

**Special Meeting of Council for the
Village of Carmangay,
April 30, 2020
at the Carmangay Seniors Centre
6:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

GUESTS None

PRESENT Stacey Hovde, Mayor
JoAnne Juce, Deputy Mayor
Peggy Hovde, Councillor
Patrick Bergen, Chief Administrative Officer
Blake Termeer, Manager, Projects

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Deputy Mayor JoAnne Juce to approve the agenda as amended with new information from Mayor Stacey Hovde as item L.

Carried

Motion made by Councillor Peggy Hovde to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

Motion made by Councillor Peggy Hovde to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2020 Special Council Meeting.

Carried

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Joanne to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2020 Special Council Meeting.

Carried

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Manager, Projects Blake Termeer reviewed the Public Works Report as presented in the agenda.

CAO REPORT

CAO, Patrick Bergen reviewed the Administrators Report as presented in the agenda.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Joanne Juce to accept the Public Works and CAO reports.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

There was 1 letter from a resident that was read into the audio recording.

FINANCIAL REPORT

CAO Patrick Bergen reviewed the Financial Report as presented in the agenda.

Motion by Councilor Peggy Hovde to accept the Financial Report

Carried

NEW BUSINESS

A. COVID-19 Update

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Joanne Juce to accept the COVID-19 update as information.

Carried

B. Coronavirus Policy

Motion made by Mayor Stacy Hovde to accept the Coronavirus Policy.

Carried

C. Doctor Retention

Motion made by Councilor Peggy Hovde to table to the Doctor Retention Agreement.

Carried

D. Fire Services Agreement Update

Motion made by Mayor Stacy Hovde to instruct the CAO to advise Vulcan County that the proposed Fire Services Agreement annual rate increase from \$9,000 to \$25,309 is too high and to counter offer a 1 year rate of \$15,000.

Carried

E. 2020 Final Operational Budget

Motion made by Mayor Stacey Hovde to accept the Final 2020 Operational Budget.

Carried

F. Capital Budget Update

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Joanne Juce to accept the Capital Budget update as information.

Carried

G. Solar Farm

Motion made by Councilor Peggy Hovde to proceed with the solar park project for an amount up to \$380,000.

Carried

Motion made by Mayor Stacey Hovde to use up to \$150,000 from the \$200,000 line of credit to initiate the solar park project as interim financing.

Carried

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Joanne Juce to direct the CAO to seek 15-year financing to pay the cost of the solar project in the amount of \$234,080 and to bring a borrowing bylaw in support of the financing to a future Council meeting for Council consideration.

Carried

H. Green Light Bylaw

Motion made by Mayor Stacey Hovde to pass first reading of Bylaw 2020-02 Flashing Green Light Use.

Carried

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Joanne Juce to pass second reading of Bylaw 2020-02 Flashing Green Light Use.

Carried

Motion made by Councilor Peggy Hovde for permission for third reading of Bylaw 2020-02 Flashing Green Light Use.

Carried Unanimously

Motion made by Mayor Stacey Hovde to pass third reading of Bylaw 2020-02 Flashing Green Light Use.

Carried

I. Community Standards Bylaw

Motion made by Councilor Peggy Hovde to to pass the 3rd reading of Bylaw 788 Community Standards Bylaw with an amendment to allow only 1 unlicensed vehicle.

Carried

J. Community Clean Up

Motion made by Councilor Peggy Hovde to delay the Community Cleanup for 2020.

Carried

K. Action List

CAO Patrick Bergen Advised that the Action List will be split between Public Works and the Administration reports and brought to future meetings in that form.

L. Village Bistro

Mayor Stacey Hovde advised that a new restaurant and convenience store will be constructed in the coming weeks to be located just adjacent to the library and across the street from the Village office and Post Office.

REPORTS

a) ORRSC

No Meeting

b) Marquis Foundation

A virtual meeting was held recently, without much success. There were technical challenges.

The Peter Dawson Lodge residents remain healthy and well cared for. There were a couple of health scares, and some testing, but no sign of Covid-19. Some residents have been resisting the social isolation measures, but overall things are going smoothly.

There have been staffing issues, requiring some changes, but the new CAO is doing a good job managing these. We still do not have a signed contract for the new CAO - some negotiations have to be finalized.

Due to all the changes and new manager, the Marquis requisition for this year will remain the same as last year.

c) Vulcan District Solid Waste

Mayor Stacey Hovde had an in person meeting of the Vulcan District Waste Commission at the Champion Hall which was able to be held while adhering to social distancing.

d) Carmangay & District Library Board

No Meeting

e) FCSS

FCSS remains open during the pandemic, while carefully following all protocols for social distancing, disinfecting, etc. Income tax support for Seniors is being done in an isolated area that is meticulously cleaned after each visitor. Plastic shields are being used to protect both staff and clients.

FCSS is also doing all kinds of support for the community at large. People are being called, asked if they need any kind of assistance, and told about the available services, so they know they can get help if they need it. Many people are unaware of the FCSS services in Vulcan County and are very happy to get a phone call. Also, Family Care packages are being delivered in a safe manner to many households. These packages include things like activities and games for children, and coupons for local businesses that are still open in Vulcan.

An unforeseen bonus is the huge increase in donations to the Food Bank and FCSS. The Food Bank is extremely busy, and demand for hampers is 10 times more than last year.

f) SouthGrow

No Meeting

g) Twin Valley Regional Water Services Commission

Mayor Stacey Hovde had a meeting of the TVRWC where they returned the water rates from the increase to 1.80 per cubic metre back to 1.75. The Carmangay rates have remained at 1.75.

h) Mayors and Reeves of Southern Alberta

No Meeting

j) Chinook Arch

A virtual meeting was held. Aside from the many challenges that have come with Covid-19, especially library closures and inability to continue with programming, all is well financially and operationally at this time. Chinook Arch continues to support their member libraries how and where they can.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Joanne Juce to go into closed session at 8:50 p.m.
Carried**

**Motion made by Mayor Stacey Hovde to go out of closed session at 9:25 p.m.
Carried**

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Stacey Hovde adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Mayor Stacey Hovde

Chief Administrative Officer
Patrick Bergen