



1.0 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Reeve Randy Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

2.0 ADDITIONS TO / APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

6.3 November meeting dates

6.4 Old man water shed appointment

6.5 Motion to transfer funds from MD of Taber

Moved by Reeve Maryanne Sandberg moved - **Carried**

3.0 ADDITIONS TO / APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion to adopt the minutes, **Moved** Mayor Larry Liebelt, **Carried**.

4.0 BUSINESS ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The diversion at St Mary's has work being done. Work site should be done October 7th, 2024.

Updates are on the Milk River project Facebook page.

5.0 MP AND MLA UPDATES

5.1 MP Reports –

MP Shields –

- Discussed the sugar beet policy and meeting with the sugar beet associations.
- Sugar beet growers have been meeting with other growers in Ontario and Manitoba to discuss ways to increase exportation.
- Discussed the invasive species task force. Their mandate is to have a committee to make recommendations to the Minister.
- Keeping invasive species out of our water systems is a growing challenge.
- Discussed Bill C-18, the online news act. The biggest challenge with this act is for the local newspapers.
- Discussed Bill C-11, there is a lot of detail in this bill. It goes against free speech.
- Discussed Bill C-61, support access to clean water. The trouble is that this bill is starting to step into provincial jurisdiction.
- Discussed Air Canada's possible strike.
- Discussed concerns with exporting canola due to China pushing back on Tariffs.
- Discussed the new capital gains tax increase.
- Discussed immigration. The federal government realized the problem with bringing in millions of people with no housing and no jobs for them.

5.2 MLA Reports –

MLA Grant Hunter

- Discussed Highway 3 twinning progress. Have had a hiccup in the Grassy Lake area so please be patient.
- Discussed the Milk River/St Mary's reservoir. The province has agreed that we need a back up line from Ridge reservoir running to St Mary's reservoir. In the short term it will be above ground.
- Discussed Minister Horner's Q1 update. The province has a surplus of \$2.9 billion, a 3.3 increase in GDP and a \$2 billion contingency fund, 46 thousand jobs were added in July and a record breaking number of houses built in July as well.
- Discussed recovery Alberta being launched on September 1, 2024.

- Discussed invasive species. This is a major concern. Clean, Drain and Dry is a big push throughout the province to help prevent invasive species from coming in.

6.0 REPORTS

6.1 RMA – Reeve Jason Schneider

- Discussed Bill 18. The province is consulting with RMA and AM, believe things will look a lot different when it comes back. A lot if this bill applies to cities rather than rural members.
- Discussed Bill 21. Have heard that this bill won't apply to smaller municipalities.
- Discussed Bill 20. Had some good conversations after the Jasper wildfire. The province had overlooked the resources municipalities provide in times of disaster.
- Discussed the equipment sharing agreement in Southern Alberta is a great asset.
- Discussed policing. The announcement in Drayton Valley has confirmed a lot of suspicions that the provincial police force is plowing ahead.

6.2 AM – Mayor Tanya Thorn

- Discussed the loss of voter tabulators. Red Deer has said they figure it will take over a week to get results out and cost over \$3.5 million.
- Discussed Bill 21 – think there will be a threshold of some sort. Have heard that it will be dollar amounts over population.
- Discussed LGFF, have changed the tactic on how to approach this. Members are trying to pull stories and find data on infrastructure deficits to present.
- Discussed policing – a provincial advisory board is being created and will oversee all policing. Municipalities that are over 5000 but under 15000 need to create police advisory boards, they can be regional boards. Municipalities over 15000 need to have their own police advisory board but can also participate in a regional board. The deadline for this is April 2025.
- Discussed the RCMP kicking off contract negotiations at the federal level starting in December.

6.3 November meeting date – Reeve Randy Taylor

- The UCP AGM is November 1st, how many members will be attending and should we change the date – not many are attending the November meeting date will stay the same

6.4 Oldman Watershed Appointment – Reeve Randy Taylor

- **Moved** by Reeve Maryanne Sandberg to not participate in the appointment of a member for the Oldman Watershed – **Carried**

6.5 Transferring funds from MD of Taber bank account – Reeve Randy Taylor

- **Moved** by Mayor Tom Grant to transfer funds from MD of Taber the Mayors and Reeves of Southwest Alberta bank account - **Carried**

7.0 Round Table Discussion

- Deputy Mayor Martin Kirby welcomed MLA Grant Hunter into the Village of Warner.
- Mayor Dwight Davis discussed a lightening strike that took out a pump at the water treatment plant. It was very tough on the budget to fix that pump and another that failed shortly after.

8.0 NEXT MEETING DATE

Friday, October 4, 2024 at 1:00 – Chinook Regional Library Systems, Lethbridge/Virtual via Zoom

9.0 ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Blair Painter **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 pm - **Carried**