MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE TOWN OF BASSANO HELD IN PERSON ON **SEPTEMBER 14, 2026,** IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

MAYOR	Mike Wetzstein
DEPUTY MAYOR	Mike Phillips
COUNCILLORS	Gary Lee
	Sydney Miller
	Matthew Loewen
STAFF	Jeremy Wickson, Chief Administrative Officer
	Christine Petkau, Finance Coordinator
	Sydney Smith, Recreation Coordinator
DELEGATES/PUBLIC	Sandra Stanway, Brooks Bulletin (virtual)
	Mike Maguire, Resident (virtual)
	Knut Hornkvist, Bassano Beaver Head Coach
	Lauren Palumbo, Bassano Beaver Marketing Coordinator
	Derek Gibeau, Bassano Arena Management Board President
	John Slomp, Resident
ABSENT	

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wetzstein called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

TOB-135-26 Moved by **DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS** that the agenda is approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 ORRSC - June 11, 2026, Executive Committee Minutes
3.2 ORRSC - June 24, 2026, Special Executive Committee Minutes
3.3 Newell Housing Foundation Minutes July 7, 2026
3.4 ORSSC Meeting Summary September 3, 2026
3.5 National Resilience Day

TOB-136-26 Moved by **COUNCILLOR LOEWEN** to approve the consent agenda as presented.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Adoption of minutes from the regular meeting of July 13, 2026.

TOB-137-26 Moved by **COUNCILLOR LEE** to adopt the minutes of the Council Meeting of July 13, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Bassano Beaver Hockey Club – Knut Hornkvist and Lauren Palumbo 6:35 p.m.

Hornkvist and Palumbo entered the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Hornkvist and Palumbo presented information related to the Bassano Beaver activities.

Hornkvist and Palumbo exited the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

7. REQUEST FOR DECISIONS

7.1 Land Consolidation - Process and Planning

TOB-138-26 Moved by **COUNCILLOR LOEWEN** that council direct administration to approve the proposal from Brown Okamura & Associates Ltd. for the land consolidation configuration for $24,020 plus GST and for it to be funded from the Land and Development Reserve.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Phillips exited meeting at 6:54pm

7.2 ATCO Franchise Agreement - Corresponding Bylaw

TOB-139-26 Moved by **MAYOR WETZSTEIN** that council gives second reading to ATCO Gas Distribution System Franchise Agreement Bylaw 956-26.

CARRIED

TOB-140-26 Moved by **COUNCILLOR MILLER** that council gives third reading to ATCO Gas Distribution System Franchise Agreement Bylaw 956-26.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Phillips re-entered meeting at 6:56pm

7.3 Auditor Selection

TOB-141-26 Moved by **MAYOR WETZSTEIN** that Council awards JDP Wasserman the audit services for 2026-2030 per the submission submitted on September 8, 2026.

CARRIED

7.4 ACP Grant for Municipal Intern

TOB-142-26 Moved by **DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS** that Council direct administration to apply for an Alberta Community Partnership grant for a Municipal Intern for the 2026/27 intake through Municipal Affairs.

CARRIED

7.5 2026-28 Operating Budget

Council provided input for further operating budget discussion.

7.6 2027-31 Capital Budget

Council provided input for further capital budget discussion.

7.7 Land Use Bylaw Amendment

TOB-143-26 Moved by **COUNCILLOR MILLER** that Council gives first reading to Land Use Bylaw Amendment 961/26 as presented.

CARRIED

7.8 ACP Grant for NREMP

TOB-144-26 Moved by **DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS** that Council direct administration to provide a letter of support for the County of Newell as the managing partner for there Alberta Community Partnership grant for the Newell Regional Emergency Management Plan.

CARRIED

7.9 ORRSC Membership

TOB-145-26 Moved by **COUNCILLOR LOEWEN** that Council directs administration to renew the Oldman River Regional Services Commission Agreement for services.

CARRIED

TOB-146-26 Moved by **MAYOR WETZSTEIN** to recess the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

CARRIED

TOB-147-26 Moved by **MAYOR WETZSTEIN** to reconvene the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

CARRIED

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

8.1 – 8.5 Verbal board and committee reports were discussed.

9. CAO REPORT

9.1 CAO Operations Report
- 9.1.1 BUILD Bassano – 2024 Development Projects
- 9.1.2 2025-2034 Community Infrastructure Renewal Program
- 9.1.3 Water Pump Station – 2026 Header and Piping System Replacement Project

9.2 Financial Statement – Quarterly report
9.3 FCSS Report - NA
9.4 Recreation & Community Services Liaison Report
9.5 Community Peace & Bylaw Officer - Quarterly Report (next in July)
9.6 June 2026 Monthly Mountie Memo BASSANO RCMP DETACHMENT
9.7 Mayor & County Monthly Report June 2026 Bassano RCMP Detachment
9.8 Bassano RCMP Detachment April - June 2026 Quarterly Report

TOB148/25 Moved by **COUNCILLOR MILLER** that Council reschedules the Organizational Meeting to October 13 at 5:30pm.

CARRIED

TOB149/25 Moved by **MAYOR WETZSTEIN** that Council reschedules the Regular Council Meeting from November 9 to November 16 at 6:30pm.

CARRIED

TOB150/25 Moved by **COUNCILLOR LEE** that Council designates the full amount of the water pumphouse reserve account, $566,941 plus accrued interest, to the water pumphouse project. All remaining funds will be transferred to the Capital Plan Reserve account upon project completion.

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1-10.3 Items of correspondence were presented and discussed.
- 10.1. Minister of Emergency Services – NREMPA
- 10.2. Town of Bassano_MSI_2020_Allocation_Refund_Request_Letter
- 10.3. AMWWP Grant Water for Life Town of Bassano

11. CLOSED SESSION

12. ROUND TABLE

A round table discussion was held.
- 12.1. Recycling – Residential, Commercial and Landfill
- 12.2. Public Engagement – 5-6:15 before Council meetings
- 12.3. Land Use Bylaw – Day homes

12.4. Commercial Development Discussion – Highway Commercial
12.5. Strategic Planning Session
12.6 Local Registry Office
12.7 Flags – Town Contest "Fun with Flags"

13. ADJOURNMENT

TOB-151-26 Moved by **MAYOR WETZSTEIN** for adjournment of the regular council meeting of September 14, 2026, at 10:23 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer