



**SHIRE OF MURWEH**

**MORVEN - CHARLEVILLE - AUGATHELLA**

# Ordinary Council Meeting

## MINUTES

**Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville**

**Wednesday, 18 September 2024**

**9.00AM**



Bore #5 facility has recently undergone an extensive maintenance program and water supply safety upgrade

**MINUTES OF MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 95-101 ALFRED ST, CHARLEVILLE  
ON WEDNESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 9.00AM**

**PRESENT:** Cr S Radnedge (Mayor), Cr R Eckel, Cr P Alexander, Cr T Sommerfield, Cr M Ebsworth

**IN ATTENDANCE:** B Scott (CEO), J Kronk (Director Corporate Services), K Crosby (Manager Regulatory Services), J Barton (Director Engineering Services)

**1 OPENING PRAYER**

Fr Peter Doohan delivered a prayer for the guidance of council.

**2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Apologies**

Nil

**Leave of Absence**

Nil

**Applications for Leave of Absence**

**3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Cr Shaun Radnedge declared a Declarable Conflict of Interest in relation to item 11.4 as he is a close personal associate of a potential opponent to the planning application who is a part time employee of his business.

**4 UPDATE/CHANGE TO COUNCILLOR REGISTER OF INTEREST**

**5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION 209/24**  
 Moved: Cr M Ebsworth  
 Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield  
 That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 21 August 2024 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record of proceedings.  
**CARRIED**

**6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Nil

**7 MAYORAL MINUTE**

Nil

**8 NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

**9 CORRESPONDENCE FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION**

<b>9.1 CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCILLORS</b>
Presented for the information of Councillors.

**10 COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES**

<b>10.1 MONTHLY LIBRARY REPORT AUGUST</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 210/24</b>                  Moved: Cr M Ebsworth                  Seconded: Cr P Alexander</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the August 2024 Library Report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>10.2 DEVELOPMENTS AND IMPACT IN COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATORS ROLE</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 211/24</b>                  Moved: Cr R Eckel                  Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the Community Service Coordinator August activity and health services findings report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

Director of Corporate Services and Manager of Regulatory Services entered the meeting at 9:56am.

**11 CORPORATE & REGULATORY**

<b>11.1 AIRPORT OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT - CHARLEVILLE, AUGATHELLA AND MORVEN AERODROMES</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 212/24</b>                  Moved: Cr T Sommerfield                  Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth</p> <p>That Council continue with the provision of service by Airport Industry Management Support for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 at a cost of \$28,550.00 that covers the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Attendance at the Airport Working Group (AWB) meetings – each quarter for 3 days each visit, inclusive travel and accommodation; and</li> <li>b) Provision of expert aviation advice and access to network and suppliers</li> </ul>

- c) Availability to attend any regulatory audits as Council’s representative
- d) Secretariat work for the AWG – preparation of Agendas, completion of Minutes, relevant documentation, notifying all members

**CARRIED**

**11.2 REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT**

**RESOLUTION 213/24**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth  
 Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receives and notes the Regulatory Services Report for August 2024.

**CARRIED**

Manager of Regulatory Services left the meeting at 10:33am

**11.3 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT**

**RESOLUTION 214/24**

Moved: Cr P Alexander  
 Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the Human Resources Report for August 2024.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned for a morning tea break at 10:36am.

Teresa Schmidt and Greg Ovenden from Reel Planning joined the meeting electronically at 10:49am.

The meeting resumed normal proceedings at 10:51am.

Cr Shaun Radnedge declared a conflict of interest in Agenda Item 11.4 and left the meeting at 10:51am.

**11.4 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 158 KING STREET CHARLEVILLE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That Murweh Shire Council refuses the application for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for Multiple Dwelling on land located at 158 King Street, Charleville formally described Lot 2 RP96590, for the following reasons:*

- (a) *The scale, density and character of the development is not complementary or compatible with the surrounding residential development.*
- (b) *The proposed development is inconsistent with the applicable assessment benchmarks of the Murweh Shire Planning Scheme 2017 (v2) specifically; Township Zone code, Purpose and overall outcomes, performance outcome 1 (assessable development), performance outcome 3 (Charleville residential precinct) and General development code, Purpose and overall outcomes, performance outcome 5 (building design), performance outcome 6 and 7 (Dual Occupancy and Multiple Dwellings).*
- (c) *Compliance cannot be achieved by imposing development conditions.*

<u>For:</u>	Crs R Eckel, P Alexander and T Sommerfield	<b>CARRIED 3/1</b>
<u>Against:</u>	Cr M Ebsworth	

Teresa Schmidt and Greg Ovenden from Reel Planning left the meeting at 11:15am.

Cr Shaun Radnedge returned to the meeting at 11:24am.

