



COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Held in Council Chambers, 240 Main St. Milk River, Alberta

Monday, October 27, 2025

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

Absent Councillor Dave Degenstein

Administration Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Ethan Gorner

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

- CAO Gorner swore in Mayor Larry Liebelt
- Mayor Liebelt then swore in Councillors Shayne Johnson, Don Cody, and Dorothy Fraser

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Liebelt called the meeting to order at 5:37pm.

AGENDA

Res. 2025-244 **MOVED** by Councillor Johnson that the agenda be approved, as presented. CARRIED

DEPUTY MAYOR

Res. 2025-245 **MOVED** by Councillor Cody that the deputy mayor schedule be approved as follows:
2026 Councillor Johnson, 2027 Councillor Degenstein, 2028 Councillor Fraser, 2029 Councillor Cody. CARRIED

Res. 2025-246 **MOVED** by Councillor Cody that Councillor Johnson be appointed Deputy Mayor until the Organizational Meeting in October of 2026. CARRIED

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Res. 2025-247 **MOVED** by Councillor Fraser that the regular Council meetings be set for the second Monday of every month, starting at 6pm to be held in the Council Chambers, except for holiday Mondays, where the meeting will then be held on the following Tuesday. CARRIED

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Res. 2025-248 **MOVED** by Councillor Johnson that the following Council appointments be made until the organizational meeting in 2026:

- Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Services Commission L. Liebelt
- Chinook Arch Regional Library Board D. Fraser

- Chinook Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board L. Liebelt
- Committee of the Whole All of Council
- Family & Community Support Services D. Degenstein
- Heritage Handi-Bus S. Johnson
- Canada's Western Gateway Silent L. Liebelt
- ICF Committee D. Cody and D. Degenstein (alt) D. Fraser
- Mayors and Reeves Mayor; Dep Mayor
- Milk River and District Ag Society S. Johnson
- Milk River and District Senior Citizens Society D. Fraser
- Milk River Cemetery Board L. Liebelt
- Milk River Community Business Association D. Degenstein
- Milk River Health Professionals Attraction and Retention Committee D. Fraser
- Milk River Municipal Library Board D. Fraser
- Milk River Watershed Council Canada D. Fraser
- Municipal Planning Commission D. Degenstein D. Cody
- Oldman River Regional Services Commission D. Cody (alt) S. Johnson
- Quad-Town All Council All of Council
- Regional Emergency Advisory Committee S. Johnson
- Ridge Country Housing D. Degenstein; D. Cody
- Ridge Regional Public Safety Services D. Degenstein
- Riverside Community Golf Course Society L. Liebelt
- SouthGrow S. Johnson
- Veteran's Memorial Highway 36 D. Degenstein (alt) S. Johnson

CLOSED SESSION

Res. 2025-249

MOVED by Councillor Cody to go into closed session at 6:00pm for the following items:

- a. Council Governance Planning – *as per Sec. 17, 29 of the Access to Information Act*

CARRIED

Res. 2025-250

MOVED by Councillor Cody to return to open meeting at 6:58p.m.

CARRIED

**COMPUTERS /
BENEFITS**

Res. 2025-251

MOVED by Councillor Cody that administration explore options for a computer allowance and benefits participation and that a proposal be brought back to Council.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Res. 2025-252

MOVED by D. Fraser to adjourn the meeting at 6:59pm.

CARRIED



Mayor – Larry Liebelt



Chief Administrative Officer – Ethan Gorner