

# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers, 240 Main St. Milk River, Alberta

Monday, January 12, 2026

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

Administration                      Chief Administrative Officer – Ethan Gorner

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Res. 2026-001**

**MOVED** by Councillor Degenstein

To adopt the agenda for the January 12, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

**Carried.**

## **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Res. 2026-002**

**MOVED** by Councillor Cody

That the minutes for the December 8, 2025 Regular Council Meeting be approved as presented.

**Carried.**

## **4. DELEGATIONS – None**

## **5. CAO REPORT (ADMINISTRATION)**

**Res. 2026-003**

**MOVED** by Councillor Fraser

That the CAO Report be accepted as information.

**Carried.**

## **6. POLICIES & BYLAWS**

### **a) COUNCIL REMUNERATION POLICY L6.2**

**Res. 2026-004**

**MOVED** by Councillor Degenstein

To approve Council Remuneration Policy L6.2 as amended, effective January 1, 2026.

**Carried.**

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## **7. BUSINESS**

### **a) MAKE A WISH – HOSPITAL ACTIVITY BOOKS**

**Res. 2026-005**

**MOVED** by Councillor Degenstein

To accept this as information.

**Carried.**

### **b) VISION BENEFITS**

**Res. 2026-006**

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Johnson

To approve the increase in the vision benefit to \$500.

**Carried.**

### **c) SIGNING AUTHORITY**

**Res. 2026-007**

**MOVED** by Councillor Cody

To approve the bank signing authority as follows and that any names not here listed be removed:

- Ethan Gorner, CAO
- Larry Liebelt, Mayor
- Don Cody, Councillor
- Dave Degenstein, Councillor
- Dorothy Fraser, Councillor
- Shayne Johnson, Councillor

**Carried.**

### **d) ASSET MANAGEMENT PILOT PROJECT**

**Res. 2026-008**

**MOVED** by Councillor Cody

To approve participation in principle in the asset management pilot program with Raymond, Warner, and Coutts and approve our collaborative submission for this funding.

**Carried.**

### **e) HANDIBUS GRANT – LETTER OF SUPPORT**

**Res. 2026-009**

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Johnson

To approve Mayor Liebelt sending the attached letter on Council's behalf in support of the Handibus application.

**Carried.**

### **f) MINISTER WILLIAMS INVITATION**

**Res. 2026-010**

**MOVED** by Councillor Degenstein

To accept as information and approve Councillors Cody, Degenstein, and Fraser to meet with the Senior's Minister to raise the issues requested by the FCSS Board.

**Carried.**



**g) SNOW CLEARING POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Res. 2026-011**

**MOVED** by Councillor Cody

To establish an ad hoc policy committee to review the snow clearing policy and make recommendations to Council, AND That Mayor Liebelt and Councillor Fraser be appointed to the Ad Hoc Snow Clearing Policy Committee.

**Carried.**

**h) NEWSLETTER PROTOCOL**

**Res. 2026-012**

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Johnson

To establish the newsletter protocol as follows and that this be incorporated into the newsletter policy for further review.

**Newsletter Protocol – January 12, 2026**

1. Digital copy made available on the website and promoted on Facebook
2. Printed copies available at the front desk
3. Printed copies made available to Heritage Hall, Riverside Market, Home Hardware
4. Printed copies made available to any individual who would like them for any other location.

**Carried.**

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Member of Parliament (MP) Glen Motz – Letter on Bill C-9
- b) Municipal Affairs Minister Dan Williams – Follow Up Letter
- c) Public Safety Minister Mike Ellis – Police Funding Model Letter
- d) ORRSC Letter – 2026 Membership Fees

**Res 2026-013**

**MOVED** by Councillor Degenstein

To accept the correspondence items as information.

**Carried.**

**9. MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Res 2026-014**

**MOVED** by Councillor Cody

To accept the Mayor & Council Reports as information.

**Carried.**

**Res 2026-015**

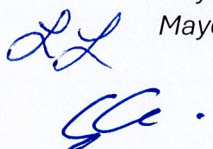
**MOVED** by Councillor Cody

To approve Councillor's Cody, Fraser, and Johnson's attendance at the Tourism & Economic Power Summit in Hanna, AB, March 5, 2026.

**Carried.**

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

*Mayor Liebelt reconvened the meeting at 7:48p.m.*



## **10. CLOSED SESSION**

### **Res 2026-016**

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Johnson

To go into **CLOSED** meeting at 7:53p.m. for the following items:

- a) *Quad Meeting (with Coutts, Warner, County of Warner) – as per Sec 21, 25 of the AATI*
- b) *Land Development Updates – as per Sec 16, 17 of the Access to Information Act*
- c) *Organizational Planning – as per Sec 25, 29 of the Access to Information Act*

**Carried.**

### **Res 2026-017**

**MOVED** by Councillor Degenstein

To return to **OPEN** meeting at 8:53p.m.

**Carried.**


## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

### **Res 2026-018**

**MOVED** by Councillor Cody

To adjourn the meeting at 8:54p.m.

**Carried.**

  
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Mayor – Larry Liebelt  
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Chief Administrative Officer – Ethan Gorner