<b>11.5 HORSE STABLE STATUTORY FEES AND CHARGES</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 215/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander                  Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>That Council approve the insertion of the following statutory fees and charges in its 2024/25 Schedule of Fees and Charges</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Annual licence – Horse Stables (for existing horse stables only) \$105.00; and</li> <li>2. Bond for hire of horse stables/day yards at the Charleville Racecourse complex \$68.00</li> <li>3. Hire tables \$6.00 per table (Augathella, Charleville and Morven) plus \$100.00 bond</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>11.6 LEASE SHED AND LAND AUGATHELLA AIRPORT</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 216/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr M Ebsworth                  Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield</p> <p>That Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lease land and the shed located on the southern side of the runway at the Augathella Aerodrome (Part of Lot 28 OR 120, Hangar – access from the north eastern corner west along boundary fence to the building used as a hangar and land surrounding the shed) to a commercial aircraft operator for a period of three years, with an option to extend the agreement for a further three years.</li> <li>2. Execute the draft sub lease agreement for this purpose; and</li> <li>3. Collect an annual payment of \$10400.00 plus Goods and Services Tax; and</li> <li>4. Rent to be reviewed on 1 August each annum in line with Consumer Price Index – first review 1 August 2025; and</li> <li>5. Include a condition within the agreement that states, Aviation and or other fuel is not to be sold from this commercial lease area; and</li> <li>6. The lessee is to install an entrance gate at his/her own cost (design to be approved by Council) for this commercial use. The gate is to be erected in the north eastern corner of the aerodrome boundary fence, to eliminate vehicles crossing the runway within the confines of the aerodrome and meeting safety requirements of an airfield.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>11.7 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT TO 31 AUGUST 2024</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 217/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander                  Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth</p> <p>That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 31 August 2024, including;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cash Position</li> <li>2. Monthly Cash Flow Estimate</li> <li>3. Comparative Data</li> <li>4. Capital Funding – budget vs actual</li> <li>5. Road Works – budget vs actual</li> <li>6. Capital Funding Detail</li> <li>7. Rates Summary</li> <li>8. Income Statement August 2024</li> <li>9. Balance Sheet August 2024</li> <li>10. Financial Statements Actual August 2024</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

Council breaks to receive an update from Watco East West Director, Mr Chris Hood in relation to the performance of the Morven Freight Hub with the recent increase in cattle movements.

Chris Hood joins the meeting 12:00pm.

Chris Hood left the meeting 12:49pm.

<b>11.8 COMPREHENSIVE VALUATION REPORT 30 JUNE 2024, WATER AND SEWERAGE INFRASTRUCTURE</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 218/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr M Ebsworth                  Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) That Council note the comprehensive report as presented.</li> <li>2) That Council authorise management to update the asset register reflecting the gross replacement cost and fair value as per the report.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>11.9 WHS REPORT</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 219/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr M Ebsworth                  Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield</p> <p>That Council receives the report from the Workplace Health and Safety section.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

Director Corporate Services exited the meeting at 1:10pm.

**12 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

<b>12.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONTHLY REPORT - AUGUST 2024</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 220/24</b>                  Moved: Cr R Eckel                  Seconded: Cr P Alexander                  That Council accepts the Economic Development report as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>12.2 ST MARY'S SCHOOL FETE DONATION REQUEST</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 221/24</b>                  Moved: Cr M Ebsworth                  Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield                  That Council provides a gift or gifts to be used as a prize at St Mary's October Fete of a Family Pass to the Cosmos Centre for a mystery draw prize and merchandise for a hamper raffle.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

The meeting adjourned for a break at 1:15pm.

The meeting resumed normal proceedings 1.33pm with the Director Engineering Services joining the meeting.

<b>13.1 RECOMMENDATION FOR PURCHASE OF 1 X NEW GRADER</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 222/24</b>                  Moved: Cr P Alexander                  Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield                  That Council approves the procurement of 1 x Caterpillar 150 Motor Grader for the total value of \$593,746.66 (EX GST) Including a reversing fan kit for \$11,322.51 and 3D ready using CB460 display (same as our current CAT 150 graders) for \$7,924.15.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>13.2 PROCUREMENT OF CONSULTANT FOR AURORA SUBDIVISION PLANNING</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 223/24</b>                  Moved: Cr R Eckel                  Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield                  That Council delegates authority to the CEO to enter into a sole invitee contract under Local Government Regulation 2012 s234(2) on an hourly rate / cost plus basis with Harrison Infrastructure Group (HIG) for the planning and design development of the proposed Aurora Estate subdivision.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

**13.3 COST ESTIMATE FOR HARD RUBBISH DAY**

**RESOLUTION 224/24**  
 Moved: Cr M Ebsworth  
 Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council receives the hard rubbish clean-up cost estimate of \$35,200.

1. Council resolves that a hard rubbish clean up service is to be offered to the townships of Augathella, Charleville & Morven for a one week period in October and prior to the high risk weather season.

