



Kneehill County
Regular Meeting of Council
Minutes

April 9, 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
Laura Lee Machell-Cunningham, Councillor
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
Marika Von Mirbach, Financial Planning Coordinator
Jenna Kester, Economic Development Intern
Rajeana Nyman, Property Tax Clerk
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 Kneehill Regional Family and Community Support Services Meeting

9.2 Drumheller Mayor/Reeve Meeting

9.3 Central Alberta Economic Partnership Update

9.4 Division 5 Ratepayer Meeting Update

1.1.2 Adoption of the Agenda

Resolution: 086/24

Moved by: Councillor Christie

That Council approve the agenda as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2024

Resolution: 087/24

Moved by: Councillor McGhee

That Council approves the adoption of the minutes of the March 26, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Community Services

5.4 Economic Development

5.4.1 Economic Outlook: Agriculture 2024

Resolution: 088/24

Moved by: Councillor Penner

That Council approve phase one of the Economic Outlook: Agriculture 2024 project as presented with a cost not to exceed \$7,200 to be funded through the Strategic Initiative budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Corporate Services

6.1 2024 Assessment and Tax Rate Impact

Resolution: 089/24

Moved by: Councillor McGhee

That Council amend the 2024 Operating Budget by reducing Property Tax revenues by \$51,356 and increasing Transfers from Reserves by the same amount through a draw from the Revenue Stabilization reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 2024 Tax Rate Bylaw

Resolution: 090/24

Moved by: Councillor Fobes

That Council approve a draw from the Revenue Stabilization Reserve in the amount of \$220,024 to fund the increase in the Kneehill Housing requisition for 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution: 091/24

Moved by: Councillor Penner

That Council approve a draw from the Revenue Stabilization Reserve in the amount of \$640,286 to fund the 2023 under-levy related to the Alberta School Fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution: 092/24

Moved by: Councillor Christie

That Council provide first reading to Bylaw #1897, that being a bylaw for the 2024 Tax Rates.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution: 093/24

Moved by: Councillor McGhee

That Council direct Administration to request that the Province waive the \$640,286 error in Education School Foundation funding in 2023 made by the Province.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Legislative Services

7.1 Ratepayer Evenings

The Chair called for a recess at 9:35 a.m. and called the meeting back to order at 9:46 a.m. with all previously mentioned members present.

Resolution: 094/24

Moved by: Councillor Penner

That Council approves to host Ratepayer Evenings in Three Hills and Sunnyslope in June 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 2024 Parade Season

Resolution: 095/24

Moved by: Councillor Fobes

That Council receive for information the 2024 Parade Season report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Appointments

3.1 Delegation- Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association

Paul Ryan, the Vice Chairman of the Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association, provided Council an update and overview of the project.

7. Legislative Services

7.3 Community Grants Round One 2024

Resolution: 096/24

Moved by: Councillor McGhee

That Council approve the following Round One Community Grants to Non-Profit Organizations funding to the following organizations:

- Three Hills Soccer Association \$2,000.00 to upgrade portable soccer goal nets.
- Linden and District Ag Society \$2,550.00 to purchase a new snowblade
- Huxley Legion Branch #002 \$1,300.00 to purchase a defibrillator for the Huxley Hall
- Three Hills Gymnastics \$2,174.50 to purchase new competitive suits and an air mat
- Linden Benevolent Society \$7,500.00 to purchase and install new windows

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 Municipal Affairs – ICF Engagement

The Chair called for a recess at 11:32 a.m. and called the meeting back to order at 11:40 a.m. with all previously mentioned members present.

Resolution: 097/24

Moved by: Councillor McGhee

That Council direct Administration to submit the April 2024 survey regarding Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks to Municipal Affairs with the answers as discussed at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Disposition of Delegation & Public Hearing Business

8.1 Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association

Resolution: 098/24

Moved by: Deputy Reeve Wittstock

That Council receive for information the presentation provided by the Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association and request the confidential information that was referenced in the presentation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Council and Committee Reports

Resolution: 099/24

Moved by: Councillor Fobes

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.1 Kneehill Regional Family and Community Support Services Meeting

Reeve King provided a verbal report on the meeting he attended.

9.2 Drumheller Mayor and Reeve Meeting

Reeve King provided an update on the meeting he attended with the Reeve's of Starland and Wheatland County, along with the Chairman of Special Areas, and the Mayor of the Town of Drumheller.

9.3 Central Alberta Economic Partnership Update

Councillor McGhee provided Council an update on the Annual General Meeting that is set for June 28th at the Innisfail Golf Course.

9.4 Division 5 Ratepayer Meeting Update

Councillor Cunningham provided an update on the Doctor Recruitment efforts and reminded everyone that a Division 5 meeting will be hosted on Monday, April 18th, 2024 at the Three Hills Community Center.

10. Council Follow-Up Action List

Resolution: 100/24

Moved by: Deputy Reeve Wittstock

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Ken King, Reeve

Mike Haugen, CAO