

Minutes of the Town of Milk River Regular and Closed Council meeting held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, in the Town Hall Complex, at 240 Main Street, Milk River, Alberta.

**Present - Elected Officials**

Mayor Larry Liebelt, Councillor Peggy Losey, Councillor Dave Degenstein (via FaceTime), Councillor Anne Michaelis, and Deputy Mayor Shayne Johnson

**Absent - Elected Officials**

**Present - Administration**

Kelly Lloyd, Chief Administrative Officer

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Liebelt called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

**2. Delegation: 6:00 p.m.**

**A) RCMP**

Constable David Munn, RCMP, was in attendance to speak to school bus pick up, RCMP manpower and to answer questions.

Moved by Councillor Michaelis, "that the RCMP report be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2023-240

**B) Eileen Wosnack**

Ms. Wosnack was in attendance to garner support to conduct an urban chicken survey in the Town of Milk River.

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that the report from Ms. Wosnack be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2023-241

**C) Milk River and District Ag Society - moved to 10G).**

**3) Additions to the Agenda**

**A) Adoption of the Agenda**

Additions to the agenda

10G) Milk River and District Ag Society

10H) Chicken Survey

10I) 4H Invitation

10J) Horizon School Communication

10K) Visitor Information Centre

Moved by Councillor Michaelis, "that Council accept the October 10, 2023, regular council meeting agenda, as amended."

Motion Carried 2023-242

**4) Approval of Minutes**

**A) Minutes of the September 11, 2023, Regular Council Meeting**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Johnson, "to approve the September 11, 2023, regular council meeting minutes as presented."

Motion Carried 2023-243





## **5. Business Arising from Minutes**

### **6. Financial Report**

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council accept the Financial Report for the period ending September 30, 2023, as information."

Motion Carried 2023-244

### **7. Administration Reports**

#### **A) Public Works**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Johnson, "that Council accept the Public Works report for the period ending September 30, 2023, as information."

Motion Carried 2023-245

#### **B) Community Peace Officer**

The report was contained within the agenda package.

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council accept the Community Peace Officer report for the period ending September 30, 2023, as information."

Motion Carried 2023-246

#### **C) Chief Administrative Officer**

CAO Lloyd provided a verbal report.

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that the Administration Report for the period ending September 30, 2023, be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2023-247

## **8. Bylaws and Policies**

### **9. Old Business**

#### **A) Street Signs**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Johnson, "that Council selects the top right dark blue hoodoo design on the first page, or page 24, and direct Administration to obtain a quote to include UV protectant on the street signs."

Motion Carried 2023-248

### **10. New Business**

#### **A) Correspondence**

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that correspondence for the period ending October 10, 2023, be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2023-249

#### **B) CMRSWSC Support Letter**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Johnson, "that the Town of Milk River Council support the Town of Raymond and Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Services application for an Alberta Community Partnership Grant."

Motion Carried 2023-250



C) Block 39 Update

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that the detailed park design fee proposal for Block 39 from Stantec, be accepted as information and be put forward to the 2024 budget deliberations."

Motion Carried 2023-251

D) Christmas Hours

Moved by Deputy Mayor Johnson, "that Council approve December 28 and 29 as holidays for all town staff, with the administrative office to be closed from December 25-29 inclusive, and that all staff work on January 1, 2024."

Motion Carried 2023-252

E) Canada's Western Gateway

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council approve an annual \$1,000.00 member community contribution, for the next three years to Canada's Western Gateway, beginning in 2024."

Motion Carried 2023-253

F) Fortis Franchise Fees

Moved by Deputy Mayor Johnson, "that Council set the FortisAlberta Electrical Franchise Fees at 14%."

Motion Carried 2023-254

G) Milk River and District Ag Society

Laura Balog was in attendance to speak to the water damage in Civic Centre, of which insurance has been denied.

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council directs administration to work with the Milk River and District Ag Society to mitigate water drainage."

Motion Carried 2023-255

*The Mayor recessed the meeting at 7:46 p.m.*

*The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:54 p.m.*

H) ATCO Gas Franchise Fees

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council keep the ATCO Gas Franchise Fees at 30%."

Motion Carried 2023-256

10H) Chicken Survey

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that an urban chicken survey does not move forward due to lack of community support."

Motion Carried 2023-257

10I) 4H Invitation

Moved by Councillor Johnson, "that Council accepts the invitation to attend the 4H Banquet and designates administration to attend."

Motion Carried 2023-258

10J) Horizon School Division Communication





Moved by Mayor Liebelt, "that Council write a response letter to the Horizon School Division regarding their last communication."

Motion Carried 2023-259

10K) Visitor Information Centre

Moved by Councillor Michaelis, "that Council write a letter to all ministries regarding the Visitor Information Centre, including the Milk River Watershed Council Canada."

Motion Carried 2023-260

## **11. Councillors Reports**

Councillor Michaelis attended the Alberta Municipalities Convention, the Milk River Municipal Library meeting as well as the Milk River Health Professionals Attraction and Retention Committee meeting.

Deputy Mayor Johnson attended the Heritage Handi-Bus, and the Milk River and District Ag Society meetings.

Councillor Degenstein attended the Milk River Community Business Association meeting, a Ridge Country Housing meeting, and a Municipal Planning Commission meeting, along with attending the Alberta Municipalities Convention, and zoom meeting with the Minister of Children and Family Services.

Councillor Losey attended the Milk River and District Senior Citizens Society meeting, the Milk River Watershed Council Canada meeting, a Ridge Country Housing meeting, the Alberta Municipalities Convention and a zoom meeting with the Minister of Children and Family Services.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, "that the Councillors reports for the period ending October 10, 2023, be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2023-261

## **12. Mayors Report**

Mayor Liebelt attended the following meetings: An Historical Society meeting and toured the RCMP outpost building, of which will not be relocated to the campground. A new proposal will be coming to Council in the future.

The Mayor also attended the Alberta Municipalities Convention, the zoom meeting with the Children and Family Services Minister, Canada's Western Gateway meeting, Riverside Community Golf Society and Mayors and Reeve's meetings.

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council accept the Mayors Report for the period ending October 10, 2023, as information."

Motion Carried 2023-262

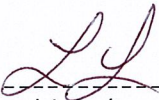
## **13. Closed Session**

## **14. Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that the regular council meeting of October 10, 2023, adjourn at 8:50 p.m."

Motion Carried 2023-263



  
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Larry Liebelt  
Mayor

  
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Kelly Lloyd  
Chief Administrative Officer

These minutes were approved on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.