



**MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF RYCROFT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2024
VILLAGE OF RYCROFT COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: **James Verquin** **Mayor**
 Roxann Dreger **Deputy Mayor**
 Joanne Chelick **Councillor**
 Brian Markovich **Councillor**
 Dwayne Kotyk **Councillor**
 Tanis Vinck **Acting Chief Administrative Officer**
 Kevin Keller

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2024-11-6-296 **MOVED** by Councillor Chelick that Council adopt the Regular Council meeting agenda for November 6, 2024 as presented. **CARRIED**

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

3.1 Minutes from the October 15, 2024 Organizational Council Meeting

2024-11-6-297 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Dreger that Council approve the October 15, 2024 Organizational Council meeting minutes as presented. **CARRIED**

3.2 Minutes from the October 15, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

2024-11-6-298 **MOVED** by Councillor Markovich that Council approve the October 15, 2024 Regular Council meeting minutes as presented. **CARRIED**

3.3 Minutes from the October 17, 2024 Strategic Planning Meeting

2024-11-6-299 **MOVED** by Councillor Chelick that Council approve the October 17, 2024 Strategic Planning meeting minutes as presented. **CARRIED**

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. DELEGATIONS

5.1 Central Peace Community Garden Club Annual Report

The representative of Central Peace Community Garden Club joined the meeting at 6:31 p.m. and updated Council with their accomplishments and concerns over the past year.

Central Peace Community Garden Club representative left the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

5.2 Maskwa Medical Center Project

Ken Drysdale joined the meeting at 6:45pm and presented council an overview of the ongoing development plans for the Maskwa Medical Centre project.

Ken Drysdale left the meeting at 7:05pm.

- 2024-11-6-300** **MOVED** by Councillor Markovich that Council receive the presentations from Central Peace Community Garden and Maskwa Medical Center Project as information at this time. **CARRIED**
- 2024-11-6-301** **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Dreger that Council direct Administration to send a letter to the Minister of Health showing support from the Village of Rycroft in the on-going development of the Maskwa Medical Center Project. **CARRIED**
- 6. CAO REPORT**
- 6.1 CAO Report, Action Item List, Calendar, Public Works Report, and Sewer Cleaning Report**
- 2024-11-6-302** **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Dreger that Council accept the Action Item List, Calendar, and Strategic Priorities Chart as presented. **CARRIED**
- 7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS**
- Councillor Chelick**
October 25 – Grande Spirit Foundation
- Deputy Mayor Dreger**
October 27 – Central Peace Fire Commission (tour of Beaverlodge Fire hall)
- 2024-11-6-303** **MOVED** by Councillor Chelick that Council accept the verbal Council reports as presented. **CARRIED**
- 8. PREVIOUS BUSINESS**
- 9. NEW BUSINESS**
- 9.1 Grant Application from Rycroft Rage**
- 2024-11-6-304** **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Dreger that Council defer this request to the first January meeting and ask that the applicant provide 2 additional quotes. **CARRIED**
- 9.2 Grant Application from Friends of Rycroft School**
- 2024-11-6-305** **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council defer this request to the first January meeting. **CARRIED**
- 9.3 Grant Application from Greenway Cemetery**
- 2024-11-6-306** **MOVED** by Councillor Kotyk that Council grant \$500 from the 2025 Council Grants and Donations account to Greenway Cemetery towards their annual operating expenses. **CARRIED**
- 9.4 RFD: Bulk Water Increase**
- 2024-11-6-307** **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council direct Administration to increase the rate of bulk water to \$8.25m³, effective November 15, 2024 **CARRIED**
- 9.5 RFD: Kin Park Tree Removal**
- 2024-11-6-308** **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council direct Administration to contract Jarvis Tree Removal to remove all the dead trees at Kin Park. **CARRIED**
- 9.6 RFD: Off Season Arena Costs**
- 2024-11-6-309** **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council direct Administration to write a cheque to the Rycroft Arena Board in the amount of \$19,912.39 to cover expenses incurred from April to September 2024. **CARRIED**

10. CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

10.1 Rycroft Arena Board Update

10.2 Letter from Alberta Municipalities President Re: Impact of Provincial Decisions on Taxpayers

2024-11-6-310 **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council accept correspondence items 10.1 and 10.2 for information. **CARRIED**

2024-11-6-311 **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council direct Administration to write a letter to the Premier summarizing the negative financial impact of Grants in Place of Taxes for the Village. **CARRIED**

Mayor Verquin called for a recess in the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Mayor Verquin called the meeting back to order at 7:39 p.m.

11. CLOSED MEETING

11.1 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Pt. 1, Div. 2, Sect. 24 (Personnel)

2024-11-6-312 **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council move to a closed meeting at 7:39 p.m. as per the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Part 1, Division 2, Section 24 (Personnel, and Advice from Officials). **CARRIED**

2024-11-6-313 **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council come out of the closed meeting at 7:46 p.m. **CARRIED**

2024-11-6-314 **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Tanis Vinck be relieved of her responsibilities as Acting Chief Administrative Officer for the Village of Rycroft effective November 6, 2024; **AND THAT** Kevin Keller be appointed as Chief Administrative Officer for the Village of Rycroft effective November 6, 2024. **CARRIED**

2024-11-6-315 **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that the undernamed persons are authorized to operate an account in the name of the Village of Rycroft at the Alberta Treasury Branch where the accounts require either one of the Chief Administrative Officer Kevin Keller, or the Finance Clerk Lisa Shaykowski; and either one of the Mayor James Verquin, or the Deputy Mayor Roxann Dreger to withdraw funds, enter orders, withdraw assets, give instructions, sign documents, and make financial decisions regarding the funds in the accounts. **CARRIED**

2024-11-6-316 **MOVED** by Mayor Verquin that Council direct Administration to raise the salary grid of the Finance Clerk and Administration Clerk as discussed. **CARRIED**

2024-11-6-317 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Dreger that Council accept Public appointed member Don Wright's resignation from the Assessment Review Board effective immediately. **CARRIED**

2024-11-6-318 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Dreger that Council accept Public appointed member Laurie Davies resignation from the FCSS Board effective immediately. **CARRIED**

2024-11-6-319

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Dreger that Council delay the demolition of the tax arrears acquired property at 4524 – 50 street.

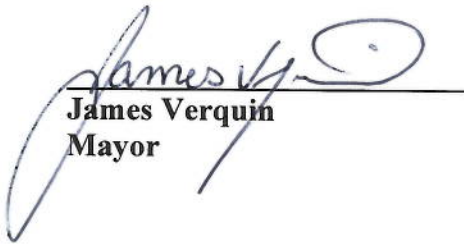
Recorded vote for: Councillor Chelick
Deputy Mayor Dreger

Recorded vote against: Councillor Kotyk
Councillor Markovich
Mayor Verquin

MOTION DEFEATED

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Verquin adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.


James Verquin
Mayor


Tanis Vinck
Acting Chief Administrative Officer