

# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers, 240 Main St. Milk River, Alberta

Monday, December 8, 2025

Council Members Present      Mayor Larry Liebelt  
Deputy Mayor Shayne Johnson  
Councillor Don Cody  
Councillor Dave Degenstein  
Councillor Dorothy Fraser

Administration                      Chief Administrative Officer – Ethan Gorner

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Liebelt called the meeting to order at 5:57p.m.

## 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Res. 2025-276

MOVED by Councillor Cody

To adopt the agenda for the December 8, 2025, Regular Council Meeting

Carried.

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Res. 2025-277

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

That the minutes for the November 10, 2025 Regular Council Meeting be approved as presented.

Carried.

## 4. DELEGATIONS – Sgt. Liam Shiels, RCMP 2Q Report

Res. 2025-278

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johnson

To thank Sgt. Shiels for his presentation and to accept it as information

Carried.

## 5. CAO REPORT (ADMINISTRATION)

Res. 2025-279

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

That the CAO Report be accepted as information.

Carried.

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## 6. POLICIES & BYLAWS

a) CREDIT CARD LIMIT BYLAW 1084-25

Res. 2025-280

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

That Bylaw 1084-25 be approved for first reading

Carried

Res. 2025-281

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johnson

That Bylaw 1084-25 be approved for second reading.

Carried

Res. 2025-282

MOVED by Councillor Fraser

That Bylaw 1084-25 be considered for third reading

Carried Unanimously.

Res. 2025-283

MOVED by Councillor Cody

That Bylaw 1084-25 be approved for third and final reading

Carried

## 7. BUSINESS

a) 2026 INTERIM BUDGET

Res. 2025-284

MOVED by Councillor Cody

To adopt an interim operating budget for 2026 comprised of 60% of the previous year's budget

Carried.

b) MUNICIPAL AUDITOR

Res. 2025-285

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

To appoint MWG Chartered Professional Accountants as the Town of Milk River's financial auditor.

Carried.

c) MAKE A WISH – HOSPITAL ACTIVITY BOOKS

Res. 2025-286

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

To bring back to the January meeting to consider local benefit at the hospital.

Carried.

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d) CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS SUPPORT

Res. 2025-287

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johnson

To approve \$1,400 support for the Canada Day celebration.

Carried.

e) HEARTLAND FARM SAFETY TRAINING SUPPORT

Res. 2025-288

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

To approve support of the Heartland Training & Support Hub in the amount of \$350.

Carried.

f) COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

Res. 2025-289

MOVED by Councillor Cody

To approve the contracting of services with Progressive West Consulting for the setup and ongoing management of a community improvement society, as presented, and authorize the CAO to enter into such an agreement with them on behalf of the town.

Carried.

*Mayor Liebelt called a recess at 7:40p.m.*

*Mayor Liebelt reconvened the meeting at 7:45p.m.*

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Member of Parliament (MP) Glen Motz – Congratulations & Introduction
- b) City of Lethbridge – Congratulations & Introduction
- c) National Police Federation – Congrats and Introduction
- d) AltaLink – Congrats & Introduction

Res 2025-290

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

To accept the correspondence items as information.

Carried.

**9. MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS**

Res 2025-291

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

To accept the Mayor & Council Reports as information.

Carried.

Res 2025-292

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

To set the 2026 enforcement priorities as unsightly properties, animal control, and public safety.

Carried.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Res 2025-293

MOVED by Councillor Cody

To go into CLOSED meeting at 8:19p.m. for the following items:

- a) *Organizational Planning – as per Sec 25, 29 of the Access to Information Act*

Carried.

Res 2025-294

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johnson

To return to OPEN meeting at 9:30p.m.

Carried.

Res 2025-295

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

To close at noon on December 31, 2025 and provide the staff with \$100 Milk River bucks for Christmas.

Carried.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Res 2025-296

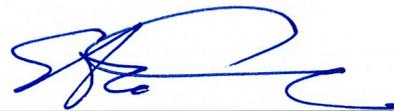
MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johnson

To adjourn the meeting at 9:33p.m.

Carried.



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Mayor – Larry Liebelt



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Chief Administrative Officer – Ethan Gorner