

VILLAGE OF HILL SPRING

April 18, 2023

The Village of Hill Spring Regular Council Meeting was held at the Hill Spring Council Chambers on April 18, 2023 commencing at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Mayor Davis, and Councillors Christensen, French, and Nish.

Officials: CAO Greg Robinson, and Interim CAO Patrick Roach

Absent: Councillor Barfuss

Public: Tough Country Delegation, MWG Auditor Delegation, and Billy Merrie (individual)

CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Davis called the **Regular** Council Meeting to Order at 7:01 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2023.04.047

Discussion Items "Credit Card Policy", "AG Society Lease" and "RCMP letter" were added to the agenda.

Councillor French **MOVED** to accept the agenda as amended.

Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2023.03.21 REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

2023.04.048

Councillor French **MOVED** that the 2023.03.21 regular council meeting minutes be approved as presented.

Carried

2023.04.11 SPECIAL
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

2023.04.049

Councillor French **MOVED** that the 2023.04.11 special council meeting minutes be approved as presented.

Carried

DELEGATIONS

PAUL MACLEAN - TOUGH
COUNTRY

Paul Maclean presented an update of the "Tough Country Fiber Project". Paul indicated that the remaining conduit for the fiber lines would be installed with directional drilling in 2023. Paul stated that additional "last mile" funding would be requested to the provincial and Federal Government for completion. With secured funding the project would be completed during 2024 with 10 Gig fiber lines installed and connections to properties commencing. Councillor French inquired regarding Village options should Government funding be rejected. Councillor French also inquired if expansion would be possible should the Village see expansion. Paul stated that there is sufficient capacity in the lines to address Village growth and expansion. Paul will provide cost estimations for future. Mayor Davis inquired about service connection fees. Paul clarified that to the outside of the dwelling would be included in the project but the actual service to the site may have costs, as yet undetermined, but usually there are incentives in place to encourage connections from the property owners.

BILLY MERRIE - SELF

Billy Merrie provided information to Council regarding concerns of ground water contamination from the TransAlta Wind project. Billy provided a letter to Council which he stated was also sent to various levels of government and the Alberta Utility Commission. Billy requested Council to lobby the government to ensure protection of our municipal drinking water system to ensure safeguards are in place prior to project moving forward.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

CHEQUE LISTING FOR
FEBRUARY 2023
2023.04.050

Councillor French **MOVED** to accept the cheque listing for March 2023.

Carried

PATRICK TREADWELL –
MWG 2022 FINANCIAL
AUDIT

Patrick Treadwell provided a report to Council on the audited financials for 2022. MWG has been the Village auditors for the past 5 years. MWG stated the Village for the 2022 year has a clean audit.

2023.04.051

Mayor Davis **MOVED** to accept the auditors report.

Carried

**BUSINESS ITEMS FOR
DISCUSSION**

CAO RESIGNATION
2023.04.052

Councillor Christensen **MOVED** to accept the resignation of Janet Edwards as Village Manager and thank her on behalf of Council for her many years of service to the Village.

Carried

CAO APPOINTMENT
2023.04.053

Councillor Nish **MOVED** to accept the Appointment of Greg Robinson as the CAO for the Village of Hill Spring.

Carried

DIRECTOR OF
EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT
2023.04.054

Mayor Davis **MOVED** to appoint Greg Robinson as the Village's, Director of Emergency Management.

Carried

MAP REVIEW –
DESIGNATION OF
MUNICIPAL OFFICE
LOCATION
2023.04.055

Councillor Nish **MOVED** to “hereby designate 11 East 2 Ave South as the location of the Municipal Office”

Carried

DITCHES

Council provided clarification for municipal responsibility in care of village ditches and culverts.

WEBSITE
2023.04.056

Councillor French **MOVED** to go live with the new municipal website.

Carried

AG SOCIETY LEASE
2023.04.057

Councillor Christensen **MOVED** to renew the lease with the AG Society.

Carried

RCMP LETTER

Mayor Davis provided information to Council regarding finance changes for municipalities for RCMP services.

LAND USE BYLAW
OPENHOUSE

Council provided Admin dates for scheduling public engagement openhouse provided by ORRSC during the last 2 weeks of May. Admin to confirm and follow up.

VILLAGE OFFICE CLOSURE
DATES
2023.04.058

Councillor French **MOVED** to accept “policy # 2023-04-18-2, Holiday Office hours”.

Carried

RECREATION SOCIETY
2023.04.059

Mayor Davis **MOVED** to table this item, until more information is provided to Council regarding project.

Carried

CREDIT CARD POLICY
2023.04.060

Councillor Nish **MOVED** to accept "policy # 2023-04-18, Corporate Credit Card policy".

Carried

**ADMINISTRATOR AND
COUNCIL REPORTS AND
CORRESPONDANCE**

2023.04.061

Councilor French **MOVED** to accept all reports and correspondence as information.


Carried

ADJOURNMENT

2023.04.062

Councillor Nish **MOVED** to adjourn the April 18, 2023 Council Meeting at 9:22pm.

Carried



Mayor Dwight Davis



CAO Greg Robinson