



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) HANIBUS 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.

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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.



Mayor – Larry Liebelt



Chief Administrative Officer – Ethan Gorner