

Minutes of the Town of Milk River Organizational and Closed Council meeting held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 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, and Deputy Mayor Shayne Johnson

Absent - Elected Officials

Councillor Anne Michaelis

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 to the Agenda

A) Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council accept the agenda for the organizational council meeting on October 15, 2024."

Motion Carried 2024-246

3. Appointment of Deputy Mayor

Mayor Liebelt thanked Councillor Johnson for his work as Deputy Mayor for the last year. As motioned in 2021, Councillor Anne Michaelis will be the Deputy Mayor for 2024-2025.

4. Elected Official Appointments

Moved by Councillor Johnson, "that elected official appointments to Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committees for the 2024-2025 term remain the same."

Motion Carried 2024-247

The following are appointments of Council members to various Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committees for the period of November 1, 2024, to October 31, 2025.

Canada's Western Gateway (Highway 4 Corridor)	Liebelt
Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Services Commission	Liebelt
Chinook Arch Regional Library Board	Michaelis
Chinook Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board	Michaelis
Committee of the Whole	All of council
Family & Community Support Services	Degenstein
Heritage Handi-Bus	Johnson
Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee	Losey, Michaelis Degenstein - alternate
Mayors and Reeves	Liebelt
Milk River and District Ag Society	Johnson



Milk River and District Senior Citizens Society	Losey
Milk River Cemetery Board	Liebelt
Milk River Community Business Association	Degenstein
Milk River Health Professionals Attraction and Retention Committee	Michaelis
Milk River Municipal Library	Michaelis
Milk River Watershed Council Canada	Losey
Municipal Planning Commission Subdivision & Development Authority	Degenstein, Johnson
Oldman River Regional Services Commission	Losey
Quad Council	All of Council
Regional Assessment Review Board	Jon Hood
Regional Emergency Advisory Committee	Johnson
Ridge Country Housing	Losey, Degenstein
Ridge Regional Public Safety Services Commission	Degenstein
Riverside Community Golf Course Society	Liebelt
SouthGrow	Johnson
Swimming Pool Committee	Liebelt
Veteran's Memorial Highway (Highway 36)	Degenstein Johnson - alternate

5. Date, Time, and Place of Regular Council Meetings

A) Establish Date, Time, and Place of Regular Council Meetings

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council set the regular council meetings for the second Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m., with the exception of holiday Mondays, where the regular council meeting will be on the Tuesday, at the Town Hall Complex."

Motion Carried 2024-248

6. Bylaw Review

6A) Code of Conduct

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council accept the Code of Conduct Bylaw as information."

Motion Carried 2024-249

6B) Remuneration and Expense

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that administration compare same size southern municipalities, as well as Provincial and Alberta Municipalities rates for kilometres and meals and bring back to the November meeting."

Motion Carried 2024-250

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that administration prepare a remuneration and expense policy for Council and to bring back to the November meeting."

Motion Carried 2024-251

6C) Procedural



Moved by Councillor Johnson, "that administration include a cheque listing as well as the functional and department financial reports monthly."
Motion Carried 2024-252

7. Appointment of Auditor

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council appoint MWG Chartered Professional Accountants as the Town of Milk River's financial auditor for 2024-2025."
Motion Carried 2024-253

8. Appointment of Assessor

Moved by Councillor Johnson, "that Council appoint Benchmark Assessment Consultants inc., as the Town of Milk River's assessor."
Motion Carried 2024-254

The gallery cleared.

9. Closed Session

A) Section 17: Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council move into closed session in accordance with Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act at 5:54 p.m., to discuss matters exempt from disclosure under FOIP Section 17: Disclosure harmful to personal privacy, with Council and the CAO to remain in attendance."
Motion Carried 2024-255

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that the meeting reconvene to the regular Council meeting at 5:57 p.m."
Motion Carried 2024-256

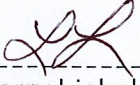
The gallery rejoined the meeting.

10. Public at Large Appointments

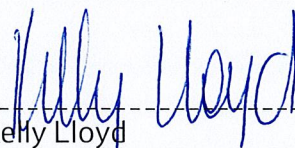
Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council appoint Bob Matlock, Suzanne Liebelt, Donald Cody, Mel Sparks and Beth Kappelar to the Municipal Planning Commission for 2024-2025."
Motion Carried 2024-257

11. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that the organizational council meeting of October 15, 2024, adjourn at 5:59 p.m."
Motion Carried 2024-258



Larry Liebelt
Mayor



Kelly Lloyd
Chief Administrative Officer

These minutes were approved on the 12th day of November 2024.