

Minutes of the Town of Milk River Regular and Closed Council meeting held on Monday, June 9, 2025, 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, Deputy Mayor Anne Michaelis, Councillor Shayne Johnson, and Councillor Dave Degenstein

Absent – Elected Officials

None.

Present – Administration

Kelly Lloyd, Chief Administrative Officer

1. Call to Order

Mayor Liebelt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Additions / Deletions to the Agenda

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Moved by Councillor Degenstein, “that Council approve the agenda for the June 9, 2025, regular council meeting as presented.”

Motion Carried 2025-157

3. Delegation: 5:40 p.m.

A) MLA Grant Hunter

MLA Hunter provided an update on the provincial budget and the provinces advocacy efforts to the federal government. Mr. Hunter also spoke to the Visitor Information Centre and the position of the province with regards to this.

Moved by Councillor Losey, “that Council thank Mr. Hunter for his attendance and accept the discussion as information.”

Motion Carried 2025-159

B) Milk River Municipal Library

Chair Lodermeier and Secretary/Treasurer Fleming were in attendance and provide an overview of activities at the library.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Michaelis, “that Council thank Ms. Fleming and Ms. Lodermeier for representing the Milk River Municipal Library and to accept the updates as information.”

Motion Carried 2025-158

C) Milk River Health Professionals Attraction and Retention Committee

Chair MacCumber was in attendance to provide a report from activities in 2024.

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council thank Mr. MacCumber for representing the Health Professionals Attraction and Retention Committee and for their presentation and accept as information."
Motion Carried 2025-160

4. Approval of Minutes

A) Minutes of the May 12, 2025, Regular Meeting

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council approve the May 12, 2025, regular council meeting minutes as presented."

Motion Carried 2025-161

B) Minutes of May 23, 2025, Special Council Meeting

Moved by Councillor Johnson, "that Council approve the May 23, 2025, special council meeting minutes as presented."

Motion Carried 2025-162

5. Business Arising from Minutes

6. Financial Report

Council reviewed the 2025 year to date operating budget, the cash report and cheque listing.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Michaelis, "that the Financial Report for the period ending May 31, 2025, be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2025-163

7. Administration Reports

A) Public Works

The report was contained within the agenda package.

B) Community Peace Officer

A verbal report was provided.

C) Chief Administrative Officer

CAO Lloyd provided a verbal report in addition to the report contained within the agenda package.

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council accept the Administration Reports for the period ending May 31, 2025, as information."

Motion Carried 2025-164

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8. Break

The Mayor recessed the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

9. Old Business

10. Bylaws and Policies

A) R4.0 Construction Clean up and Restoration Policy

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council approve the Construction Clean up and Restoration Policy R4.0 with amendments as discussed."

Motion Carried 2025-165

11. New Business

A) Correspondence

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that correspondence for the period ending June 9, 2025, be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2025-166

B) 2026-2035 Capital Plan

Moved by Councillor Johnson, "that the 2026-2035 Capital Plan be approved as presented."

Motion Carried 2025-167

C) 2026-2028 Financial Plan

Moved by Deputy Mayor Michaelis, "that the 2026-2028 Financial Plan be approved as presented."

Motion Carried 2025-168

D) July Meeting

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for July 14 be cancelled."

Motion Carried 2025-169

E) Veterans Memorial Highway Ducks

Moved by Councillor Johnson, "that the report on the Veterans Memorial Highway Ducks be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2025-170

F) Tax Recovery Sale Date Change

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council set the date for the Tax Recovery Sale for Monday, August 11, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

and to set the Terms and Conditions of the Tax Recovery Sale as follows:

1. This property is being offered for sale on an "as is, where is" basis;
2. This property is being offered for sale subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing Certificate of Title;
3. Payment of any successful bid will be cash or certified cheque payable to the Town of Milk River for a non-refundable deposit of 10% of the successful bid due at the time of sale;
4. Payment of the balance of the successful bid price is due within thirty (30) days; and
5. That Roll #251042076 Lots 11 and 12, Block 14, Plan 2575A1 - have a reserve bid of \$250,200 placed on it for the public auction scheduled for Monday, August 11, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in the Town office Council Chambers."

Motion Carried 2025-171

G) Pool

Moved by Councillor Johnson, "that Council accept the report / discussion on the pool as information."

Motion Carried 2025-172

H) Hay Lease

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council direct administration to obtain quotes on crop sharing haying this year and hire someone to hay the land this year and arrange for tenders for the following year (2026)."

Motion Carried 2025-173

I) Property Assessment Sub-Classes

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that a property assessment subclass bylaw be created to incorporate the following subclasses:

Residential

- Vacant building – 2 years vacant

Non-residential

- Vacant and well-maintained building – three years vacant. After three years increase the tax rate
- Vacant and not well-maintained building – three years vacant.
- Vacant lots – empty lot

Motion Carried 2025-174

J) Cardston County Letter

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council accept the Cardston County Letter as information."

Motion Carried 2025-175

12. Councillors Reports

Deputy Mayor Michaelis spoke to the Milk River Health Professionals Attraction and Retention Committee and to the meeting with MP Glen Motz.

Councillor Degenstein attended a Municipal Planning Commission meeting, Veterans Memorial Highway meeting, the Special Council meeting, a Family and Community Support Services Alberta Association meeting, the recruiter meeting, Ridge Regional Public Safety Services meeting, Ridge Country Housing meetings and the Senior's lunch.

Councillor Losey attended the Special Council meeting, a Milk River Watershed meeting, Oldman River Regional Services Commission meeting and the Senior's BBQ.

Councillor Johnson provided an update on the Handi-Bus and the Milk River and District Ag Society.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, "that the Councillor reports for the period ending June 9, 2025, be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2025-176

13. Mayors Report

Mayor Liebelt attended a Mayors and Reeves meeting, the grade 6 students Erle Rivers School proposal presentations, drew the ticket for 4-H, the Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Management Commission, the Special Council meeting, a Riverside Community Golf Society, and the meeting with MP Motz.

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that the Mayors' report for the period ending June 9, 2025, be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2025-177

14. Closed Session

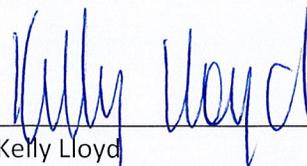
15. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that the regular council meeting of June 9, 2025, adjourn at 9:30 p.m."

Motion Carried 2025-178



Larry Liebelt
Mayor



Kelly Lloyd
Chief Administrative Officer