



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Held in Council Chambers at #6-3rd Avenue W, Empress, AB

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

Administration: Angela Duncan, Chief Administrative Officer
 Shelley Vaughan, Chief Financial Officer
 Carrie Loose, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer

Absent: n/a

Delegations: Corporal Rob Morozoff, Oyen RCMP Detachment
 Commander (6:33 p.m. until 7:16 p.m.)

Public at Large: 5

	MOTION #	
1.	CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2.	AGENDA 036-2024	MOVED by Deputy Councillor Burgess that the March 19, 2024 Agenda be adopted as presented. CARRIED
3.	MINUTES 037-2024	MOVED by Mayor Johnston that the February 21, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be approved as presented. CARRIED
4.	DELEGATIONS 038-2024	MOVED by Deputy Mayor Martin that the discussion with Corporal Rob Morozoff, Oyen RCMP Detachment Commander, regarding community crime statistics, dog complaints, the Dog Bylaw, policing priorities, and the restitution order regarding the January 6 and February 19, 2021 bank robberies be accepted for information. CARRIED
5.	REPORTS	Mayor Johnston reported on the following meetings: Alberta Budget Townhall with Minister McIver Drought Townhall with Minister Schulz



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		<p>Deputy Mayor Martin reported on the following meetings: Economic Development: Building Community Capacity Workshop Meeting with local Member of Parliament, Damien Kurek</p> <p>Councillor Burgess reported on the following meetings: Big Country Medical Dental Board Healthcare Recruiting Committee Acadia Foundation</p>
039-2024		<p>MOVED by Mayor Johnston that the Committee and Council reports, as verbally presented, be accepted, for information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
040-2024		<p>MOVED by Deputy Mayor Martin that the financial report, as verbally presented by Chief Financial Officer, Shelley Vaughan, be accepted for information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
041-2024		<p>MOVED by Mayor Johnston that the public works report, as presented in writing, be accepted for information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
042-2024		<p>MOVED by Councillor Burgess that the Empress Volunteer Fire Department: Report to Council, as presented in writing by Empress Fire Chief Van Dam, be accepted for information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
043-2024		<p>MOVED by Deputy Mayor Martin that the Empress Quarterly Policing Report and Oyen 2023 Detachment Profile, as presented in writing and verbally, by Oyen Detachment Commander, Corporal Morozoff, be accepted for information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
044-2024		<p>MOVED by Councillor Burgess that administration engage Patriot Law for the purposes of registering a waterline caveat on the gravel pit lands and any other lands, as may be necessary.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
045-2024		<p>MOVED by Mayor Johnston 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;">CARRIED</p>



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6.	INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDANCE 046-2024	<p>MOVED by Deputy Mayor Martin that the following information and correspondence items be accepted for information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Letter from Municipal Affairs Minister, Ric McIver, regarding the 2024 Minister’s Awards for Municipal and Public Library Excellenceb) Letter from Municipal Affairs Minister, Ric McIver, regarding a review of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) requirements related to Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICFs)c) March 1, 2024 email from Alberta Municipalities President, Tyler Gandam, regarding ABmunis’ Preliminary Report on Alberta’s 2024 Budgetd) February 29, 2024 letter from Municipal Affairs Minister, Ric McIver, regarding Alberta’s 2024 Budgete) February 26, 2024 email from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs regarding the Ministry of Children and Family Services “prevention of family violence campaign”f) February 26, 2024 email from the Canadian Coalition for Senior’s Mental Health (CCSMH) regarding connecting about older adults’ mental healthg) February 12, 2024 letter from ATCO regarding 2024 Franchise Feeh) February 22, 2024 email from Alberta Municipalities President, Tyler Gandam, regarding keeping political parties out of local electionsi) February 26, 2024 email from ATCO Energy Systems regarding ATCO Electric Fraud Alertj) Hand out from Special Areas regarding Emergency Managementk) February 28, 2024 letter from Empress to Alberta Environment and Protected Areas regarding Empress Waterworks Systems Annual Reportl) March 12, 2024 email from Alberta Health Services regarding community engagement on healthcare and wildfire responsem) March 12, 2024 letter from a village resident regarding an altercation with an aggressive dog in Empress <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>The meeting recessed from 8:20 p.m. until 8:24 p.m.</p>



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11.	ADJOURNMENT	As there was no further business, Mayor Johnston adjourned the meeting at 10:02 p.m.

Arlen Johnston

Arlen Johnston, Mayor

Angela Duncan

Angela Duncan, Chief Administrative Officer