

VILLAGE OF HILL SPRING

February 24, 2026

The Regular Meeting of Council was held at the Hill Spring Council Chambers on February 24, 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:

CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Davis called the regular Meeting of Council to order at 6:30.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2026.02.01

Councillor Hegedus **MOVED** to accept the agenda as amended.
CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2026.02.02

Councillor Shideler **MOVED** to accept the minutes of the October 21, 2025 Organizational Meeting minutes.

CARRIED

2026.02.03

Councillor Hegedus **MOVED** to accept the January 20, 2026 Council Meeting minutes.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Cultural Society:

Patti Faulkner

2026.02.04

President of the Cultural Society, Patti Faulkner presented the MOU and financial request on behalf of the Cultural Society. **MOVED** by Councillor Shideler that council approve funding in the amount of \$1500 to Cultural Society for the 2026 calendar year.

CARRIED

2026.02.05

President Faulkner also presented on Seniors Week with a request for council involvement and for the council to make a declaration of Seniors Week.

MOVED by Councilor French that Council of the Village of Hill Spring hereby declares June 1 – 7, 2026 as Seniors' Week in the Village of Hill Spring, in recognition of the valuable contributions seniors make to our community and encourages residents to acknowledge and celebrate seniors during this week.

CARRIED

Community Market:

Amy Harwood

2026.02.06

Amy Harwood appeared before Council to present a proposal to establish a community market in Hill Spring and requested a letter of support from Council to assist in moving the initiative forward.

MOVED by Councilor Hegedus that Council authorize Administration to provide a letter of support for the proposed Hill Spring Community Market initiative.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 Street Lights

Administration presented information received from Cody Webster of Fortis Alberta regarding streetlights within the Village. Following discussion, Council requested that Administration gather additional information and report back to Council at a future meeting.

5.2 Community Engagement Committee TOR
2026.02.07

Administration presented the Community Engagement Committee Terms of Reference for Council's consideration.

MOVED by Mayor Davis that Council approve the Community Engagement Committee Terms of Reference as presented.

CARRIED

2026.02.08

MOVED by Mayor Davis that Councilor Don Shideler be appointed as Council's representative to the Community Engagement Committee.

CARRIED

Council members were encouraged to assist with recruiting community members to serve on the Committee.

5.3 Muni Convention

Council discussed attendance at the upcoming Spring Municipalities Convention. Council had previously approved that up to three members of Council and the CAO may attend.

Councilor Mike Hegedus, Mayor Dwight Davis, and CAO La Vonne Rideout confirmed their attendance.
Council directed Administration to register the attendees and arrange hotel accommodations.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

CHEQUE LISTING FOR JANUARY 2026

Council reviewed and accepted the cheque listing as information.

BYLAWS

7.1 Council Procedures Bylaw 2026-01
2026.02.09

Council reviewed Bylaw No. 2026-01, Council Procedures Bylaw. **MOVED** by Councilor Shideler that Bylaw No. 2026-300 receive First Reading.

CARRIED
MOVED by Councilor Shideler that Bylaw No. 2026-01 receive Second Reading.

2026.02.10

CARRIED
MOVED by Councilor Shideler that Council unanimously consent to proceed to Third Reading of Bylaw No. 2026-01 at this meeting.

2026.02.11

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
MOVED by Mayor Davis that Bylaw No. 2026-01 receive Third and Final Reading.

2026.02.12

CARRIED

Bylaw 2026-01 repeals and replaces the previous bylaw 2021-300

7.2 Animal Control Bylaw 2026-02
2026.02.13

Council reviewed Bylaw No. 2026-02, Animal Control Bylaw. **MOVED** by Councilor Shideler that Bylaw No. 2026-02 receive First Reading.

CARRIED
MOVED by Councilor Shideler that Bylaw No. 2026-02 receive Second Reading.

2026.02.14

CARRIED

Council discussed the bylaw and agreed that additional community engagement and feedback would be beneficial prior to proceeding to third reading.

Administration was directed to undertake public engagement and return the bylaw to Council at a future meeting.

2026.02.15

MOVED by Mayor Davis at 9:10 p.m. that Council extend the meeting.

CARRIED

At 9:10 p.m., Mayor Davis called a five-minute recess.

Council reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

7.3 Livestock Control Bylaw 2026-03
2026.02.16

Council reviewed Bylaw No. 2026-03, Livestock Control Bylaw. **MOVED** by Mayor Davis that Bylaw No. 2026-03 receive First Reading.

CARRIED

MOVED by Mayor Davis that Bylaw No. 2026-03 receive Second Reading.

2026.02.17

CARRIED

Council discussed the bylaw and requested that it be brought back to Council following community engagement, similar to the Animal Control Bylaw, prior to proceeding to third reading.

Administration was directed to undertake public engagement and return the bylaw to Council at a future meeting.

User Fees and Charges Bylaw 2026-04
2026.02.18

Council reviewed Bylaw No. 2026-04, User Fees and Charges Bylaw. Council discussed the structure of the bylaw and agreed that Schedule "A" – User Fees would be maintained as a policy schedule rather than incorporated within the bylaw, allowing updates to the fee schedule without requiring a bylaw amendment

MOVED by Mayor Davis that Bylaw No. 2026-04 receive First Reading.

CARRIED

2026.02.19

2026.02.20

MOVED by Councilor Campbell that Bylaw No. 2026-04 receive Second Reading.

2026.02.21

CARRIED
MOVED by Mayor Davis that Council unanimously consent to proceed to Third Reading of Bylaw No. 2026-04 at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
MOVED by Councilor Hegedus that Bylaw No. 2026-04 receive Third and Final Reading.

CARRIED

Bylaw 2026-04 repeals and replaces the previous bylaw 2025-245

POLICIES/SCHEDULES

8.1 User Fees
Schedule A

Council noted that Schedule "A" – User Fees is maintained as a policy schedule associated with the User Fees and Charges Bylaw (Bylaw No. 2026-245) and may be reviewed and amended by Council resolution from time to time, allowing updates to the fee schedule without requiring a bylaw amendment.

2026.02.22

MOVED by Mayor Davis that Council approve Schedule "A" – User Fees as discussed.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the remaining agenda items and determined which matters would proceed and which would be deferred to a future meeting.

8.2 Benefits and
Pension Policy

Council agreed to defer consideration of the Benefits and Pension Policy to the next Council meeting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- 9.1 Seniors Week
- 9.2 Declaration of Seniors Week
- 9.3 Lighting Quote for the Hall
- 9.4 External Lighting/Flag Pole
- 9.5 STARS Support
- 9.6 OH&S
 - I. Update
 - II. First Aide
 - III. Muster Point
- 9.7 Indigenous Signage/Grant

Council further agreed that all remaining items listed under "Items for Discussion" would be deferred to the next Council meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Administration provided a written and verbal report.
Members of Council provided verbal reports.

Council determined that certain items scheduled for Closed Session would be deferred to a future meeting, while urgent matters would proceed as scheduled.

CLOSED SESSION
2026.02.23

MOVED by Mayor Davis at 10:44 p.m. that Council move into Closed Session pursuant to Sections 17 and 25 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act to discuss personnel matters and land issues.

2026.02.24

CARRIED

MOVED by Mayor Davis to end Closed Session and re-enter the public portion of the council meeting at 11:06 pm.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT
2026.02.25

Councilor Hegedus **MOVED** to adjourn the February 24, 2026 Council Meeting at 11:06



Mayor Davis



CAO La Vonne Rideout