

**VILLAGE OF EMPRESS**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**AUGUST 18, 2022**

**The Regular Council Meeting of the Council of the Village of Empress was held in public at the Village Office on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 7:30p.m.**

**MEMBERS  
PRESENT**

Interim CAO - Gary Peers  
Mayor Arlen Johnston  
Deputy Mayor Dawna Martin  
Councillor Kelly Burgess

Recording Secretary– Tamara Ravenwood  
Presenter/Appointment – Harold Johnsrude

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular council meeting was called to order by Mayor Johnston at 8:02 p.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF  
AGENDA**  
**C105-08-18-2022**

**MOTION** by Mayor Johnston to approve the August 18, 2022 Regular Council Meeting agenda, with the addition of item 8.2: Correspondence from the Alberta Police Service.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

None.

**PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**ADMINISTRATION  
AND COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

No Committee reports.

Harold Johnsrude presented the Public Works Report. Council also wishes to acknowledge the contributions of various volunteers while the Public Works has been understaffed, including Leo Hensel, Arlene Johnson, Chance McCurdy, Evon Steinley, Laura Munro, Peter Dyck, and Marshall Barclay.

Harold Johnsrude presented the CAO Report.

Harold Johnsrude presented the Financial Report as of July 31, 2022. It was noted that some revenues from gravel may need to be set aside for reclamation purposes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

These agenda items deferred to the September meeting:

- Splash Park repairs
- Water tower and pump station capital project

**NEW BUSINESS**

**APPT PREVIOUS  
OA HAROLD  
JOHNSRUDE MEMO  
TO COUNCIL**

Harold Johnsrude presented a Summary of Council Decisions May thru August 2022 and a list of Future Items to Be Addressed.

<p><b>COMMUNITY HALL LETTER</b></p>	<p>Council received correspondence from the Empress &amp; District Fine Arts, Cultural and Leisure Society noting that the grant for the Empress Community Hall renovations was not approved. Quotes for repair of the furnace were requested by Council with the intent of completing the work before winter.</p>
<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE ACCEPTANCE OF LETTER OF RESIGNATION</b></p>	<p>Council acknowledges receipt of ICAO Kelly Tucker’s letter of resignation dated August 2, 2022.</p>
<p><b>ALBERTA POLICE SERVICE</b></p>	<p>Council received, for information purposes only, the Alberta Police Service: Detachment Deployment Model, dated August 16, 2022, from the Honourable Tyler Shandro, Ministry of Justice and Solicitor General.</p>
<p><b><u>INTO CLOSED SESSION</u></b> C106-08-18-2022</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mayor Johnston to move into closed session at 8:57 p.m. to discuss personnel, lands, and meetings.</p>
<p><b><u>OUT OF CLOSED SESSION</u></b> C107-08-18-2022</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> by Councillor Martin to move out of closed session at 10:50 p.m. back to the regular meeting.</p>
<p><b><u>SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING</u></b> C108-08-18-2022</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mayor Johnston to hold a Special Meeting of Council on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 6:00 p.m., in closed session, to discuss Personnel.</p>
<p><b><u>NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING</u></b> C109-08-18-2022</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> by Councillor Martin to have the next meeting of Council on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Office.</p>
<p><b><u>DR’s HOUSE SALE</u></b> C110-08-18-2022</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> by Councillor Burgess to direct ICAO Gary Peers to negotiate a revised selling price on the “Dr’s House” with Mr Beirmann; in lieu of completing the noted deficiencies in the walk through by previous ICAO Kelly Tucker.</p>
<p><b><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></b></p>	<p>Mayor Johnston adjourned the meeting at 11:00 p.m.</p>
	<p><i>Arlen Johnston</i> Mayor Johnston</p>
	<p><i>Gary Peers</i> Interim CAO Peers</p>