

**MINUTES
COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNTY CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.
COUNTY BUILDING, MANNING, ALBERTA**

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PRESENT:

Gary These	Ward One	Weberville/Stewart
Kayln Schug	Ward Two	Warrensville/Lac Cardinal
Brenda Yasinski	Ward Three	Dixonville/Chinook Valley
Brent Reese	Ward Four	Deadwood/Sunny Valley
Gloria Dechant	Ward Five	North Star/Breaking Point
Terry Ungarian	Ward Six	Hotchkiss/Hawk Hills
Linda Halabisky	Ward Seven	Keg River/Carcajou

IN ATTENDANCE:

Gerhard Stickling – Chief Administrative Officer
Josh Hunter – Director of Finance
Charles Schwab – Director of Public Works
Jessica Gummesen – Executive Assistant/ Recorder
Dan Archer – Mile Zero Banner Post Reporter
Pearl Luken – Development and Planning Clerk

01.0 Call to Order

01.1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Reeve Ungarian called Tuesday, June 23, 2026, Council Meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

02.0 Adoption of the Agenda

313/23/06/26 MOVED BY Councilor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of Tuesday, June 23, 2026, Council Meeting Agenda and adopt it with the following additions:

06.3.1-B Rural Crime Watch Signage Placement

06.1.1 E – Public Statement from Ward 5

06.1.1 F – Position Paper postponed

06.10. A – In camera personal

CARRIED

03.0 Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Regular or Special Meeting(s)

A. Tuesday, June 9, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes

314/23/06/26 MOVED BY Councilor Reese to acknowledge receipt of Tuesday, June 9, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes and adopt them as presented.

CARRIED

Megan Halverson and Janine Gray – Community Development Coalition entered at 9:00 a.m.

06.6.2 Community Services / Economic Development

B. Manning Community Development Coalition Strategic Plan

315/23/06/26 MOVED BY Councilor These to acknowledge receipt of Manning Community Development Coalition Strategic Plan Report; add to the joint council meeting today June 23, 2026 and have administration review resource allocation.

CARRIED

Megan Halverson and Janine Gray – Community Development Coalition exited meeting at 9:40 a.m.

06.6.3 Agriculture Services

A. ASBPC- Strategic Planning Survey

316/23/06/26 MOVED BY Councilor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of ASBPC- Strategic Planning Survey. Post on the County Social Media. Have council completed the survey.

CARRIED

*Recessed Meeting at 9:54 a.m.
Reconvened the Meeting at 10:09 a.m.*

04.0 Delegations

05.0 Policies/ Bylaws

06.0 Municipal/CAO & Departmental Reports/Business

06.1 Government Services

06.1.1 Council/Legislative

A. Alberta Forest Products Association Annual Conference

317/23/06/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the invitation to Alberta Forest Products Association AGM & Conference and register, Terry Ungarian to attend the conference on September 23 to 25, 2026 at Jasper Park Lodge.**
CARRIED.

B. Peace Region Economic Development Alliance (PREDA) Board of Directors Invitation

318/23/06/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of Peace Region Economic Development Alliance (PREDA) Report and reply to the Peace Region Economic Development Alliance that the County will not be making a submission for board member position**
CARRIED

319/23/06/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Halabisky to have Tuesday, June 23, 2026, Council meeting go in camera with Mercer under ATIA section at 10:21 a.m.**
CARRIED

The public, Dan Archer, Charles Schwab (DPW), Jessica Gummesen (EA) exited the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

The public, Dan Archer, Charles Schwab (DPW), Jessica Gummesen (EA) returned to the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

320/23/06/26 **MOVED BY Councilor These to have the Tuesday, June 23, 2026, council meeting to come out of camera at 10:32 a.m.**
CARRIED

321/23/06/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Reese to have administration and council draft response to snowplow concerns this past winter and publish it on County social media and the Mile Zero Banner Post.**
CARRIED

322/23/06/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Halabisky to accept the In-Camera Mercer discussion for information.**
CARRIED

Councilor Halabisky exited the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

323/23/06/26 **MOVED By Councilor Schug to have the County write a letter of support for the carbon capture project for Mercer Peace River Int.**
CARRIED.

