



**Kneehill County
Regular Meeting of Council
Minutes**

**March 12, 2024, 8:30 a.m.
1600 2nd Street NE
Three Hills, AB T0M 2A0**

Council Present: Faye McGhee, Councillor
Debbie Penner, Councillor
Jerry Wittstock, Deputy Reeve
Carrie Fobes, Councillor (Virtual)
Laura Lee Machell-Cunningham, Councillor (Virtual)
Wade Christie, Councillor
Kenneth King, Reeve

Staff Present: Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer
Mike Ziehr, Director of Infrastructure
Kevin Gannon, Director of Community Services
Theresa Cochran, Director of Corporate Services
Debra Grosfield, Manager of Protective Services
Fallon Sherlock, Manager of Parks and Agricultural Services
Jenna Kester, Economic Development Intern
Carolyn Van der Kuil, Legislative Services Coordinator

1. Call Meeting to Order

Reeve King called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1.1 Agenda

1.1.1 Additions to the Agenda

Additions under Council & Committee Reports

- 9.1 Community Futures Wildrose
- 9.2 Trochu Housing Corporation

Additions under Closed Session

- 11.3 Third Party Business Interests (Section 16- FOIP)

1.1.2 Adoption of the Agenda

Resolution: 050/24

Moved by: Councillor Christie

That Council approve the agenda as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2024

Resolution: 051/24

Moved by: Councillor McGhee

That Council approves the adoption of the minutes of the February 27, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Infrastructure- Roads/Bridges/Water/Wastewater/Environment

4.1 Huxley Streetlighting Upgrade

Resolution: 052/24

Moved by: Councillor Penner

That Council approve the funding and installation of two new streetlights in the Hamlet of Huxley as presented, to be funded from the 2024 Operating Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Community Services

5.4 Economic Development

5.4.1 Growing Kneehill 2024 Events

Resolution: 053/24

Moved by: Councillor McGhee

That this meeting goes into closed session at 8:53 a.m. for the following reason.

- Personnel (Section 17)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution: 054/24

Moved by: Councillor Christie

That Council return to open meeting at 9:23 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9:23 a.m. - meeting recessed to allow return of public.

9:29 p.m. - meeting resumed.

The Chair deferred this item until later in the meeting, in order to accommodate the scheduled RCMP Delegation, which is set for 10:00 a.m.

The Chair called for a recess at 9:52 a.m. and called the meeting back to order at 10:01 a.m. with all previously mentioned members present.

3. Appointments

3.1 Delegation- Three Hills, Olds, Beiseker & Drumheller RCMP

Sgt. Jamie Day, Three Hills RCMP; Sgt. Warren Wright, Olds RCMP; Sgt. Robert Harms, Drumheller RCMP; and Sgt. Greg Tulloch, Beiseker RCMP came and presented to Council on their 2024/2025 Annual Performance Plan.

The Chair called for a recess at 10:54 a.m. and called the meeting back to order at 11:01 a.m. with all previously mentioned members present.

5. Community Services

5.4 Economic Development

5.4.1 Growing Kneehill 2024 Events Continued

Resolution: 055/24

Moved by: Councillor Penner

That Council moves to host 3 Country Markets at Horseshoe Canyon in 2024 with a budget of \$34,000 as part of the Growing Kneehill Project.

CARRIED

Resolution: 056/24

Moved by: Councillor McGhee

That Council direct staff to seek partnership opportunities with the Cluster Group Event organized by the Open Farm Days in place of a County led celebration of agriculture event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.3 Protective Services

5.3.1 RCMP - Community Priorities

The Chair called for a recess at 12:30 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 1:15 p.m. with all previously mentioned members present.

Resolution: 057/24

Moved by: Councillor Cunningham

That Council sets the Community Priorities for RCMP for 2024 as rural crime prevention, community safety focus, presence in rural communities, road safety and partnering with Kneehill CPO's in enforcement, education and engagement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. **Legislative Services**

7.1 Youth Event Sponsorship- Kneehill 4-H District

Resolution: 058/24

Moved by: Councillor McGhee

That Council approve the funding in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Kneehill 4-H District to assist in the costs associated with advertising for their Achievement Day, with funding to come from the Youth Event Sponsorship Grant Policy Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. **Disposition of Delegation & Public Hearing Business**

8.1 Three Hills RCMP Delegation

Resolution: 059/24

Moved by: Councillor Christie

That Council accept the RCMP presentation for information, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Council and Committee Reports

Resolution: 060/24

Moved by: Councillor Penner

That Council accepts for information the Council & Committee Report, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.1 Community Futures Wildrose

Councillor Christie provided a verbal report on the Business Mentorship Program from Community Futures Wildrose.

9.2 Trochu Housing Corporation

Reeve King provided a verbal report on the Trochu Housing Corporation Meeting held on March 11, 2024.

10. Council Follow-Up Action List

Resolution: 061/24

Moved by: Councillor McGhee

That Council receive for information the Council Follow-Up Action List as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Closed Session

Resolution: 062/24

Moved by: Councillor Christie

That this meeting goes into closed session at 1:45 p.m. for the following reason(s):

- Advice from Officials (Section 24- FOIP)
- Personnel (Section 17-FOIP)
- Third Party Business Interest (Section 16-FOIP)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution: 063/24

Moved by: Councillor McGhee

That Council return to open meeting at 4:19 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4:19 p.m. - meeting recessed to allow return of public.

4:22 p.m. - meeting resumed.

12. Motions from Closed Session

Councillor Cunningham requested a recorded vote be taken.

Resolution: 064/24

Moved by: Councillor Christie

That Council authorize administration to pursue the Economic Development opportunity as presented.

For (5): Councillor McGhee, Councillor Penner, Deputy Reeve Wittstock, Councillor Christie, and Reeve King

Against (2): Councillor Fobes, and Councillor Cunningham

CARRIED (5 to 2)

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Ken King, Reeve

Mike Haugen, CAO