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1. Call to Order

Mayor George Lloy called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 pm

2. Attendance

PRESENT:

Mayor George Lloy

Deputy Mayor Roseanne Chapman

Councillors: Chad Ramsey
Susan Creelman

Suzanne Lutz
Rebecca Rogers-Laing

Staff: Dale Bogle, CAO
Randi Buchi
Erin Richard
Leah Bennett

REGRETS / ABSENT:

3. Approval of / Changes to Agenda

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Rogers-Laing:

***I so move to approve the Agenda as presented for January 12th, 2023 – Committee of the Whole
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items

NIL

5. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)

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YAY – 3

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Deputy Mayor Report

NIL

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14. In-Camera Session

- a. Land Tax Sale

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15. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration

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16. Adjournment

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Read and approved this 10TH day of FEBRUARY, 2023

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