 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Dreger that any Council member available to attend the Brownlee Law Emerging Trends Virtual Workshop January 31, 2024 be enabled to do so. **CARRIED**

Councillor Chelick and Deputy Mayor Dreger indicated they plan to attend the Brownlee Law Emerging Trends Virtual Workshop.

9.6. RMRF Law Workshop

2024-1-3-15 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Dreger that any Council member available to attend the RMRF Law Workshop in Grande Prairie March 1, 2024 be enabled to do so. **CARRIED**

Councillor Chelick and Deputy Mayor Dreger indicated they plan to attend the RMRF Law Workshop.

9.7. PREDA Membership Invoice 2024

2024-1-3-16 **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council table the 2024 PREDA Membership until the next Regular Meeting of Council January 16, 2024. **CARRIED**

9.8. Northern Alberta Elected Leaders Membership 2024

2024-1-3-17 **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council purchase a membership in Northern Alberta Elected Leaders for the 2024 year in the amount of $200. **CARRIED**

9.9. Minister of Municipal Affairs RE: ACP Grant Infrastructure Plan 2024

2024-1-3-18 **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council accept the Minister of Municipal Affairs correspondence regarding the Alberta Community Partnership Grant for an Infrastructure Plan for information. **CARRIED**

9.10. Minister of Municipal Affairs RE: ACP Grant for MDSR Recreation Asset Plan 2024

2024-1-3-19 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Dreger that Council accept the Minister of Municipal Affairs correspondence regarding the Alberta Community Partnership Grant for a Recreation Asset Plan for information. **CARRIED**

9.11. RFD: Water Line Replacement 2024

2024-1-3-20 **MOVED** by Councillor Kotyk that Council direct administration to proceed with the Water Line Replacement under Highway 49 and CN Tracks not to exceed $80,000 without further consent. **CARRIED**

10. CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

10.1 Peace Country Enforcement Report November 2023

2024-1-3-21 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Dreger that Council accept the correspondence item regarding the Peace County Enforcement Report for information. **CARRIED**

11. CLOSED MEETING

11.1 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Part 1, Division 2, Section 27 (Land)

11.2 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Part 1, Division 2, Section 24 (Personnel)

11.3 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Part 1, Division 2, Section 24 (Personnel)

2024-1-3-22 **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council move to a closed meeting at 6:56 p.m. as per the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Part 1, Division 2, Section 27 (Land), and Section 24 (Personnel). **CARRIED**

2024-1-3-23 **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council come out of the closed meeting at 7:12 p.m. **CARRIED**

2024-1-3-24 **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council approve the sale of land for the 3 lots in the Crossroads Subdivision as discussed. **CARRIED**

2024-1-3-25 **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council renew the Bylaw Enforcement contract with Peace Country Enforcement as discussed. **CARRIED**

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Verquin adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

James Verquin	**Lisa Shaykowski**
Mayor	**Acting Chief Administrative Officer**