

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers, 240 Main St. Milk River, Alberta

Monday, May 11, 2026

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

Administration CAO – Ethan Gorner; CFO – Clark Holt

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Liebelt called the meeting to order at 5:57p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Add items 6d) Special Tax Bylaw 1088-26
7e) Lagoon Project – Berm Haul Route

Res. 2026-082

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johnson

To adopt the agenda for the May 11, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, as amended.

Carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Res. 2026-083

MOVED by Councillor Cody

That the minutes for the **April 13, 2026** Regular Council Meeting be approved as presented.

Carried.

Res. 2026-084

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

That the minutes for the **April 21, 2026** Council Meeting be approved as presented.

Carried

4. DELEGATIONS – None

5. 2026 BUDGET

Capital Budget

Res. 2026-085

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

To approve the 2026 Capital Budget as presented.

Carried.

Operating Budget

Res. 2026-086

MOVED by Councillor Cody

To approve the 2026 Operating Budget as presented.

Carried.

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6. POLICIES & BYLAWS

a) BORROWING BYLAW 1085-26

Res. 2026-087

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein
That Bylaw 1085-26 be approved for first reading.
Carried.

Res. 2026-088

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johnson
That Bylaw 1085-26 be approved for second reading
Carried.

Res. 2026-089

MOVED by Councillor Cody
That Bylaw 1085-26 be considered for third reading.
Carried Unanimously.

Res. 2026-090

MOVED by Councillor Fraser
That Bylaw 1085-26 be approved for third and final reading.
Carried.

b) TAX RATE BYLAW 1086-26

Res. 2026-091

MOVED by Councillor Fraser
That Bylaw 1086-26 be approved for second reading
Carried.

Res. 2026-092

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johnson
That Bylaw 1086-26 be approved for third and final reading
Carried.

c) REZONE BYLAW 1087-26

Res. 2026-093

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein
That Bylaw 1087-26 be approved for first reading
Carried.

Res. 2026-094

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johnson
That a public hearing to consider Bylaw 1087-26 be scheduled for during Council meeting, June 8, 2026, at 6pm
Carried.

d) SPECIAL TAX BYLAW 1088-26

Res. 2026-095

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johnson
That Bylaw 1088-26 be approved for first reading.
Carried.

Res. 2026-096

MOVED by Councillor Fraser
That Bylaw 1088-26 be approved for second reading
Carried.

Res. 2026-097

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein
That Bylaw 1088-26 be considered for third reading.
Carried Unanimously.

Res. 2026-098

MOVED by Councillor Cody
That Bylaw 1088-26 be approved for third and final reading.
Carried.

7. BUSINESS

a) TOUR BUS PARKING

Res. 2026-099

MOVED by Councillor Cody

1. To accept as information and set aside space in the campground behind the bathroom for bus parking; AND
2. that administration explore potential use of the area in front of PNH for parking; AND,
3. that writing on stone be asked to notify coming tour buses of the availability of parking in the town's campsite; AND
4. that appropriate signage be erected notifying the public of parking for tour buses at the campground.

Carried.

b) WELLNESS GROUP MEETING ROOM USAGE

Res. 2026-100

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein
To waive the meeting room fee for the Wellness Foundation meetings.
Carried.



c) AB MUNIS SUMMER CAUCUS

Res. 2026-101

MOVED by Councillor Cody
To accept this as information.
Carried.

d) SENIORS WEEK

Res. 2026-102

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johnson
That in honour of the past, present, and future contributions of the seniors of our community and throughout Alberta, we the Council of Milk River hereby declare June 3-9, 2026 to be senior's week in Milk River.
Carried.

Res. 2026-103

MOVED by Councillor Fraser
That the town support our local senior's week BBQ by providing the funds for the burgers.
Carried.

e) LAGOON PROJECT – NEW BERM HAUL ROUTE

Res. 2026-104

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johnson
To decline the request for an updated haul route through the downtown.
Carried.

Mayor Liebelt called a recess at 7:53p.m.

Mayor Liebelt reconvened the meeting at 7:57p.m.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Southgrow – Border Wall Project

Res 2026-105

MOVED by Councillor Fraser
To accept the correspondence items as information.
Carried.

5. REPORTS

- a) **CAO REPORT**

Res. 2026-106

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johnson
That the CAO Report be accepted as information.
Carried.



b) MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

Res 2026-107

MOVED by Councillor Cody

To accept the Mayor & Council Reports as information.

Carried.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Res 2026-108

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johnson

To go into **CLOSED** meeting at 8:45p.m. for the following items:

- a) *Organizational Planning – as per Sec 17, 25, 29 of the Access to Information Act (ATIA)*

Carried.

Res 2026-109

MOVED by Councillor Cody

To return to **OPEN** meeting at 8:56p.m.

Carried.

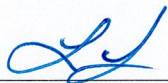
11. ADJOURNMENT

Res 2026-110

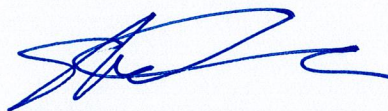
MOVED by Councillor Cody

To adjourn the meeting at 8:56p.m.

Carried.



Mayor – Larry Liebelt



Chief Administrative Officer – Ethan Gorner