

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers, 240 Main St. Milk River, Alberta

Monday, September 14, 2026

Council Members

Mayor Larry Liebelt
Deputy Mayor Shayne Johnson
Councillor Don Cody
Councillor Dave Degenstein
Councillor Dorothy Fraser

Administration

Chief Administrative Officer – Ethan Gorner

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Liebelt called the meeting to order at 5:58p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Res. 2026-182

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

To adopt the **agenda** for the **September 14, 2026**, Regular Council Meeting, as presented, and amended to add item **7f Milk River Kinette Club Charity Golf Scramble**.

Carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Res. 2026-183

MOVED by Councillor Cody

That the **minutes** for the **August 10, 2026** Regular Council Meeting be approved as presented.

Carried.

4. DELEGATIONS

a) HORIZON SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD REP – MANDY COURT

Res. 2026-184

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johnson

To thank Ms. Court for her presentation and to accept it as information

Carried.

b) RCMP MILK RIVER DETACHMENT – SGT. LIAM SHIELS

Res. 2026-185

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

To thank Sgt. Shiels for his presentation and to accept it as information AND to approve Council hosting an RCMP community meet-n-greet on October 13, 2026 at 5pm.

Carried.

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5. LAGOON PROJECT DISCUSSION – MPE

Res 2026-186

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

To approve Nu Edge hauling through town on condition that it is in accordance with an approved hauling plan and that speed restrictions are complied with.

Carried.

Res 2026-187

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johnson

To thank MPE for the information and the discussion and that it be accepted as information.

Carried.

6. POLICIES & BYLAWS

a) RATES BYLAW 1089-26

Res. 2026-188

MOVED by Councillor Cody

That Bylaw 1089-26 as amended be approved for second reading.

Carried.

b) LAGOON DEBENTURE BYLAW 1092-26

Res. 2026-189

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

To accept as information and to bring this back to Council with clarification on funding.

Carried.

c) 8 AVE DEBENTURE BYLAW 1093-26

Res. 2026-190

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johnson

That Bylaw 1093-26 be approved for second reading.

Carried.

Res. 2026-191

MOVED by Councillor Fraser

That Bylaw 1093-26 be approved for third and final reading.

Carried.

d) WATER TRUCK DEBENTURE BYLAW 1094-26

Res. 2026-192

MOVED by Councillor Cody

That Bylaw 1094-26 be approved for second reading.

Carried.

Res. 2026-193

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

That Bylaw 1094-26 be approved for third and final reading.

Carried.

7. BUSINESS

a) FORTIS FRANCHISE FEES

Res. 2026-194

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

To set the fortis franchise fee at 14%, commencing in 2027. **Carried.**

b) FCM ENERGY STUDY – TOWN OFFICE

Res. 2026-195

MOVED by Councillor Cody

To approve making application for the FCM energy study in accordance with the quote and to approve the project if successful.

Carried.

c) AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY – OKTOBERFEST

Res. 2026-196

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

To approve providing a gift basket for the Ag Society Oktoberfest Silent Auction and to include \$100 in Milk River bucks.

Carried.

d) CURLING RINK ROOF

Res. 2026-197

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

To approve the curling rink roof replacement and commit \$60,000 towards the project.

Carried.

e) REQUESTED LUB AMENDMENT

Res. 2026-198

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johnson

To accept this as information.

Carried.

f) MILK RIVER KINETTE CLUB CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE

Res. 2026-199

MOVED by Councillor Cody

To approve providing a gift basket for the Kinetite Club Charity Golf Scramble and to include \$100 in Milk River bucks.

Carried.

Mayor Liebelt called a recess at 8:34p.m.

Mayor Liebelt reconvened the meeting at 8:42p.m.



8. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence items were reviewed and discussed by Council:

- a) *Chief Mountain Waste Commission – Landfill Wood Waste*
- b) *Atco Franchise Fees*
- c) *Lethbridge United Way Flag Raising*
- d) *Milk River 4H Banquet*

Res. 2026-200

MOVED by Mayor Liebelt

To approve any Councillors who are able to attend the 4H Banquet on behalf of Council.

Carried.

Res 2026-201

MOVED by Councillor Cody

To accept the correspondence items as information.

Carried.

9. REPORTS

a) CAO REPORT

Res. 2026-202

MOVED by Councillor Cody

To accept the CAO Report as information.

Carried.

b) MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

Res 2026-203

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

To accept the Mayor & Council Reports as information.

Carried.

Res. 2026-204

MOVED by Councillor Cody

To approve the golf course commencing their renovation project and commit to the \$50,000 funding in 2027.

Carried.

Res. 2026-205

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

To approve Mayor Liebelt attending the P&H Hosting Event in Edmonton on Council's behalf.

Carried.



10. CLOSED SESSION

Res 2026-206

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johnson

To go into **CLOSED** meeting at 9:18p.m. for the following items:

- a) *Organizational Planning – as per Sec 25, 29 of the Access to Information Act (ATIA)*

Carried.

Res 2026-207

MOVED by Councillor Cody

To return to **OPEN** meeting at 9:51p.m.

Carried.

Res 2026-208

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johnson

To negotiate the acquisition of land as discussed.

Carried.

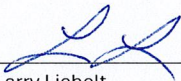
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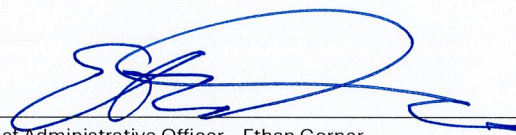
Res 2026-209

MOVED by Councillor Fraser

To adjourn the meeting at 9:53p.m.

Carried.



Mayor – Larry Liebelt

Chief Administrative Officer – Ethan Gorner