



STIRLING
Village of Stirling
Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2023 - 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, December 20, 2023, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

CAO, Scott Donselaar

1. Regular Council Meeting – Call Meeting to Order

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

2023-364

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. Recognition

Administration would like to recognize Scott Foss for his years of service to the Community and in his past number of years as the Waste Transfer Station Operator. Scott has provided the Village with notice for his desire to fully retire and will complete his faithful service to the Village as of December 31, 2023. We thank him for his dedication to Stirling.

4. Delegation

4.1 Council Delegation - Jack Hicken

Jack Hicken was not in attendance at the Council Meeting.

5. Closed Session: Sections 16(1) and 27 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

2023-365

5.1 Enter into Closed Session

Moved By: Councillor Foss

To enter into Closed Session at 7:02 p.m. as per Sections 16(1) and 27 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

David Cocks presented for the Closed Session.

David Cocks left closed at 7:35 p.m.

Carried

5.2 Offers on 225 4 Avenue

- 2023-366 **5.3 Come out of Closed Session**
- Moved By:** Councillor Bikman
- To come out of Closed Session at 8:04 p.m.
- Carried
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- 2023-367 **5.4 Motion from Closed Session**
- Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Nilsson
- That Council direct Administration to present a counter-offer in response to the Commercial Purchase Contract dated December 9, 2023 to develop a further, mutually acceptable purchase agreement that addresses the conditions below and return to the next Council meeting for discussion:
- Council thanks the proponent for their innovative ideas and long-term vision;
 - Council does not support continued residential uses on the property and the existing residential structure be removed with six (6) months of the purchase close date;
 - Current zoning designation does not allow mixed use, therefore future approval of a direct control bylaw would be required (which is not guaranteed and subject to regulatory requirement), and;
 - Council is open to a collaborative approach including potential tax incentives subject to a right of first refusal to re-acquire the property should development not proceed.
- Carried
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- 6. Minutes**
- 2023-368 **6.1 Adoption of Minutes – December 6, 2023**
- Moved By:** Councillor Bohn
- That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on December 6, 2023 be approved as presented.
- Carried
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- 6.2 Business Arising from the Minutes**
- None.
- 6.3 Motion Tracker**
- Council reviewed.
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- 7. Financial Items**
- 2023-369 **7.1 Accounts Payable - #20231302 - #20231333**
- Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Nilsson
- That accounts payable cheque No. 20231302 to cheque No. 20231333, excepting cheque No. 20231315 and 20231321, be approved.
- Carried
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- 2023-370 **7.1.1 Account Payable - Cheque No. #20231315**
- Moved By:** Councillor Bikman
- That accounts payable cheque No. 20231315 be approved.
- Mayor Lewington abstained

Carried

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7.1.2 Account Payable - Cheque No. #20231321

Moved By: Councillor Foss

That accounts payable cheque No. 20231321 be approved.

Deputy Mayor Nilsson abstained

Carried

2023-372

7.2 Bank Reconciliation: November 2023

Moved By: Councillor Bohn

That the Bank Reconciliation for November 2023 be approved.

Carried

8. Items for Discussion

2023-373

8.1 Fire Brush Truck Loan Amount

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

To direct Administration to payout the balance of the Fire Brush Truck Debenture totaling \$31,867.20 and make arrangements to have this done with ATB Business.

Carried

2023-374

8.2 2024 & 2025 LGFF Allocations

Moved By: Councillor Bohn

To accept the 2024 & 2025 Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Allocations report as information.

Carried

2023-375

9. CAO Report

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

That the CAO Report be accepted as information.

Carried

10. Council Committee Meeting Reports

Mayor Lewington

- 4 Mayors Meeting in Cardston
 - Sharing of equipment (GPS; paving equipment)

Deputy Mayor Nilsson

- Ridge Water Services Commission (RWSC)
 - Water rate rising one cent
- Ridge Country Housing Authority (RCHA)
 - Bruce Jackson hired as CAO

Councillor Bikman

- Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Services Commission (CMRSWSC)
 - Councillor Bikman to remain Chair

Councillor Bohn

- Nothing to report

Councillor Foss

- Ridge Water Services Commission (RWSC)
 - Water rate rising one cent

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11. Correspondence and Items for Information

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

That the following correspondence be accepted as information:

Carried

11.1 RRPSSC

11.2 ORRSC

11.3 FCSS

11.4 Fortis Alberta

11.5 CMRSWSC

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12. Council Highlights

Moved By: Councillor Bohn

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

- Merry Christmas
- Happy Retirement to Scott Foss and Thank You for your service
- Core funding from the Government of Alberta improved

Carried

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13. Adjournment

Moved By: Councillor Bohn


That the agenda matters have been concluded and that the meeting be adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Carried

These minutes to be approved on the 17th day of January 2024.



Mayor - Trevor Lewington



CAO - Scott Donselaar