

Village of Empress



Regular Council Meeting MINUTES

Wednesday, January 18th, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

Village Office #6 - 3rd Avenue W Empress

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Village of Empress was held in the Village Office in Empress on Wednesday, January 18th, 2023.

Mayor Arlen Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Arlen Johnston

Deputy Mayor Dawna Martin

Councillor Kelly Burgess

Assistant Administrator Carrie Loose

Admin Support Tamara Ravenwood

Chief Administrative Officer Christiaan Liebenberg

2. Adoption of Agenda

C001-01-18-2023 MOVED by Councillor Kelly Burgess

That the agenda for January 18th, 2023, be accepted by Council as amended with the addition of item: 7.2 Art Installation progress. CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

C002-01-18-2023 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Dawna Martin

That the Council of the Village of Empress approve the December 14th, 2022, Special Council Meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

C003-01-18-2023 MOVED by Mayor Arlen Johnston

That the Council of the Village of Empress approve the December 14th, 2022, Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

4. Delegations

None

5. Administration and Committee Report

Committee Reports

Councillor Kelly Burgess presented a brief overview of her participation with the Marigold Library Board, the Medical/Dental Board, and the Acadia Foundation.

C004-01-18-2023 MOVED by Councillor Kelly Burgess

That Council direct Administration to prepare and distribute a Canada Post flyer for The Village of Empress and surrounding community to be aware of the AHS announcement regarding the temporary changes at the emergency department at the Big Country Hospital, and to include updated distance information to the nearest alternate care centers. CARRIED

Public Works VERBAL Report by the Chief Administrative Officer.

CAO VERBAL Report by the Chief Administrative Officer.

Financial WRITTEN Report December 31st, 2022, by the Chief Administrative Officer.

6. Correspondence

C005-01-18-2023 by MOVED Deputy Mayor Dawna Martin

That Council receive, accept, and approve the Palliser Regional Municipal Services requisition for 2023 in the amount of \$2,800.

CARRIED

C006-01-18-2023 MOVED by Mayor Arlen Johnston

That Council receive, accept, and approve the Acadia Foundation requisition for 2023 in the amount of \$4,019.

CARRIED

C007-01-18-2023 MOVED by Councillor Kelly Burgess

That Council accept the correspondence regarding the Uptown and Peter Fidler campgrounds as information.

CARRIED

7. Old Business

C008-01-18-2023 MOVED by Councillor Kelly Burgess

That Council instructs the Chief Administrative Officer/Administration to discontinue any practice (“not running water”) with respect to potential frozen water pipes that contravene Bylaw 2014-2 Section 21. (b), effective immediately, and advise any affected utilities customers by letter that no adjustments to water bills will be made for this purpose going forward and the practice of adjusting or lowering water bills to accommodate winter water running to prevent frozen pipes is terminated with immediate effect January 18th, 2023.

CARRIED

8. New Business

Minimum Tax Item was tabled for further discussion at a future Regular Council meeting.

C009-01-18-2023 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Dawna Martin

That Council meetings be scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm for the remainder of 2023.

CARRIED

C010-01-18-2023 MOVED by Mayor Arlen Johnston

That Council hold a Public Engagement Session at 7pm on Wednesday, the 8th of February 2023, in the Community Hall, for the residents of the Village to engage in a informal conversation with Council regarding their concerns and ideas for the Village, and this information be posted on the website and Social Media.

CARRIED

C011-01-18-2023 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Dawna Martin

That the Council move into a closed session to discuss a land item at 8:23pm.

CARRIED

C012-01-18-2023 MOVED by Mayor Arlen Johnston

That the Council move out of closed session at 8:52pm.

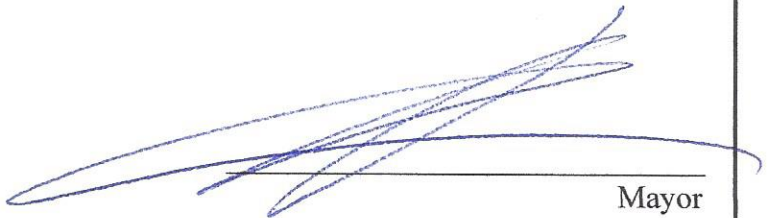
CARRIED

C013-01-18-2023 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Dawna Martin
That Council announce Bryan and Merle Loose as the Christmas Light Up Winners for 2022 and Council thank all for their enthusiastic participation. CARRIED

C014-01-18-2023 MOVED by Mayor Arlen Johnston
That Council direct Administration to send a letter to the party who made the offer (January 2023) on land known as Plan 9111276 Lot 4, to advise that Council will defer their decision to the next meeting pending confirmation from legal counsel from previous parties involved in purchasing said land, confirming that the Village is free and clear to consider the new (January 2023) offer. CARRIED

9. Next Meeting Date - Wednesday, February 15th, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.

10. Adjournment at 8:54pm.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer

