

Minutes of the Town of Milk River Regular and Closed Council meeting held on Tuesday, November 12, 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, Deputy Mayor Anne Michaelis, Councillor Shayne Johnson and Councillor Dave Degenstein (via telephone)

Absent - Elected Officials

Present - Administration

Kelly Lloyd, Chief Administrative Officer

1. Call to Order

Mayor Liebelt called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

2. Additions / Deletions to the Agenda

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Addition: 11K) Water Restrictions

Moved by Councillor Johnson, "that Council approve the agenda for November 12, 2024, regular council meeting as amended."

Motion Carried 2024-277

3. Delegation: 5:40 p.m.

A) SouthGrow

Mr. Peter Casurella, Executive Director for SouthGrow was in attendance to provide an update to Council on SouthGrow initiatives as included in the agenda package.

Councillor Losey joined the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Michaelis, "that Council thank Mr. Casurella for the presentation from SouthGrow, and to accept the presentation as information."

Motion Carried 2024-278

4. Approval of Minutes

A) Minutes of the September 9, 2024, Regular Council Meeting

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council approve the September 9, 2024, regular council meeting minutes as presented."

Motion Carried 2024-279

B) Minutes of the October 15, 2024, Organizational Meeting

Moved by Councillor Johnson, "that the minutes for the October 15, 2024, organizational meeting be accepted as presented."

Motion Carried 2024-280

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C) Minutes of the October 15, 2024, Regular Council Meeting

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that the minutes for the October 15, 2024, regular council meeting be accepted as presented."

Motion Carried 2024-281

5. Business Arising from Minutes

6. Financial Report

Council reviewed the 2024 year to date operating budget, the cash report and cheque listing.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, "that the Financial Report for the period ending October 31, 2024, be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2024-282

7. Administration Reports

A) Public Works

The report was contained within the agenda package.

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

Motion Carried 2024-283

B) Community Peace Officer

The report was contained within the agenda package.

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

Motion Carried 2024-284

C) Chief Administrative Officer

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

Moved by Mayor Liebelt, "that administration research pros and cons of the golf course irrigation license to be turned over to the town to municipal license."

Motion Carried 2024-285

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that the Chief Administrative Officer Report for the period ending October 31, 2024, be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2024-286

8. Break

The Mayor recessed the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

9. Old Business

10. Bylaws and Policies

A) RC1 Care of Trees in Boulevards and Alleys Policy

Moved by Deputy Mayor Michaelis, "that administration make the recommended changes to the Care of Trees and Alleys policy RC1 and the Nuisance Bylaw 1045."

Motion Carried 2024-287

B) L6.0 Remuneration Policy

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council stay with province mileage allowance rates and increase the meal allowance to \$15.00 for breakfast, \$25.00 for lunch and \$35.00 for dinner and to have the remuneration policy brought back to the December meeting."

Motion Carried 2024-288

11. New Business

A) Correspondence

Moved by Councillor Johnson, "that correspondence for the period ending November 12, 2024, be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2024-289

B) Milk River Community Business Association Christmas Movie

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council accept the report on the Milk River Community Business Association Christmas Movie as information."

Motion Carried 2024-290

C) Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership


Moved by Deputy Mayor Michaelis, "that Council accept the Technical Memorandum No. 2 for the supply of raw water from MPE Engineering."

Motion Carried 2024-291

Moved by Councillor Johnson, "that an application for funding be made through the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership program for the Regional Water Supply Project."

Motion Carried 2024-292

D) Inter-basin Transfer



Moved by Councillor Losey, "that an inter basin transfer request be made to Environment and Protected Areas for a permanent supplementary water solution."
Motion Carried 2024-293

E) Municipal Planning Commission Appointments

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that John McCanna and Richard Wright be appointed to the Municipal Planning Commission from November 1, 2024, to October 31, 2025."
Motion Carried 2024-294

F) Short-Term Water Shortage Response Plan

Moved by Deputy Mayor Michaelis, "that Council accept the Short-Term Water Shortage Response Plan for supplemental raw water from MPE Engineering."
Motion Carried 2024-295

G) Garbage Pickup Agreements

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council direct administration to first meet with the Villages of Coutts and Warner to explore the cost of a reduced service for a reduced price for garbage pick up."
Motion Carried 2024-296

H) Grants in Place of Property Taxes Roll 36000 Write Off

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council direct administration to write off the remaining balance of taxes for Roll Number 36000 in the amount of \$3,263.69."
Motion Carried 2024-297

I) Grants in Place of Property Taxes Letter

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council direct administration to write a letter to the Premier requesting full reinstatement of the Grants in Place of Taxes (GIPOT) Funding and further to include the Visitor Information Centre, schools and the hospital."
Motion Carried 2024-298

J) Local Authorities Election Act Data Sharing Agreement

Moved by Councillor Johnson, "that Council accept the Data Sharing Agreement as information."
Motion Carried 2024-299

K) Water Restrictions

Moved by Deputy Mayor Michaelis, "that the level 2 water restriction be lifted."
Motion Carried 2024-300



12. Councillors Reports

Deputy Mayor Michaelis attended the Milk River Health Professionals Attraction and Retention Committee meeting.

Councillor Degenstein attended a Ridge Country Housing meeting, Remembrance Day ceremonies in Coutts, FCSS, interview with the Prentice Institute for the community needs assessment and attended Octoberfest.

Councillor Losey attended a Ridge Country Housing meeting, a Watershed forum, Remembrance Day ceremonies, and spoke to senior's events.

Councillor Johnson did not have a report for this meeting.

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that the Councillors reports for the period ending November 12, 2024, be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2024-301

13. Mayors Report

Mayor Liebelt attended a Mayors and Reeves meeting.

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council accept the Mayors Report for the period ending November 12, 2024, as information."


Motion Carried 2024-302

14. Closed Session

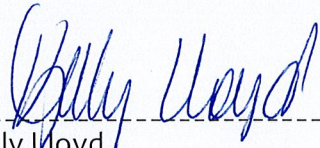
15. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that the regular council meeting of November 12, 2024, adjourn at 9:10 p.m."

Motion Carried 2024-303



Larry Liebelt
Mayor



Kelly Lloyd
Chief Administrative Officer

These minutes were approved on the 9th day of December 2024.