

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
October 20, 2020 – 7:00pm
Village of Duchess

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Councillors present: Mayor Tony Steidel
Deputy Mayor Kole Steinley
Councillor Tina Preston
Councillor Deborah Reid-Mickler – via Zoom

Staff present: Yvonne Cosh CAO & Kent Torkelson PW Foreman

Mayor Tony Steidel called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Motions

110-20 Councillor Preston motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Village of Duchess Council held on September 21, 2020 as presented.
Carried Unanimously

111-20 Mayor Steidel motioned to adopt the agenda as presented.
Carried Unanimously

Visitors – Diane Horvath was unable to attend due to winter weather conditions in Lethbridge.

Old Business

112-20 Deputy Mayor Steinley motioned to sign and accept the Recreation Service Agreement as presented.
Carried Unanimously

The Recreation Service Agreement will go to County of Newell Council on Thursday October 22, 2020 for decision.

New Business

No Fortis franchise fee increase will be initiated.

There are no concerns with the County of Newell subdivision application.

Councillors discussed possible beautification initiatives for downtown.

113-20 Councillor Preston made a motion instructing Admin staff to look into costing on several options for beautification for the downtown area.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Steidel proclaimed the week of October as Small Business Week within the Village of Duchess.

114-20 Mayor Steidel motioned that no changes will be made to the Utility Bylaw in regards to the cancellation of basic charges on any utility accounts.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Reid-Mickler will attend the Brownlee conference on February 11, 2021.

115-20 Councillor Reid-Mickler motioned that Village of Duchess Council will sign and accept the Municipal Operating Support Transfer, Memorandum of Agreement.

Carried Unanimously

116-20 Councillor Preston motioned to sign and accept the Fire QMP with the County of Newell.

Carried Unanimously

117-20 Councillor Preston motioned to set a Tax Recovery Auction date of February 16th, 2021 @ 10am in the Village of Duchess Shop Yard.

Carried Unanimously

9. Consent Agenda items 9 - 16

Committee reports

a copy of submitted meeting minutes will be retained at the office. ✓

- reports attached are identified by *

1. Mayor Steidel
 - a. Newell Regional Solid Waste Management
 - b. Fire
 - c. Mayors and Reeves
 - d. SAEWA

2. Deputy Mayor Steinley
 - a. Newell Foundation & Housing
 - b. Ag Society
 - c. ORRSC *

3. Councillor
 - a. Duchess Library
 - b. Canadian Badlands
 - c. Recreation Parks Cultural
 - d. NRTA ✓
 - e. Fire

4. Councillor Deborah Reid-Mickler
 - a. Shortgrass Library
 - b. Newell Regional Service Corporation ✓
 - c. Joint Services *
 - d. Palliser Economic Partnership ✓
 - e. AUMA ✓

5. Councillor Tina Preston
 - a. FCSS / EXPO
 - b. 911
 - c. SPEC

10. CAO report – Election is Nov 2, 2020
11. Public Works report - Lagoon discharge is underway
12. Accountant report ✓
13. Recreation Centre report
14. CPO report ✓
15. Cheques 18466 - 18504 equaling \$ 76,667.90
 Prepays 990373 – 990381 equaling \$ 20,174.08
 Total \$ 96,841.98

16. Information items
 - a. Selling Alberta to the World 2020
 - b. Labour Force survey August 2020
 - c. Alberta Rural Crime Prevention Framework and Building Capacity in Rural Crime Prevention Project

118-20 Deputy Mayor Steinley motioned to accept the consent agenda items.
Carried Unanimously

Next Council meeting	November 16, 2020 @ 7:00 pm
Christmas Party	December 5, 2020 @ 5:30 pm
CAO Review workshop	February 4, 2021 @ 6 pm

Adjourn 8:25 pm

Mayor Tony Steidel

CAO Yvonne Cosh