



STIRLING

Village of Stirling

Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2024 - Regular Meeting of Council - 07:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Stirling was held in the Council Chambers, located at the Stirling Community Centre/Lions Hall at 409 - 2 Street, on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Trevor Lewington, Deputy Mayor Larry Nilsson, Councillors Gary Bikman, and Matthew Foss

CAO, Scott Donselaar
Municipal Clerk, Aletta Lightfoot

1. Regular Council Meeting – Call Meeting to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2024-111

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Nilsson

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. Recognition

Council extends congratulations to Jodi Tolley for receiving a National Public Safety Award in Ottawa last week. Council appreciates her dedicated service with the RCMP and service to our community.

Council thanks Sandra Nelson and many volunteers for the planning and execution of the 2024 Honoured Guest Party with 264 registered attendees making it one of the largest yet including visitors from as far away as Idaho.

4. Delegations

4.1 Jack Hicken

Bringing back the discussion of 2023 Property Taxes.

4.2 Mercer Wilde Group

Hayden Wilde (from the MWG Chartered Professional Accountants) and Clark Holt (Town of Raymond Financial Services Manager) presented the Village of Stirling 2023 Financial Audit.

5. Minutes

2024-113

5.1 Adoption of Minutes – April 3, 2024

Moved By: Councillor Foss

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on April 3, 2024 be approved as presented.

Carried

5.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

5.3 Motion Tracker

Council reviewed.

6. Financial Items

2024-114

6.1 Accounts Payable - #20240295 - #20240323

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Nilsson

That accounts payable cheque No. 20240295 to cheque No. 20240323 be approved.

Carried

2024-115

6.2 Bank Reconciliation: March 2024

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

That the Bank Reconciliation for March 2024 be approved.

Carried

7. Items for Discussion

2024-112

7.1 Mercer Wilde Group 2023 Village of Stirling Audited Financial Statements

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

To approve the 2023 Village of Stirling Audited Financial Statements as presented.

Hayden Wilde and Clark Holt left the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Carried

2024-116

7.2 Council Delegation - Jack Hicken

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

To approve Jack Hicken's request and reduce the 2023 municipal portion of the property taxes to \$500, and to waive all penalties accumulated.

Carried

2024-117

7.3 New Village of Stirling Website

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Nilsson

To accept the new Village of Stirling website as information.

Carried

2024-118

7.4 Bylaw 548-24: 2024 Tax Rate Bylaw

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

To provide First Reading to Bylaw 548-24: 2024 Tax Rate Bylaw.

Carried

2024-119

7.5 Municipally Controlled Corporation – Annual Financial Statements

Moved By: Mayor Lewington

That Council receive the 2023 annual financial statements submitted by Ridge Utilities Ltd. as information in compliance with Section 75.2 (1) of Alberta's Municipal Government Act with respect to municipally controlled corporations. Further moved that Council also accept the accompanying operations report of the corporation as information.

Carried

2024-120

7.6 2024 Alberta Municipalities Convention and Trade Show

Moved By: Mayor Lewington

That Council approve up to two Councillors and member of Administration to attend the 2024 Alberta Municipalities Convention and Trade Show September 25 - 27, 2024.

Carried

2024-121

7.7 ICF Survey

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Nilsson

To direct CAO Donselaar and Councillor Foss to complete the survey.

Carried

2024-122

8. CAO Report

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

That the CAO Report be accepted as information.

Carried

9. Council Committee Meeting Reports

Mayor Lewington:

- Attended the Economic Developers Alberta Annual Conference from April 10 to 12.
- Supported the Ridge Utilities Annual General Meeting on April 15.

Deputy Mayor Nilsson

- Stirling Historical Society
 - 125th Stirling Birthday: May 5 from 3pm - 6pm at the Michelsen Farm
- Ridge Country Housing
 - Meeting Friday with Honourable Grant Hunter - MLA for Taber-Warner, CAO Donselaar April 19.

Councillor Bikman:

- Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Services Commission (CMRSWSC)
 - Expect a visit from SEO Marian Carlson in May to discuss transfer stations and website info re what's accepted at them, etc.
 - Also see info in the RFP letter
 - Attended Ridge Utilities AGM
 - impressive progress and initiatives/community support

Councillor Foss:

- Ridge Regional Public Safety Services Commission (RRPSSC)
 - Blended fee structure
 - Received a grant to organize of study on regional policing
- Ridge Water Services Commission

- o Sending out a letter out to call communities on conversing water

2024-123

10. Correspondence and Items for Information

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

That the following correspondence be accepted as information:

Carried

10.1 Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Services Commission

10.2 Ridge Regional Public Safety Services Commission

10.3 Alberta Municipalities

10.4 Alberta Disability Workers Association (ADWA)

10.5 FCSS

11. Closed Session: Section 16 and 25 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

2024-124

11.1 Motion to Enter Closed Session

Moved By: Councillor Foss

To enter into Closed Session at 8:22 p.m. as per Sections 16 and 25 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Carried

2024-125

11.2 Motion to Come Out of Closed Session

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Nilsson

To come out of Closed Session at 8:33 p.m.

Carried

2024-126

12. Council Highlights

Moved By: Councillor Foss

To highlight the following from this Council Meeting for immediate public release:

- Stirling's 125th Birthday Party: May 5 3pm - 6pm Michelsen Farmstead
- 2023 Audited Financials and First Reading of 2024 Tax Rate Bylaw
- Ridge Utilities - positive returns and helping support local communities

Carried

2024-127

13. Adjournment

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

That the agenda matters have been concluded and that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Carried

These minutes to be approved on the 1st day of May 2024.



Mayor - Trevor Lewington



CAO - Scott Donselaar