



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers, 240 Main St. Milk River, Alberta

Monday, November 10, 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

OATH OF OFFICE / SWEARING IN (2025-2029 TERM)

- Mayor Liebelt swore in Councillor Degenstein

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Liebelt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Res. 2025-253

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

That Council adopt the agenda for the November 10, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, amended to add *item 4b – Delegation – Tim Romanow, Milk River Watershed Council – Update*
Carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Res. 2025-254

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johnson

That the minutes for the October 14, 2025 Regular Council Meeting be approved as presented.
Carried.

Res. 2025-255

MOVED by Councillor Cody

That the minutes for the October 27, 2025 Organizational Meeting be approved as presented.
Carried.

4. DELEGATIONS

- a) Peter Casurella, Executive Director, SouthGrow / Border Wall Project (via Zoom)
- b) Tim Romanow, Milk River Watershed Council – Update

Res. 2025-256

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

That the delegations be thanked and the information presented be accepted as information.
Carried.

Res. 2025-257

MOVED by Councillor Cody

To form an ad hoc committee to explore the SouthGrow Border Wall Project Opportunity further and that Deputy Mayor Johnson and Councillor Degenstein be appointed to this committee for this purpose.
Carried.

5. CAO REPORT (ADMINISTRATION)

Res. 2025-258

MOVED by Councillor Fraser

That the CAO Report be accepted as information.
Carried.

6. POLICIES & BYLAWS

a) COUNCIL POLICY L6.0 REMUNERATION (Computers & Benefits)

Res. 2025-259

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johnson

That Council Policy L6.0 Remuneration be amended as presented and discussed.
Carried

7. BUSINESS

a) COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Res. 2025-260

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

To appoint Councillor Cody to the Intermunicipal Assessment Review Board
Carried.

Res. 2025-261

MOVED by Councillor Cody

To approve the following alternate appointments:

- o *Chief Mountain Waste Commission – (alt) Councillor Cody*
- o *FCSS – (alt) Councillor Cody*
- o *Regional Emergency Advisory Committee – (alt) Councillor Fraser*
- o *SouthGrow – (alt) Councillor Degenstein*

b) AT LARGE APPOINTMENTS

Res. 2025-262

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

That Jon Hood be appointed to the Regional Assessment Review Board when his current term expires to a new three-year term, until 2029.
Carried.

Res. 2025-263

MOVED by Councillor Cody

That Peggy Losey be appointed to the Chinook Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

Carried.

Res. 2025-264

MOVED by Councillor Fraser

That the Milk River Library Board be reaffirmed as presently constituted.

Carried.

Res. 2025-265

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

That the following be appointed to the Municipal Planning Commission:

- Bob Matlock, John Canaan, Beth Kappelar, Suzanne Liebelt, Melvin Sparks

Carried.

c) MPC RECOMMENDATION

Res. 2025-266

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

To accept this as information and that bylaw 1048 be shared with the Municipal Planning Commission.

Carried.

d) DONATION REQUESTS

Res. 2025-267

MOVED by Councillor Cody

To accept these requests as information.

Carried.

Res. 2025-268

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johnson

To bring back *Council Policy F3.0 Youth Sponsorship* for review and consideration.

Carried.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- Minister Williams Congratulations
- ORRSC New CAO – Tracy Thomas
- FORTIS Congratulations
- Warner & District Minor Hockey Sponsorship Request

Res. 2025-269

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johnson

To approve a Gold Sponsorship of \$500 to the Warner & District Minor Hockey Association.

Carried.



Res 2025-270

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

To accept the correspondence items as information.

Carried.

Mayor Liebelt called a recess at 7:16p.m.

Mayor Liebelt reconvened the meeting at 7:24p.m.

9. MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

Res 2025-271

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

To accept the Mayor & Council Reports as information.

Carried.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Res 2025-272

MOVED by Councillor Fraser

To go into closed meeting at 8:25p.m. for the following items:

a) *Land Visioning – as per Sec 16 of the Access to Information Act*

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

Carried.

Res 2025-273

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

To return to open meeting at 9:04p.m.

Carried.

Res 2025-274

MOVED by Councillor Cody

To approve the signing of the non-binding letter of intent as discussed.

Carried.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Res 2025-275

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johnson

To adjourn the meeting at 9:07p.m.

Carried.



Mayor – Larry Liebelt



Chief Administrative Officer – Ethan Gorner