C. Ward Report Discussion

324/23/06/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Schug to acknowledge the receipt of the Ward Report Discussion and direct administration to create an area on the County website for the Ward Reports and have administrative bring options to the next council meeting.**
CARRIED

*Recessed the Meeting at 11:05 a.m.
Reconvened the Meeting at 11:07 a.m.*

E. Public Statement from Ward 5

325/23/06/26 **MOVED BY Councilor These to acknowledge the receipt of the Public Statement from Ward 5 from Gloria Dechant and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

F. Position Paper postponed

326/23/06/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Reese to acknowledge the receipt of PREA (Peace Regional Energy Alliance) Position Paper Discussion and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

06.1.2 Administration
A. CAO Report

327/23/06/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Yasinski to acknowledge the receipt CAO Report and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

Gerhard Stickling CAO exited the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

06.1.3 Assessment

- 06.1.4 Taxation
- 06.1.5 Finance
- 06.1.6 Equipment/Supplies
- 06.1.7 Buildings/Properties
- 06.1.8 Personnel/Human Resources
- 06.2 Protective Services
 - 06.2.1 Policing
 - 06.2.3 Fire protection
 - 06.2.4 Emergency Measures & Disaster Services
 - 06.2.5 Ambulance/First Aid
 - 06.2.6 By-law Enforcement
- 06.3 Transportation/Drainage/Public Works
 - 06.3.1 Public Works
 - A. Director of Public Works Report*
- 328/23/06/26 MOVED BY Councilor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Director of Public Works Reports. CARRIED**
- 329/23/06/06 MOVED BY Councilor Yasinski to approve the capital budget overage for the fence in Warrensville for 2026 with difference coming from reserves. CARRIED**
 - B. Rural Crime Watch Signage Placement*
- 330/23/06/26 MOVED BY Councilor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Rural Crime Watch Signage Placement Report and direct public works to work with crime watch for signage. CARRIED**
 - 06.3.2 Roads
 - 06.3.3 Airport
 - 06.3.7 Drainage Ditches
- 06.4 Utilities/Public Works
 - 06.4.1 Water
 - 06.4.2 Sewage
 - 06.4.3 Solid Waste
- 06.6 Environmental Development
 - 06.6.1 Development [Planning/Zoning/Subdivisions]
 - 06.6.2 Community Services / Economic Development
 - A. Battle River Rodeo Parade*
- 331/23/06/26 MOVED BY Councilor Dechant to acknowledge the receipt of the Battle River Rodeo Parade and approve a \$500 budget for candy and decorations for the truck float. Any councilor available to attend. CARRIED.**
 - 06.6.5 Natural Resources
 - 06.6.6 Housing / Seniors
 - 06.6.9 Tourism
- 07.0 Ward and/or Committee Reports**

08.0 Info Items

A. Tuesday, June 23, 2026, Info Package

**332/23/06/26 MOVED BY Councilor Reese to acknowledge receipt of Tuesday, June 23, 2026, information package and accept it for information.
CARRIED**

09.0 Open Mic

Decisions on Delegations

10.0 In Camera Items

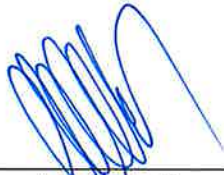
- A. Personnel ATIA Section 20 – Disclosure harmful to personal privacy (MANDATORY)
- B. Mercer ATIA Section 19 – Disclosure harmful to the business interests of a third party (MANDATORY)

11.0 Adjournment

Reeve Ungarian adjourned Tuesday, June 23, 2026, council meeting at 11:59 a.m.



Chief Elected Official
Terry Ungarian



Chief Administrative Officer
Gerhard Stickling