**CARRIED**

**13.4 RECOMMENDATION FOR PURCHASE OF 1 X NEW STREET SWEEPER**

**RESOLUTION 225/24**  
 Moved: Cr R Eckel  
 Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council approves the purchase of the Mike Trace Engineering City Ray 5 on Isuzu FSR chassis Street Sweeper for the total value of \$401,283.33 (EX GST) including the recommended options of;

- Additional spray bar	\$1200.00
- Load indicator	\$105.00
- Rubber liners	\$1050.00
- LED beacon lights	\$220.00
- Truck onboard overload monitoring	\$7500
- Additional warranty	\$5600.00

**CARRIED**

**13.5 COST ESTIMATE FOR PORTALOO SERVICE**

**RESOLUTION 226/24**  
 Moved: Cr M Ebsworth  
 Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That council makes available the option of a portaloos at funeral services within the Murweh Shire at a cost of \$200 and to be administered through the fees and charges to funeral service providers.

**CARRIED**

**13.6 ENGINEERING REPORT**

**RESOLUTION 227/24**  
 Moved: Cr R Eckel  
 Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council receives and notes the Engineering Services Report.

**CARRIED**



<b>13.7 PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACTOR - FLOOD DAMAGE WELLWATER ROAD</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 228/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr T Sommerfield                  Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth</p> <p>That Council delegates authority to the CEO to enter a Contract with Suffcon Pty Ltd for April 2024 Flood Restoration Delivery (flood damage works) for Package MuSC-1 on the Wellwater, Greenstead and Belrose Roads.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

Director Engineering Services left the meeting at 2:36pm.

**13 OFFICE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

<b>14.1 TOURISM REPORT</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 229/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr M Ebsworth                  Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the Tourism and Events Report for August 2024.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>14.2 MORVEN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION - PURCHASE OF AUDIO VISUAL SYSTEM FOR MORVEN HALL FROM HONESTY BOX FUNDS</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 230/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr R Eckel                  Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth</p> <p>That Council approve for the Morven Progress Association to purchase an Audio Visual System for the Morven Hall from the Morven Honesty Box Funds.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>14.3 CHARLEVILLE SWIMMING CLUB AND TRIATHLON CLUB REQUEST FOR GRANT FUNDING SUPPORT</b>
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p>That Council supports the Charleville Swimming Club and Triathlon Club in assisting with the cost of the grant writing consultant for the successful application to the Gaming Community Benefit Fund for the replacement of the starting blocks, timekeeping clock and other items at the Charleville Swimming Pool to the value of 15 per cent of the \$62,628.70 including GST grant.</p> <p><b>Council resolved that this report lay on the table until further information can be provided by the Charleville Swimming Club and Triathlon Club and CEO.</b></p>

**14.4 DONATION OF THE CHARLEVILLE LIONS CLUB PIANO TO THE CHARLEVILLE LIBRARY / GALLERY****RESOLUTION 231/24**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council accept the kind donation of the Charleville Loins Club Piano to be placed at negotiated suitable location.

**CARRIED**

**14.5 COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE AT THE WYNNUM FRINGE FESTIVAL OPENING CEREMONY****RESOLUTION 232/24**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council approve the attendance of Councillor Teri Sommerfield at the Wynnum Fringe Festival Opening Ceremony on 26 September 2024 to recognise the Murweh Shire Council partnership with the Wynnum Fringe and the Augathella Spiegelent.

**CARRIED**

**14.6 MAYOR'S MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT****RESOLUTION 233/24**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council approves the Mayor's travel as presented and notes the Mayor's Monthly Meeting Schedule Report.

**CARRIED**

**14.7 GROWING REGIONS FUNDING OUTBACK MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA STAGE 2****RESOLUTION 234/24**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council approve that an application be made to the Australian Government Growing Regions Program on behalf of Murweh Shire Council for the completion of the Stage 2 of the Outback Museum of Australia after the successful completion of Stage 1 of this project.

**CARRIED**

**14.8 DRAFT CARETAKER POLICY****RESOLUTION 235/24**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth  
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council review and adopt the draft Caretaker Policy as presented.

**CARRIED****14.9 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND LTD'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING****RESOLUTION 236/24**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth  
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council delegate authority to the Mayor, Councillor Shaun Radnedge, or Chief Executive Officer, Mr Bruce Scott to replace the appointed delegate/s with another delegate who meets the eligibility criteria in rule 4.11(3) of the LGAQ constitution (namely, being either a councillor or the Chief Executive Officer of your Council).

**CARRIED****14 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION**

Nil

**15 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS****RESOLUTION 237/24**

Moved: Cr P Alexander  
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 254J of the Local Government Regulations 2012:

**16.1 Draft Financial Statements 2023/2024**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - 3 (c) of the Local Government Regulations, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with the local government's budget.

**CARRIED**

**16.1 DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2023/2024****RESOLUTION 238/24**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth  
Seconded: Cr P Alexander

- That Council's draft Annual Financial Statements for 2023/24 (including general purpose financial statements and current year financial sustainability statement) be endorsed for presenting to the Auditor-General for auditing pursuant to *section 212* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.
- Council's draft Long Term Financial Sustainability Statement for 2023/24 be given to the Auditor-General for information.

**CARRIED****RESOLUTION 239/24**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield  
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

**CARRIED****16 CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3:54pm.