

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

Absent - Elected Officials

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**

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- Add 11J) MPE Raw Water Contingency Invoice
- 11K) Short term Water Supply Solution
- 11L) Golf Cart Bylaw

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council approve the agenda for the September 9, 2024, regular council meeting as amended."

Motion Carried 2024-219

**3. Delegation: 5:40 p.m.**

A) MPE A Division of Englobe

Andrew Kleisinger, Water & Wastewater Manager for MPE spoke to the short-term contingency plans for the town's water supply. Mr. Kleisinger reviewed 5 scenarios created through a modeling program outlining trigger points as to when the town would need supplemental water. It has been determined that at present, historical data reveals that the town can continue pumping to keep our reservoirs full to carry the town through the winter months. Also presented was information regarding scenarios to get a water supply to town.

Mr. Kleisinger spoke to the long-term water solution. A regional water design concept was completed just prior to the siphon break. Since then, additional ideas have been brought forward. These additions will be added to the final report.

Gavin Nummi, Project Engineer with MPE, provided an update to Council on the lagoon project.

Moved by Councillor Michaelis, "that Council accept the MPE presentation as information."

Motion Carried 2024-220

**4. Approval of Minutes**

A) Minutes of the August 12, 2024, Regular Council Meeting

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council approve the August 12, 2024, Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented."





Motion Carried 2024-221

**5. Business Arising from Minutes**

**6. Financial Report**

**7. Administration Reports**

A) Public Works

The report was contained within the agenda package.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Johnson, "that Council accept the Public Works report for the period ending August 31, 2024, as information."

Motion Carried 2024-222

B) Community Peace Officer

The report was contained within the agenda package.

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council accept the Community Peace Officer report for the period ending August 31, 2024, as information."

Motion Carried 2024-223

C) Chief Administrative Officer

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

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that administration provide the data on the use of water from the pool and to determine what the diversion rate is in starting October 1 compared (historical)."

Motion Carried 2024-224

Moved by Councillor Michaelis, "that Council direct administration to investigate renting a water truck to haul water ourselves to water the golf course greens."

Motion Carried 2024-225

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council accept the Chief Administrative Officer Report for the period ending August 31, 2024, as information."

Motion Carried 2024-226

**8. Break**

*The Mayor recessed the meeting at 7:04 p.m.*

*The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:18 p.m.*

**9. Old Business**

**10. Bylaws and Policies**

**11. New Business**



A) Correspondence

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that correspondence for the period ending September 9, 2024, be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2024-227

B) Council Direction

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that administration apply for a temporary diversion license in order to fill the Town of Milk River's reservoirs at a faster rate."

Motion Carried 2024-228

Moved by Deputy Mayor Johnson, "that administration apply for short term approval for wastewater effluent from the lagoon, for the purpose of irrigating the golf course for the remainder of the 2024 season."

Motion Carried 2024-229

C) Budget Adjustment

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that administration continue with golf course water trucking in the amount of \$25,000, reallocating budgeted dollars from the gallery dredging and the AAIP program."

Motion Carried 2024-230

Moved by Deputy Mayor Johnson, "that Council cancel the short-term wastewater effluent for the purposes of irrigating the golf course project and maintain data collection and testing for temporary use."

Motion Carried 2024-231

D) Resident Concern Letter - Water Supply

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that administration provide a weekly report, on Fridays, for reservoir levels and any other pertinent information."

Motion Carried 2024-232

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that administration post the reservoir levels on the website too."

Motion Carried 2024-233

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council accept the resident letter and signatures regarding the water restrictions as information."

Motion Carried 2024-234

E) Ward Bros Construction Ltd.

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council directs administration to reply that Council does not grant permission for Ward Bros Construction Ltd. to water new sod at the new Milk River school."

Motion Carried 2024-235

F) Water Level Restrictions

Moved by Deputy Mayor Johnson, "that the Town of Milk River temporarily ease the level 3 water restriction to a level 2 as per the Water Conservation Bylaw 1070 Revised, effective Wednesday, September 11."





Motion Carried 2024-236

G) Infrastructure and Equipment Plan

Moved by Mayor Liebelt, "that Council direct administration to provide a capital equipment plan as well as a surplus plan prior to budget discussion."

Motion Carried 2024-237

H) Alberta Municipalities Resolution Book

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that the Alberta Municipalities Convention Resolution Book be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2024-238

I) Truth and Reconciliation Day

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that September 30, 2024, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation be recognized as a general holiday for Town of Milk River employees."

Motion Carried 2024-239

J) MPE Invoice 1440-062-00-02

Moved by Councillor Michaelis, "that MPE Invoice 1440-062-00-02 in the amount of \$21,791.28 be approved for payment."

Motion Carried 2024-240

K) Short Term Water Supply Solution

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council continues to support the Middle Coulee overland piping scenario for a short-term water supply solution."

Motion Carried 2024-241

L) Golf Cart Bylaw

Moved by Mayor Liebelt, "that Council direct administration to prepare a golf cart bylaw to review at the January 2025 Council meeting."

Motion Carried 2024-242

**12. Councillors Reports**

Councillor Michaelis attended a Milk River Health Professionals Attraction and Retention Committee meeting.

Councillor Degenstein attended FCSS meetings as well as a meeting at Prairie Rose Lodge.

Councillor Losey attended a tour to the siphon failure near Babb, MT with the Milk River Watershed and attended an Oldman River Regional Services Commission meeting.

Deputy Mayor Johnson attended a Heritage Handi-Bus meeting.

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that the Councillors reports for the period ending September 9, 2024, be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2024-243

**13. Mayors Report**





Mayor Liebelt attended a Mayors and Reeves meeting as well as a Riverside Community Golf Society meeting.

Moved by Councillor Michaelis, "that Council accept the Mayors Report for the period ending September 9, 2024, as information."

Motion Carried 2024-244

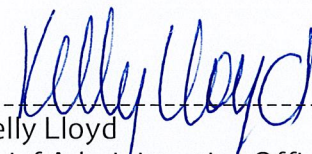
#### 14. Closed Session

#### 15. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that the regular council meeting of September 9, 2024, adjourn at 8:39 p.m."

Motion Carried 2024-245

  
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Larry Liebelt  
Mayor

  
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Kelly Lloyd  
Chief Administrative Officer

These minutes were approved on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.