

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023, 7:00 P.M.
CARSTAIRS MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

ATTENDEES: Mayor Colby, Councilors Allan, Fricke, Roberts, Ratz, & Wilcox, Director of Legislative & Corporate Services Shannon Allison, Director of Planning & Development Kirk Williscroft, CAO Rick Blair & Executive Assistant Kayleigh Van Es

ABSENT: Councilor Ball

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Colby called the meeting of Monday, September 11, 2023, to order at 7:00 p.m.

ADDED ITEMS: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion 293/23 Motion by Councilor Allan to adopt the Regular Council agenda of September 11, 2023, as presented. **CARRIED**

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Motion 294/23 Motion by Councilor Wilcox to adopt the Regular Council minutes of August 28, 2023, as presented. **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Nil

DELEGATIONS: **Stone Garden Subdivision Concerns-John Alden**
Stone Garden resident John Alden stated that he is a strong supporter of Council and is here in no way to complain or whine; however, he was asked by two homeowners to bring their specific concerns along with his own to Councils attention. In doing so, he does not speak for or in any way represent the community. J. Alden read aloud the letter presented to Council.

Mayor Colby addressed the concerns, stating that Council and Administration will investigate solutions to alleviate them. Stone Garden Drive was always planned to be a through road, but Council hears the concerns of the residents and will look into ways for pedestrians to remain safe.

J. Alden also asked if sidewalks were going to be built, if they would make the road narrow, or if they would recover land from the landowners. Suggesting neither option was favorable but maybe with discussions with AB Highways, there could be a pathway put alongside the highway.

Mayor Coby said that Council will sit down and discuss with development and administration what can and cannot be done, unable to give a concrete answer but looking at ways to meet all needs.

J. Alden asked for a timeline for a decision or plan, to which CAO R. Blair stated the Final Acceptance Certification is underway, so this decision will need to be made quickly. However, it is up to Council to make the decision whether or not to move forward with any options at all.


Mayor Colby thanked J. Alden for presenting concerns for his community.


Motion 295/23 Motion by Councilor Roberts to accept Stone Garden Subdivision Concerns as information. **CARRIED**

BYLAWS & POLICIES: Nil

NEW BUSINESS: Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS: **1. Legislative & Emergency Services Committee**
- Next meeting September 19, 2023.



2. Strategic Planning & Corporate Affairs Committee
- Next meeting to be determined. 

3. Policy & Governance Committee

- Next meeting September 21, 2023.

4. Mountain View Regional Waste Commission

- Next meeting September 25, 2023.

5. Mountain View Regional Water Commission

- Next meeting September 13, 2023.

6. Mountain View Seniors' Housing

- Next meeting September 21, 2023.

7. Municipal Area Partnership

- Next meeting to be determined in October.

Motion 296/23

Motion by Councilor Ratz to accept all Committee Reports as information.

CARRIED

COUNCILOR REPORTS:

Councilor Allan

- Informed Council that the Tornado Relief Fund raised more than \$110,000, which would be distributed equally to 14 residents affected by the storm on July 1, 2023.

Councilor Ball

- Absent

Councilor Fricke

- August 29, 2023 attended the Carstairs Health & Wellness Fair along with the Movie in the Park. It was well attended by both vendors and visitors. Kudos to Lori and the team for organizing the event.
- September 9 attended "Carstairs...We Got This" one year anniversary.

Councilor Ratz

- September 11, 2023 attended ASCHA Initiative Prioritization Committee Meeting.

Councilor Roberts

- September 11, 2023 attended meeting with Community Garden organizers.
- Reminder to Council of the Carstairs Nature Space Scarecrow Trail on September 30, 2023. More details to come.

Councilor Wilcox

- August 29, 2023 attended the Carstairs Health & Wellness Fair.
- Reminder to Council of the Moccasin House-Blanket Exercise on Sunday, September 24, 2023, at 1 pm.

Mayor Colby

- Met with Town of Olds Council.
- Meeting with Mountain View Regional Water Commission on Wednesday to discuss the budget.

Motion 297/23

Motion by Councilor Fricke to accept all Councilor Reports as information.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Larry Sheldon-Mandalay Supermarket letter

Motion 298/23

Motion by Councilor Roberts to accept the letter of correspondence from Larry Sheldon as information.

CARRIED

CAO'S REPORT:


- August 30, 2023 met with the Mountain View Regional Water Commission.
- August 31, 2023 met with Chinooks Edge School Division regarding maintenance of the track.
- August 31, 2023 met with Staff Sergeant Browne regarding future policing.
- September 5, 2023 met with Dr. From regarding recruiting another full-time GP.
- September 5, 2023 met with Chief Superintendent Nichols to discuss regional policing.



- Will be meeting with other communities to discuss Regional Policing initiative on September 19, 2023.
- Meeting confirmed with RCMP at the AB municipalities conference.
- Ongoing discussions with operational services in regards to moving the location of the community gardens near the Carstairs Nature Space.
- Meeting with an AV company on Wednesday regarding Council Chambers set-up.
- Idaho paving project to be finished this week.
- Lagoon cleanout going well, much more sludge than anticipated, however it is moving along according to schedule.
- E360 contract has been negotiated and agreed to. We discussed ERP program, E360 will likely be participating in implementing the program, and will be able to terminate when ERP is implemented.
- Speed sign is back up and running,
- Vandalism at the medical clinic; cameras are to be installed on all public buildings.
- Provincial assessments reviewed. Carstairs had a 22.4% jump in assessments.

Motion 299/23	Motion by Councilor Ratz to accept CAO's Report as information.	CARRIED
COUNCILOR CONCERNS:	Nil	CARRIED
PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:	Nil	
MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:	Nil	
CLOSED MEETING:	CONFIDENTIAL Section 107 of the MGA states that Councils and Council Committees must conduct their meetings in public unless the matter to be discussed is within one of the exceptions to disclosure in Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) (s. 16 to 20).	
Motion 300/23	Motion by Councilor Wilcox that Council close the meeting to the public to discuss disclosures harmful to business or 3 rd party as per Section 16.1, FOIP, at 7:26 p.m.	CARRIED
Motion 301/23	Motion by Councilor Fricke to come out of the closed meeting session at 8:12 p.m.	CARRIED
NEXT MEETING:	Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.	
ADJOURNMENT:		
Motion 302/23	Motion by Councilor Wilcox to adjourn the meeting of September 11, 2023, at 8:13 p.m.	CARRIED


Lance Colby, Mayor


Rick Blair, CAO