



**SHIRE OF MURWEH**

MORVEN - CHARLEVILLE - AUGATHELLA

# Ordinary Council Meeting

## MINUTES

Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville

Wednesday, 16 October 2024

9.00AM



Get Ready Qld Week – Augathella, Morven & Charleville

**MINUTES OF MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 95-101 ALFRED ST, CHARLEVILLE  
ON WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 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 Barton (Director Engineering Services), J Kronk (Director Corporate Services), R Ranson (Director Community & Health Services), K Crosby (Manager Regulatory Services).

**1 OPENING PRAYER**

Irene Francis 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**

Nil

**3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Cr M Ebsworth declared a Declarable Conflict of Interest in relation to item 11.8 as she has a professional relationship with a tenderer.

Cr P Alexander declared a Declarable Conflict of Interest in relation to item 11.8 as he has a close family relationship with a tenderer.

Cr T Sommerfield declared a Declarable Conflict of Interest in relation to item 11.8 as she has a close family relationship with a tenderer.

Cr S Radnedge declared a Declarable Conflict of Interest in relation to item 11.8 as he has a close family relationship with a tenderer.

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

Cr Ebsworth provided the CEO with an update for her Register of Interests.

**5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION 240/24**  
 Moved: Cr M Ebsworth  
 Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 18 September 2024 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record of proceedings.

**CARRIED**

**6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**7 MAYORAL MINUTE**

**7.1 CHARLEVILLE HISTORIC SITE PALM TREE**

**RESOLUTION 241/24**  
 Moved: Cr P Alexander  
 Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

1. Due to the likely loss of Charleville’s last remaining palm tree at the historical Wool Scour site on the Morven Road, that Council procures two established palm trees for planting at this site; and
2. That Council approaches the Charleville schools and invites them to be involved in the placing of a time capsule at the site of the palm trees to mark this occasion; and
3. That the Charleville community be consulted as to the possible preservation of the remains of the last palm tree for its historic value to the community.

**CARRIED**

**8 NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

**9 CORRESPONDENCE FOR MEMBERS’ INFORMATION**

**9.1 CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCILLORS**

Presented for the information of Councillors.

1. CEO AC John Bosnjak Letter Compendium.
2. CEO Consultation open on draft State Code for secondary dwellings.
3. CEO Murweh Shire Council Dedication of public use land as unallocated state land.
4. CEO Fact sheet Dedication of public use land as unallocated state land.
5. CEO Jake Ellwood QRA CEO Flood Risk Management Program.
6. CEO Letter to Chief Executive Officers - 2024-27 W4Q projects approval.
7. CEO Public Holidays 2025 Murweh Shire Council.
8. CEO Right to Information Regulation 2009 (RTI Regulation) and Information Privacy Regulation 2009.
9. CEO Consultation paper - Sunset Review of RTI and IP Regulations 2009.
10. CEO The Queensland Parliamentary Supermarket Pricing Select Committee.
11. Charleville - Changemaker Workshop - Flyer.

**10 OFFICE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

<b>10.1 MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 242/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr R Eckel                  Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth</p> <p>That Council approves the Mayor's travel as presented and notes the Mayor's Monthly Meeting Schedule Report and Official Correspondence.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>10.2 TOURISM REPORTS - SEPTEMBER 2024</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 243/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr T Sommerfield                  Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the September Tourism Reports.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>10.3 CHARGES FOR 2025 TOURISM FACILITIES</b>																																																						
<p><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr R Eckel                  Seconded: Cr P Alexander</p> <p>That Council sets the admission fees for the Cosmos Centre and WWII attractions as below for the 2025 tourism season, effective 1 April 2025;</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td colspan="3"><b>COSMOS CENTRE</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>Adult</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>Concession</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Astronomy by Day</td> <td style="text-align: center;">No Charge</td> <td style="text-align: center;">No Charge</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Big Sky Observatory</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ 40.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ 35.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sun Viewing</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ 25.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ 22.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Small &amp; Personal Tour (Premium)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ 80.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ 70.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Planetarium Films</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ 15.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ 12.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Big Sky Twilight</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ 20.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ 17.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"><b>WWII</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>Adult</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>Concession</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>WWII Base Tour</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ 18.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ 16.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WWII Tag-Along Tour</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ 20.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ 18.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>WWII Tour Group Rate</td> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">\$420.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>School Group Concession rates are by application.</td> <td colspan="2"> </td> </tr> </table>	<b>COSMOS CENTRE</b>			2025				<b>Adult</b>	<b>Concession</b>	Astronomy by Day	No Charge	No Charge	Big Sky Observatory	\$ 40.00	\$ 35.00	Sun Viewing	\$ 25.00	\$ 22.50	Small & Personal Tour (Premium)	\$ 80.00	\$ 70.00	Planetarium Films	\$ 15.00	\$ 12.00	Big Sky Twilight	\$ 20.00	\$ 17.50				<b>WWII</b>			2025				<b>Adult</b>	<b>Concession</b>	WWII Base Tour	\$ 18.00	\$ 16.00	WWII Tag-Along Tour	\$ 20.00	\$ 18.00				WWII Tour Group Rate	\$420.00		School Group Concession rates are by application.		
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The meeting adjourned for a morning tea break at 10:44 AM.

