

Minutes of Council Meeting

February 12th, 2026

Present:

Mayor	Paul Noseworthy
Deputy Mayor	Eric Nippard
Councillors	Troy Duffy
	Derek House
	Mary Lambert
	Susan O'Quinn
	Vince McGrath
CAO/Manager	Justin Chinn
Town Clerk	Florence Barter

Mayor P. Noseworthy called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Motion # 9/26: Motion by Deputy Mayor E. Nippard, seconded by Councillor V. McGrath be it hereby resolved to adopt the January 8/2026 Council Meeting Minutes.

In Favour: Mayor P Noseworthy, Deputy Mayor E. Nippard, Councillors D. House, T. Duffy, M. Lambert, V. McGrath & S. O'Quinn.

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

All In Favor.

Motion # 10/26: Motion by Councillor S O'Quinn, seconded by Deputy Mayor E. Nippard, be it hereby resolved

to adopt the February 12/2026 Council Meeting Agenda.

In Favour: Mayor P. Noseworthy, Deputy Mayor E. Nippard, Councillors D. House, S. O'Quinn, T. Duffy, V. McGrath & M. Lambert

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

All In Favor.

Motion #11/26: Motion by Councillor D. House, seconded by Councillor M. Lambert, be it hereby resolved to approve invoices for January 2026 totalling \$ 145,790.98

In Favour: Mayor P. Noseworthy, Deputy Mayor E. Nippard, Councillors D. House, S O'Quinn, T. Duffy, V. McGrath & M. Lambert

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

All In Favor.

New Business:

Memorandum of Understanding (Holidays)

Resolution # 12/26: Resolution by Councillor T. Duffy seconded by Deputy Mayor E. Nippard that In accordance with Article 17:01, the Employer and NAPE have mutually agreed to substitute the observation of the 17:01(b), St. Patrick's Day" with "Victoria Day" for all eligible employees.

Both parties recognize the "Victoria Day" statutory holiday is observed on the Monday preceding May 25th. This substitution shall take effect immediately and remain in force until end of current collective agreement.

In Favor: Mayor P. Noseworthy, Deputy Mayor E. Nippard, Councillors D. House, M. Lambert, T. Duffy, V. McGrath and S O’Quinn.

Opposed – 0

Abstaining – 0

All In Favor

Additional Business

Rotary Music Festival Request

Motion # 13,2026: Motion by Councillor D. House seconded by Councillor M. Lambert that the Town of Kippens provide a Bronze Sponsorship in the amount of \$250.00 to the Stephenville Rotary Music Festival for 2026.

In Favor: Mayor P. Noseworthy, Deputy Mayor E. Nippard, Councillors D. House, M. Lambert, T. Duffy, V. McGrath and S. O’Quinn.

Opposed – 0

Abstaining – 0

All In Favor

Committee Reports

- HR - Deputy Mayor E. Nippard said that another outside worker has been hired and they are now working rotational shifts. Job will done and welcomed the new worker to the town.
- Communications (Steering Committee) – Councillor O’Quinn spoke about a Resilience Fund for ages 16-30 is available for projects aimed to “make our community better”. Grants of \$5,000.00 are available.
- Mayor P. Noseworthy – Attended the Small Towns Meeting and that MNL will be holding a Roundtable zoom meeting.
- In regards to the Towns and Local Service Districts Act, some discussion topics include:
 - Creating (Revising) By-Laws
 - Municipal Enforcement
 - Safety

CAO/Manager Report

- Snow Clearing – We now have a third operator on staff. Snow Clearing will be ongoing 7 days per week from 5 a.m to 9 p.m when necessary. There will be no overtime (all regular shifts)
There have been multiple calls regarding snow in peoples driveways. Town employees clear streets and can’t be responsible for driveways. Mayor Noseworthy said that there were positive comments as well.
- Kippens is part of the “Snow Mobile Federation” and has direct access to groomed trails. The town ploughs in as far as the grubbing area for offloading without having to go on the trails.

Next meeting will be held on March 12th. At 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion 14/26: Motion by Deputy Mayor E. Nippard seconded by Councillor D. House to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m

All In Favor

Motion Carried

Mayor

Clerk