

**VILLAGE OF VETERAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 20, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Veteran was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, in the Village Office

- ORDER:** Mayor Wipf called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.
- PRESENT:** Mayor Wipf, Deputy Mayor Allison, Councillor Durksen, C.A.O. Debbie Johnstone
- AGENDA:**
2024-104 Deputy Mayor Allison moved to approve the agenda as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- MINUTES:**
2024-105 Councillor Durksen moved the minutes of the regular council meeting held on June 18th and the Tax Recovery Sale minutes of June 26, 2024, to be approved as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- DELEGATION:** Written report submitted by Village Foreman
- 2024-106** Mayor Wipf moved to approve Alliance Battle River Steam to run a pipe with a valve on it from Likness Enterprise's yard across Waterloo Street to the east for better water release and flood control, for approximately \$5000.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 2024-107** Mayor Wipf moved to approve the quote from Joe Johnson Equipment for street sweeper repairs for \$7257.89 plus freight charges.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- OLD BUSINESS:** None
- NEW BUSINESS:**
- 2024-108** 1) Interim Fire Chief
Councillor Durksen moved to appoint Jason Bishell as the new Fire Chief effective June 11th, 2024.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 2024-109** 2) Tax Sale Property
Motion made by Mayor Wipf via group text on June 27, to take title to the tax recovery property at 310 Delhi Street.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 2024-110** 3) LGFF Grant Application
Motion made by Mayor Wipf via group text on July 2, to submit an LGFF grant application for a new hall generator for \$22,000.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 2024-111** 4) Authorization for BCWMC for Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR)
Mayor Wipf moved to appoint the Big Country Waste Management Commission as its representative to participate within Alberta's Extended Producer Responsibility recycling system. Subject to any limitations, outlined below, the Village of Veteran authorizes Big Country Waste Management Commission to complete any action on its behalf including, but not limited to, its registration with Alberta Recycling Management Authority and negotiations for services with Producers and Producer Responsibility Organizations. The limits of authority include managing municipal waste operations and designated recycling materials within the Village of Veteran membership boundaries.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5) Emergency Management

2024-112 Deputy Mayor Allison moved to appoint Bertha LaFontaine as the Emergency Social Services lead contact and Darrel Durksen as the Public Information Officer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6) East Central Ambulance & AHS Agreements

2024-113 Motion made by Deputy Mayor Allison via group text on July 17th to approve for signature, the East Central Agreement and the Amending and Restating Agreement with Alberta Health Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7) Olson Construction Sidewalk Quote

2024-114 Mayor Wipf moved to approve the 2024 Sidewalk Quote from Olson Construction and for the project to be paid with CCBF grant funds for approximately \$145,000 + GST

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8) Overlay Project and Patch Jobs for 2025

2024-115 Mayor Wipf moved to amend the MSI Overlay project by decreasing it by \$22,000. Then apply for the hall generator project under the MSI grant for \$22,000 and cancel the LGFF hall generator project for \$22,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9) CAO Applications

2024-116 Councilor Durksen moved to have interviews for the CAO position on September 3rd starting at 5:30pm for the shortlisted applicants.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10) Hall Caretaker

COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Mayor Wipf – no report.

Deputy Mayor Allison – verbal report presented.

Councillor Durksen – verbal report presented.

CAO REPORT:

2024-117 Deputy Mayor Allison moved to approve the CAO's report as presented, with days off of September 5, 17 and October 3 & 15, and the afternoon off on August 29th.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINANCIAL

2024-118 Mayor Wipf moved to approve the cheque listing in the amount of \$122,128.55, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2024-119 Deputy Mayor Allison moved to approve the monthly financial statements for the period ending June 30 and July 31, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CORRESPONDENCE: Meetings, Minutes & Workshops:

October 10 or 11 – PIO training in Hanna (Darrel)

October 29 – Agency meeting in Consort at 10:00

Nov 4 & 5 – ICS 200 training in Hanna

Nov 18 & 19 – ICS 200 training in Oyen

December 10 - DEM Course in Consort – new CAO & Kelly

December 11 – Tabletop exercise in Youngstown hall.

Information Items:

WCB Claim \$100.73 would be Ethans portion paid under WCB.

Nosehill Wind Farm – 15km north of Veteran, looking for feedback

AARCS – stray cats, John Rex phoned them. He is supposed to take cats to Calgary to get spayed or neutered for free then they will return the cats. (Trap-Neuter-Return Program) This will not happen until next year. I left a message about possibly using our local vets but did not receive a response. They are seeking permission to carry out this program in Veteran.

2024-120

Mayor Wipf moved to approve Alberta Animal Rescue Crew Society Trap-Neuter-Return program in the Village of Veteran, starting in 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Sunlife – some employers, when an employee wants continued coverage for the unwaived benefits while on LTD (Health, Vision and Dental), the employer asks the employee to pay \$100 of the cost share. A new policy would have to be made.

MA- Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) 2024 allocation increased to \$62,467 from \$50,000

Battle River Watershed Alliance- request for funding \$103

Prairieland Pride Newsletter

ATCO Electric - \$18,436 estimated revenue at 6% for 2025. Must let know if council wants to increase franchise fee in 2025

Cornhole Thank you letter

CAO June & July timesheet – 27.55 hrs OT total, 14 hrs medical, 17.5 hrs vacation

Foreman June & July timesheet – 30 hrs banked time, sick day June 24.

2024-121

Deputy Mayor Allison moved to accept the correspondence as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CLOSED MEETING: None

ADJOURNMENT:

2024-122

Mayor Wipf moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24pm.

NEXT MEETING:

Special Meeting - September 3 @ 5:30 for Interviews

Regular meeting – September 17th @ 5:30pm

Jerry Wipf,
Mayor

Debbie Johnstone,
Chief Administrative Officer