**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHEY HELD ON TUESDAY, January 9, 2024 HELD AT THE SOUTHEY TOWN OFFICE AT 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor: Leigh Bishop

Councillors: Ralph Boehmer, Rob Dukes, Gordon Baragar, Harvey McEwen, Lisa Macomber, Susan Hillier

CAO: Cindy Baumgartner

 Absent:

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Bishop.**

**PRESENTATION OF AGENDA:**

**1/2024 Dukes/Boehmer: That the agenda be approved as presented.**

**Carried**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**Clr. Hillier declared a conflict of interest in section (H) Correspondence #2 and #3.**

 **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

* Regular Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2023

**2/2024 Baragar/McEwen: That the amended minutes of the December 12, 2023 regular**

**Meeting are approved as presented.**

 **Carried**

**Public Hearing / Public Forum / Delegations**

(*bylaws, policies)*

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

 (correspondence by way of letter, email, phone or text)

* ECTPC August 10, 2023 & November 9, 2023, December 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes
* THRL November 30, 2023 Meeting Minutes
* THRL January 4, 2024 Agenda & 2024 Rates

**3/2024 Boehmer/Baragar: That we file the correspondence as read.**

**Carried**

**REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEES:**

 ***Financial Statements***

* List of accounts – review and approval

**4/2024 Hillier/Macomber: That accounts written on General Account cheque #19971 to**

**#19993 in the amount of $13,852.82, PW Visa $1,207.87, Online Payments $7,577.51,**

**CAO Visa $9,248.11, Payroll $19,229.54 be approved.**

**Carried**

**Public Works verbal report provided.**

**CAO verbal report provided.**

**Unfinished Business**

* Transfers to Reserves

**5/2024 Boehmer/Hillier: That council approve the transfers that were made to reserves.**

**Carried**

**New Business**

* Municipal Elections Workshop

**6/2024 Macomber/Dukes: That council approves to send CAO to the Municipal Elections Workshop in Melville on March 27, 2024.**

**Carried**

**Closed Session of Council**

* In Camera

**7/2024 Dukes/Hillier: That Council having issues to discuss regarding personnel, land legal matters and negotiations which are exempted from public discussion under the *Local Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Municipal Act* go in camera at 8:20 p.m.**

**Present: Mayor Bishop, Councillors Boehmer, Baragar, Hillier, McEwen, Macomber, Dukes and CAO Baumgartner.**

**Carried**

**CAO left meeting at 8:45 p.m.**

**CAO returned to meeting at 8:55 p.m.**

* Out of Camera

**8/2024 Dukes/Macomber: That council resumes the regular meeting at 9:00 p.m.**

**Present: Mayor Bishop, Councillors Boehmer, Baragar, Hillier, McEwen, Macomber, Dukes and CAO Baumgartner.**

**Carried**

* Public Works Foreman

**9/2024 Hillier/Macomber: That council approve a wage increase for 2024 by $2.80/hour based off of the Public Works Wage Guide and Cost of Living.**

**Carried**

* Public Works Assistant Foreman

**10/2023 Hillier/Macomber: That council approve a wage increase for 2024 by $2.63/hour based off of the Public Works Wage Guide and Cost of Living.**

**Carried**

* Administrative Assistant

**11/2023 Hillier/Macomber: That council approve a salary increase of 1% for 2024.**

* Chief Administrative Officer

**12/2024 McEwen/Hillier: That council approve a salary increase of 5.9% for 2024.**

**Carried**

**Adjournment**

**13/2024 Baragar: That we adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.**

**cca**

