

**VILLAGE OF VETERAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 23, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Veteran was held on Tuesday, January 23, 2023, in the Village Office

- ORDER:** Mayor Wipf called the meeting to order at 5:29pm.
- PRESENT:** Mayor Wipf, Deputy Mayor Allison, Councillor Durksen, C.A.O. Debbie Johnstone and Susan Kristof
- AGENDA:**
2024-001 Mayor Wipf moved to approve the agenda as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- MINUTES:**
2024-002 Councillor Durksen moved the minutes of the regular council meeting held on December 5, 2023, be approved as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- DELEGATION:**
2024-003 **5:30pm** – Susan Kristoff interview for Village Foreman position. Exited at 5:50pm
Deputy Mayor Allison moved to offer Susan Kristof the temporary Village Foreman position with a starting hourly wage of \$30/hour. Once she gets her Small Water/Wastewater Systems ticket, the hourly wage will increase to \$32/hour.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- OLD BUSINESS:**
DELEGATION:
2024-004 **1) Hall Bathroom Update**
6:12pm – Fire Chief update. Exited at 6:33pm.
Mayor Wipf moved to approve the 2024 Fire Chief contract as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 2024-005** **2) Tax Recovery Houses**
Moved by Deputy Mayor Allison via group text on January 11, 2024 to approve the asbestos testing quote from Ask Environmental for \$1637 + GST.
- 3) Neutral Hills Wranglers Update**
- BYLAWS:**
2024-006 **Bylaw #556-24 – Amending Utilities Bylaw- Schedule A**
Mayor Wipf moved to give Bylaw No. 556-24, Amending Utilities Bylaw – Schedule A first reading.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 2024-007** Deputy Mayor Allison moved for the Second Reading of Bylaw No. 556-24.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 2024-008** Councillor Durksen moved that Bylaw No. 556-24 be presented at this meeting for the third and final reading.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 2024-009** Mayor Wipf moved that Bylaw No. 556-24 be read a third time and finally passed.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- NEW BUSINESS:**
2024-010 **1) Development Permit #01-24 – 1721097 Alberta Ltd.**
Moved by Mayor Wipf, via group text on January 4, 2024 to approve the following development permit #01-24 from 1721097 Alberta Inc. c/o Derek and Jeri Deneault, as follows:

- 1) Approved as a discretionary use to add another 8x8x20 cooler container unit on the south side of the building. (per site plan);
- 2) Development shall conform with Land Use Bylaw #547.21
- 3) Placement of construction as per plans submitted with the application.
- 4) Any required Safety Codes permits (building, plumbing and electrical etc.) to be obtained prior to commencement of construction/installation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 2) Spectre Systems Quote
- 3) Sick Leave Policy #14-12
- 4) Skid Steer Municipal Trade-in Program

2024-011 Mayor Wipf moved to trade in our 2021 Skid steer for a 2024 John Deere 324G skid steer loader for a difference of \$24,500 to Brandt Tractor out of Red Deer. The CAO will submit a grant application under MSI Capital .

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 5) SMRWSC Quote for Certified Operator

2024-012 Councillor Durksen moved to approve the quote from SMRWSC for travel time and maintenance for the next 4 weeks, 3 times per week, to learn the Village of Veterans water system for \$4,192 plus any emergency calls

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 6) Veteran Library Board Appointments

2024-013 Councillor Durksen moved to appoint the following board members to the Veteran Library Board as follows:

- Janet McDiarmid (3 year term) - February 15, 2024 to February 15, 2027
- Angela Letniak (3 year term) - February 15, 2024 to February 15, 2027

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2024-014 Mayor Wipf moved to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Mayor Wipf – verbal report presented.

2024-015 Mayor Wipf moved to increase Ken Steward’s hourly rate to \$20/hour and Bertha Saunders hourly rate to \$16/hour, effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Deputy Mayor Allison - verbal report presented

Councillor Durksen –verbal report presented.

CAO REPORT:

2024-016 Deputy Mayor Allison moved to approve the CAO report, and the CAO to take off February 13th, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINANCIAL

2024-017 Deputy Mayor Allison moved to approve the cheque listing in the amount of \$97,778.37 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2024-018 Councillor Durksen moved to approve the monthly financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CORRESPONDENCE: Meetings, Minutes & Workshops:
Prairieland Pride December newsletter

Information Items:

LGFF 2024 operating allocation - \$76,504

LGFF 2024 Capital allocation – \$218,459 and 2025 allocation - \$228,324, minimum threshold is 10%, so a project must be at least \$21,846.

ATCO Electric – LED multiplier rate changed from 8.42% to 7.66%, so a slight decrease on our monthly streetlight bills.

SA- has increased their fire fighting rates to \$10/hour to \$40/hour effective January 1, 2024.

2024-019 **Mayor Wipf moved to amend Policy #16-12, effective January 23, 2024, to increase the Veteran Fire Department Volunteer Fire Fighters rate to \$40/hour.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AMSC 2023 Wage & Compensation survey

Neutral Hills Wranglers – Vernon Wells Dinner – March 28th, Consort Sportex, looking for program advertising donations and live auction donations.

2024-020 **Mayor Wipf moved to purchase a ½ page adverting ad in the Neutral Hills Wranglers Vernon Wells program for \$100.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PEP – in communication with Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) regarding potential low funding for the municipal expenses of infrastructure (water, sewer, roads) associated with new housing projects. Deadline if February 5th.

Bulk Water usage spreadsheet

CAO December timesheet – 6.375 hrs OT, used 4 days holidays, carry forward 11.25 hrs OT and 7 hrs annual vacation

Village foreman December timesheet - 6 hrs taken off, used 6.25 TOIL, no carry forward

2024-021 **Councillor Durksen moved to accept the correspondence as presented.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CLOSED MEETING: none

ADJOURNMENT:

2024-022 **Mayor Wipf moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm.**

NEXT MEETING: **Regular meeting – Tuesday, February 20, 2024**

Jerry Wipf,
Mayor

Debbie Johnstone,
Chief Administrative Officer