



**Special Council Meeting
MINUTES**

Thursday, September 7th, 2023 @ 10 a.m.
Council Chambers, Village Office
#6 - 3rd Avenue W Empress, AB

1. Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Village of Empress was held in the Village Office in Empress on Thursday, September 7th, 2023.

Mayor Arlen Johnston called the meeting to order at 10.02am.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Arlen Johnston
Deputy Mayor Dawna Martin
Councillor Kelly Burgess
Chief Administrative Officer Christiaan Liebenberg

2. Adoption of Agenda

C144-09-07-2023 MOVED by Mayor Arlen Johnston
That the Special Council meeting agenda for September 7th, 2023, be adopted as presented and printed. CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

None

4. Delegations

None

5. Administration and Committee Reports

None

6. Correspondence

None

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

8.1 Community Hall Restorations (Update/Cost/Contract Review of renovation project)

C145-09-07-2023 MOVED by Councillor Kelly Burgess that Council receive, accept, and approve the bid from GVN Structures (Redcliff) July 28th, 2023 (email to Mayor: re-roof, 3-inch wall insulation and recladding) equalling costs of \$263,505 plus GST for the hall renovations for 2023/2024 and the amount be paid by MSI/CCBF grant funding (of \$238,000) and the Fine Arts Society pay the remaining balance from their own funds. CARRIED

C146-09-07-2023 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Dawna Martin that Council authorize the Village of Empress enter into a contract agreement with GVN Structures (Redcliff) for the phased completion of this construction project only and Council authorize the mayor sign this agreement. In the case of extensive overruns, the Village of Empress would have the option to stop the contract. CARRIED

C147-09-07-2023 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Dawna Martin that Council forgive the Fine Arts Society outstanding utility and insurance costs for 2022 and 2023 (approximately) \$36,000 and in agreement with the Empress & District Fine Arts, Cultural and Leisure Society – (their representative Don Farden) at this meeting come to an understanding that the Society will start paying their utility bills Sept 1st, 2023. CARRIED

C148-09-07-2023 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 Employment Matters as per Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act I, Part 1, Division 2, Section 17*) at 11:07am. CARRIED

C149-08-23-2023 MOVED by Councillor Kelly Burgess That Council move out of closed session at 1:39pm. CARRIED

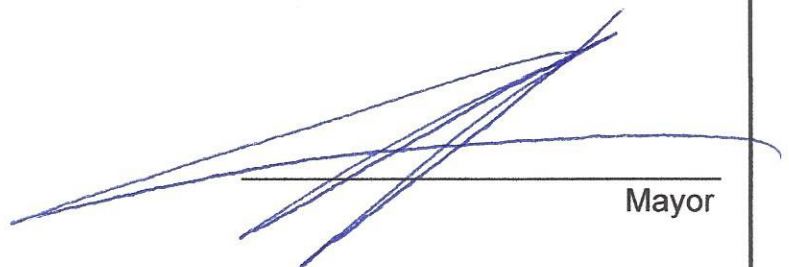
C150-08-23-2023 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Dawna Martin That Council will meet with their legal team to discuss a variety of matters affecting the Village of Empress and the cost be paid from legal. CARRIED

C151-08-23-2023 MOVED by Mayor Arlen Johnston That Council will provide a letter of reprimand to the CAO within the next 5 business days. A follow up CLOSED SESSION will take place on September 20th, 2023, as part of the Regular Council meeting. CARRIED

C152-08-23-2023 MOVED by Councillor Kelly Burgess That Council authorize the mayor contact MNP to inquire about the status of the 2022 audit and its completion. CARRIED

9. Next Regular Meeting Date - Wednesday, September 20th, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.

10. Adjournment at 1:48 p.m.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer