

VILLAGE OF HILL SPRING

January 20, 2026

The regular meeting of council was held at the Hill Spring Council Chambers on January 20, 2026 commencing at 6:30 p.m.

In attendance: Mayor Davis, Deputy Mayor French and Councillors Shideler, Campbell and Hegedus;

Officials: CAO La Vonne Rideout

Absent:

Public: Members of the public were present.

<u>CALLED TO ORDER</u>	Mayor Davis called the Regular Council Meeting to Order at 6:29 p.m.
<u>ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA</u> 2026.01.01	Councillor Hegedus MOVED to accept the agenda as amended. Carried
<u>ADOPTION OF MINUTES</u> 2026.01.01	Councillor Campbell MOVED to accept the December 09, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes. Carried
<u>DELEGATIONS</u>	None
<u>BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u>	
a) Project Updates	CAO Rideout gave updates on the capital project, office renovations.
b) CPO/RRPSSC	Council directed Administration to advise the Ridge River Policing Services Commission that, should the Commission approve reinstatement of bylaw enforcement/CPO services (including on a temporary basis), the Village would be supportive of reinstatement, subject to Administration bringing back the associated costs for Council's consideration.
c) Snow Plow/Blower/ Blade	Council directed Councillor Campbell to proceed with the purchase of an adaptor for the blade for the side by side, if required, with costs to be covered within previously approved funds. A snow blower has now been purchased.
d) Street Lights 2026.01.03	Administration advised that additional time is required to gather sufficient information regarding potential streetlight upgrades. Councillor Shideler MOVED to defer this item until the February meeting. Carried
e) User Fees By-Law 2026.01.04	Council directed Administration to bring forward additional information regarding the User Fees and Charges Bylaw. Councillor Campbell MOVED to defer this item until the February meeting. Carried
<u>FINANCIAL REPORTS</u> CHEQUE LISTING FOR December 2025	Council reviewed and accepted the cheque listing as information.
<u>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</u>	
a) Public Engagement Session	Council discussed the public engagement session and acknowledged the positive outcome. Council directed Administration to bring forward a draft Terms of Reference for a Community Engagement Committee, along with names identified during the engagement session. MOVED by Councillor Shideler that Council approve attendance for up to three (3) individuals, including the CAO, at the Spring Municipal
b) Spring Convention 2026.01.05	

c) Meeting with the Minister of MA
2026.01.06

Convention, March 16–18, 2026, in Edmonton.

Carried

MOVED by Councillor Shideler, that Council direct Administration to arrange a meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs during the Spring Municipal Convention.

d) Benefits/Pension Policy
2026.01.07

Administration presented a draft Benefits and Pension Policy. Council Cambell **MOVED** to discuss the matter in closed session due to financial and personnel considerations and directed Administration to bring the policy back to the next Council meeting.

Carried

e) Change in signage at Post Office
2026.01.08

MOVED by Councillor Hegedus that Council approve the request from post office personnel to amend the signage in front of the post office by removing the posted hours and designating the area as reserved parking for post office staff, and direct Administration to purchase and install a new sign.

Carried

f) Petty Cash
2026.01.09

Moved by Councillor Campbell that Council approve the establishment of a petty cash fund in the amount of \$200 for Administration.

Carried

Carried

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CORRESPONDANCE**

Reports were given by CAO Rideout, Mayor Davis, Deputy Mayor French, Councillors Shideler, Campbell and Hegedus.

CLOSED SESSION
2026.01.10

Mayor Davis called a short recess at 8:13 pm
Mayor Davis called the meeting back to order at 8:20 pm

2026.01.11

Mayor Davis **MOVED** to close the public portion of the council meeting and enter in the Closed Session at 8:20 pm under sections 24 & 27 of the FOIP Act.

Carried

a) Personnel
2026.01.12

Mayor Davis **MOVED** to end the closed meeting and re-enter the public portion of the council meeting at 9:05 pm.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Shideler that Council approve an increase to the CAO's salary in accordance with contract negotiations.

Carried

2026.01.13

Moved by Mayor Davis that Council approve the Benefits and Pension package as presented.

Carried

2026.01.14

Moved by Deputy Mayor French that Council approve Christmas bonuses as discussed, noting that the item was inadvertently omitted from the December Council meeting agenda.

Carried

b) Land Matter
2026.01.15

Moved by Deputy Mayor French that Council direct Administration to proceed with an offer to purchase the subject property, or the required portion thereof, for municipal utility purposes, in an amount equivalent to the landowner's documented investment, subject to all applicable legal, financial, and procedural requirements being met.

Carried

c) Contact: OORSC
2026.01.16

Moved by Deputy Mayor French that Council approve proceeding with the contract with the Oldman River Regional Services Commission for the 2026 year.

Carried

d) Caveat
2026.01.17

Moved by Councillor Shideler that Council direct Administration to proceed with removal of the outdated caveat on the subject property, subject to confirmation that the parcel is a single lot and not subdivided.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT
2025.12.11

Councillor Hegedus **MOVED** to adjourn the January 20, 2026 Council Meeting at 9:07 pm.

Carried

Dwight Davis

Mayor Dwight Davis

La Vonne Rideout

CAO La Vonne Rideout