



**Special Council Meeting
MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 29th, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Village Office
#6 - 3rd Avenue W Empress, AB

1. Call to Order

The Special Council Meeting of the Village of Empress was held in the Village Office in Empress on Wednesday, March 29th, 2023.

Mayor Arlen Johnston called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Arlen Johnston
Deputy Mayor Dawna Martin
Councillor Kelly Burgess
Assistant CAO Carrie Loose - regrets
Admin & Finance Tamara Ravenwood
Chief Administrative Officer Christiaan Liebenberg

2. Adoption of Agenda

C048-03-29-2023 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Dawna
That the Council meeting agenda for March 29th, 2023, be adopted as presented and printed.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

C049-03-29-2023 MOVED by Mayor Arlen Johnston
That Council approve the March 22nd, 2022, Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented in writing.
CARRIED

4. Delegations

None

5. Administration and Committee Reports

C050-03-29-2023 MOVED by Mayor Arlen Johnston
That Council accept as information the written CAO report and Action Item List as presented and printed.
CARRIED

6. Correspondence

The Art Society Letter to be discussed under 8.1 and the garage sale under 8.2 CLOSED SESSION.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

8.1 Budgets 2023 (Operational & Capital)

C051-03-29-2023 MOVED by Mayor Arlen Johnston

That Council receive and accept as information both the draft capital and operational budgets for 2023 as presented here in writing by the Chief Administrative Officer and Council table the budgets for final approval at the next Regular Council meeting April 19th. CARRIED

8.1 Community Hall

C052-03-29-2023 MOVED by Councillor Kelly Burgess

That Council receive the Empress & District Fine Arts Society letter dated March 26th, 2023, and request the Society clarify in writing what grant exactly they are applying for by April 19th, 2023, and request they call a special meeting and invite Council to attend. CARRIED

8.2 CLOSED SESSION (Land & Real Estate: 2 Street East number 435 **the old garage** ONLY)

C053-03-29-2023 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Dawna Martin

That Council move into closed session (*Economic and other interests as per Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Part 1, Division 2, Section 27, and Employee Matters as per Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act I, Part 1, Division 2, Section 17*) at 7:59pm. CARRIED

C054-03-29-2023 MOVED by Mayor Arlen Johnston

That Council move out of closed session at 8:07pm. CARRIED


C055-03-29-2023 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Dawna Martin

That Council will only accept the full payment of \$500 (non-refundable, cash only); the garage must be removed within 90 days; the sale is for the garage ONLY and the purchaser will remove the garage and concrete slab. The content of the garage remains Village property. The purchase is AS IS, WHERE IS, including all faults and limitations, and the removal of the garage is at full liability to the purchaser. CARRIED




9. Next Meeting Date - Wednesday, April 19th, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.

10. Adjournment at 8:14pm.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer