



## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Held in Council Chambers at #6-3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue W, Empress, AB

PRESENT: Council: Mayor Arlen Johnston  
Deputy Mayor Dawna Martin  
Councillor Kelly Burgess

Administration: Angela Duncan, Chief Administrative Officer (via Zoom)  
Carrie Loose, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer  
Shelley Vaughan, Chief Financial Officer (Via Zoom until 6:55 p.m.)  
Wendy Wildman, Administration (joined at 6:38 p.m. via Zoom)

Absent: n/a

Delegations: n/a

Public at Large: 3

	MOTION #	
1.	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2.	<b>AGENDA</b> 001-2024	<b>MOVED</b> by Mayor Johnston that the January 17, 2024 Agenda be approved as presented. <b>CARRIED</b>
3.	<b>MINUTES</b> 002-2024	<b>MOVED</b> by Councillor Burgess that the December 20, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be approved with the following amendment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Motion C-230-12-2023 to be changed from Chief <i>Administrative</i> Officer to Chief <i>Financial</i> Officer.</li></ul> <b>CARRIED</b>
4.	<b>DELEGATIONS</b>	n/a
5.	<b>REPORTS</b> 003-2024	<b>MOVED</b> by Mayor Johnston that the Committee and Council reports, as verbally presented, be accepted, for information. <b>CARRIED</b>



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	004-2024	<p><b>MOVED</b> by Mayor Johnston that the financial report, as presented in writing and verbally by Chief Financial Officer, Shelley Vaughan, be accepted for information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
	005-2024	<p><b>MOVED</b> by Deputy Mayor Martin that the Chief Administrative Officer report, as presented, in writing and verbally, by Chief Administrative Officer, Angela Duncan, be accepted for information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
6.	<p><b>INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDANCE</b> 006-2024</p>	<p><b>MOVED</b> by Mayor Johnston that the following information and correspondence items be accepted for information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) January 2, 2024 email and announcement from Oyen FCSS regarding Rural Transportation Grant.</li> <li>b) Letter from Minister of Environment and Protected Areas, Rebecca Schulz, regarding the significant drought in Alberta.</li> <li>c) Letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs, Ric McIver, regarding the Assessment Model Review.</li> <li>d) December 15, 2023 letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs, Ric McIver, regarding the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF).</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
7.	<p><b>OLD BUSINESS</b> 007-2024</p> <p>008-2024</p>	<p><b>MOVED</b> by Mayor Johnston that first reading of Bylaw 2024-01 (Dog Bylaw), Being a Bylaw for the Purpose of Regulating Dogs and Promoting Responsible Dog Ownership, be read a first time.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p><b>MOVED</b> by Councillor Burgess that Bylaw 2024-01, Dog Bylaw, be amended as discussed and brought back to Council at a later date.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
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	013-2024	Carrie Loose Wendy Wildman (Via Zoom)  <b>MOVED</b> by Deputy Mayor Martin that Council come out of closed meeting session at 8:46 p.m.  <b>CARRIED</b>  The meeting recessed from 8:46 p.m. to 8:47 p.m. to allow any public to re-join the meeting.
<b>10.</b>	<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
<b>11.</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	As there was no further business, Mayor Johnston adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

*Arlen Johnston*

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Arlen Johnston, Mayor

*Angela Duncan*

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Angela Duncan, Chief Administrative Officer