

VILLAGE OF EMPRESS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Empress was held via Zoom on Thursday September 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS
PRESENT

Mayor - Carman Cooper
Deputy Mayor – Sandra Crooker
Councillor Roy Gill

CAO/ Recording Secretary – Debbie Ross

CALL TO ORDER

The regular council meeting was called to order by Mayor Cooper at 6:05 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF
AGENDA

C260-16-09-2021

RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Crooker to adopt the September 16, 2021 agenda as amended.

1. Add email from Bill Zawadiuk
2. Letter from PRMS

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF
MINUTES

C261-16-09-2021

RESOLUTION by Mayor Cooper that the Village of Empress adopts the revised minutes for the Regular Council Meeting of May 20, 2021 as presented. Addition of motion for Joint Assessment Review Board Agreement by Mayor Cooper, and Motion by Deputy Mayor Crooker to give Bylaw 7-2021 first reading.

CARRIED

C261-16-09-2021

RESOLUTION by Councillor Gill that the Village of Empress adopts the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting of June 17 2021 as presented.

CARRIED

BCMDB

Deputy Mayor Crooker reported on the Big Country Medical Dental Board meeting she attended September 15.

BCWMC

Councillor Gill reported on the Big Country Waste Management Commission meeting he attended September 15.

LIBRARY

Mayor Cooper reported on the Library Board meeting he attended September 15

FININCIAL
REPORTS

C262-16-09-2021

Council was provided with the financial position and budget to actual report. CAO Ross recommended that Council may wish to invest \$200,000.00.

RESOLUTION by Councillor Gill that the Concill of the Village of Empress direct CAO Ross to investigate options and invest \$200,000.00 in accordance with Section 250 of the MGA.

CARRIED

CAO REPORT

Council was provided with the CAO action report

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

<p><u>PUBLIC WORKS REPORT</u> C263-16-09-2021</p>	<p>Council was provided with a written Public Works report.</p> <p>RESOLUTION by Mayor Cooper to accept the written and verbal reports of Council and staff for information purposes as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>
<p><u>BYLAW 7-2021</u> <u>JOINT CARB/LARB BYLAW</u> C264-16-09-2021</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Mayor Cooper that the Council of the Village of Empress give second reading to Bylaw 7-2021, being the Joint Local Assessment and Composite Assessment Review Boards.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>
<p>C265-16-09-2021</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Councillor Gill that the Council of the Village of Empress give third reading to Bylaw 7-2021, being the Joint Local Assessment and Composite Assessment Review Boards.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>
<p><u>OFFER TO PURCHASE LOT 16-18 BLOCK 30 PLAN 5043AV</u> C266-16-09-2021</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Mayor Cooper that the Council of the Village of Empress accept the offer of \$6,000.00 for the purchase of lots 16-18 Block 30 Plan 5043AV.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>
<p><u>OFFER TO PURCHASE LOT 21-26 BLOCK 5 PLAN 5043AV</u> C267-16-09-2021</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Councillor Gill that the Council of the Village of Empress accept the offer of \$5,000.00 for the purchase of lots 21-26 Block 5 Plan 5043AV, with the sales agreement specifying there is no known time line for servicing this block.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>
<p><u>OFFER TO PURCHASE A PORTION OF LOT 52 BLOCK 9 PLAN 1910859</u> C268-16-09-2021</p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Mayor Cooper that the Council of the Village of Empress move item 8 b) iii in to the closed meeting portion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>
<p><u>FIRE REPORT</u> <u>MARSHALL AND LANA BARCLAY</u> C269-16-09-2021</p>	<p>Council was provided with a fire incident report in the Village from the Fire Chief</p> <p>Council received another letter from Lana and Marshall Barclay, along with the response to their inquiry from their insurance agency. CAO Ross reported she spoke with Fire Underwriters Survey and had them send a report showing that the Village of Empress rating was amended January of 2020 to improve the commercial rating from 10 to 9, and the Residential rating from 5 to 3b. This improvement is based on the type of Firetrucks we have from Special Areas. The note from Peace Hills Insurance indicates to them that the assessed value of their property was quite a bit higher than what the insurance company had on file, as well the rating they had previously applied to Barclays property was wrong.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ Mayor</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ Chief Administrative Officer</p>

<p><u>DAVE MALLOY</u></p>	<p>Council received a letter from Dave Molloy with regards to voting eligibility in the upcoming Municipal election in Empress, and requesting a written position from Council. Council directed CAO Ross to draft a letter of position citing the sections of the Local Authorities Election Act that state electors must vote in the Municipality where they live, even if they own property in more than one municipality. Mr Molloy's mailing address from the letter sent is Redcliff, Ab. where he currently resides</p>
<p><u>BILL ZAWADIUK</u></p>	<p>Council directed CAO Ross to send a response thanking Mr Zawadiuk for bringing to the attention of the Village some issues at the shower house. Minor repairs may be made over the winter, however, the shower house is on the capital plan for 2023.</p>
<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> <u>C270-16-09-2021</u></p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Councillor Gill that Council receives for information the correspondence presented at the September 16, 2021 Council meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>
<p><u>CLOSED MEETING</u> <u>C271-16-09-2021</u></p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Mayor Cooper to close the meeting at 7:20 P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>
<p><u>C272-16-09-2021</u></p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Mayor Cooper to move back into an open meeting at 7:28 P.M</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>
<p><u>OFFER TO</u> <u>PURCHASE</u> <u>PORTION OF LOT</u> <u>52 BLK 9 PLAN</u> <u>1910859</u> <u>C273-16-09-2021</u></p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Crooker that the Council of the Village of Empress sell the north portion of Lot 52 Block 9 Plan 1910859 for \$4560.00 plus all associated costs with subdividing this property.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>
<p><u>OFFER TO</u> <u>PURCHASE</u> <u>LOT 28-31-BLK 8</u> <u>PLAN 5043av</u> <u>C274-16-09-2021</u></p>	<p>RESOLUTION by Councillor Gill that the Council of the Village of Empress decline both offers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>
<p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p>	<p>Mayor Cooper adjourned the meeting at 7:37</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;"> <hr style="width: 200px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> Mayor </p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;"> <hr style="width: 200px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> Chief Administrative Officer </p>

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