The meeting resumed normal proceedings at 11:10 AM.

Director of Corporate Services, Mr J Kronk joined the meeting at 11:10AM.

**10.4 INVITATION TO 2024 QUEENSLAND TOURISM WEEK**

**RESOLUTION 244/24**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council approve the attendance of the Mayor, Cr Shaun Radnedge, or his delegate, at the Queensland Tourism Week from Wednesday 13 November to Friday 15 November.

**CARRIED**

**10.5 CHARLEVILLE SWIMMING CLUB ANNUAL DONATION**

**RESOLUTION 245/24**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council supports the Charleville Swimming Club with a donation of \$1200.00 to be used for the purchase of medals and prizes for their annual Swimming Carnival.

**CARRIED**

**11 CORPORATE & REGULATORY**

**11.1 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2024**

**RESOLUTION 246/24**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 30 September 2024, including;

1. Cash Position
2. Monthly Cash Flow Estimate
3. Comparative Data
4. Capital Funding – budget vs actual
5. Road Works – budget vs actual
6. Capital Funding Detail
7. Rates Summary
8. Income Statement September 2024
9. Balance Sheet September 2024
10. Financial Statements Actual September 2024

**CARRIED**

**11.2 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2024-2025 QUARTER ONE REPORT****RESOLUTION 247/24**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield  
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council as per section 174 (3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, receives the First Quarter Review of outcomes of the Operational Plan 2024-25.

**CARRIED****11.3 QUEENSLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL PROPOSAL 2025****RESOLUTION 248/24**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth  
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council accepts the proposal from Queensland Music Festival to the maximum value of \$35,000 (\$30,000 cash plus \$5,000 in-kind) for the hosting of the Qld Music Trails – 2025 Outback Trail event in Charleville.

**CARRIED****11.4 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT****RESOLUTION 249/24**

Moved: Cr P Alexander  
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receives and notes the Human Resources Report.

**CARRIED****11.5 PLANNING MONTHLY REPORT****RESOLUTION 250/24**

Moved: Cr R Eckel  
Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the Planning Monthly Report.

**CARRIED****11.6 WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT****RESOLUTION 251/24**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield  
Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council receives the report from the Workplace Health and Safety section.

**CARRIED**

Manager of Regulatory Services Ms K Crosby joined the meeting at 12:26 PM.

<b>11.7 REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2024</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 252/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr M Ebsworth                  Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the Regulatory Services Report for September 2024.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>11.8 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - LEASE LAND</b>
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p>That Council enters into a lease agreement with each applicant as assessed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Mulga Research Paddock</b> (92 OR290) - \$10,000.00 per annum – Peter Melano - three years with an option of a further 3 yrs due to initial clearing and maintenance of fences; and</li> <li>2. <b>4 Mile Pocket</b> (77 OR313) - \$6750.00 per annum - Grant &amp; Joelee Sullivan– Grazing of cattle family business; and</li> <li>3. <b>Gowrie Xing</b> (126 OR328) - \$7,000.00 per annum – Paul Casey - Base to test feasibility of a cultural/nature based tourism enterprise, trial nursery for indigenous bush tucker; and</li> <li>4. <b>Showground paddock</b> - \$960.00 per annum – Les Baker - grazing of horses</li> <li>5. Each individual lease agreement must be executed by the applicant within thirty days from the issued date; and</li> <li>6. All fees must be paid in advance either annually or monthly; and</li> <li>7. Any lease fee that is not paid within thirty days from invoice issue date Council has the discretion to cancel the lease agreement and readvertise the land for lease.</li> </ol>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 253/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander                  Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>With the loss of a quorum due to multiple conflicts of interest, Council resolves to delegate authority to the CEO to deal with the matter of report 11.8 and enter into the lease arrangements on behalf of Council in line with the Officer’s Recommendation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

Manager of Regulatory Services Ms K Crosby leaves the meeting at 12:45 PM  
 Director of Corporate Services Mr J Kronk leaves the meeting at 12:49 PM  
 Director of Engineering Services Mr J Barton enters the meeting at 12:49 PM

**12 ENGINEERING SERVICES**

<b>12.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 254/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr R Eckel                  Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the Engineering Services Report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>12.2 PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACTOR - APRIL 2024 FLOOD DAMAGE MUSC-2</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 255/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander                  Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>That Council delegates authority to the CEO to enter into a Contract with Suffcon Pty Ltd for April 2024 Flood Restoration Delivery (flood damage works) for Package MuSC-2 on the Noorooloo, Shelbourne, Merrigang and Bilbie Park roads.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>12.3 RECOMMENDATION FOR PURCHASE OF 1 X NEW JOB TRUCK</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 256/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr T Sommerfield                  Seconded: Cr P Alexander</p> <p>That Council approves the purchase of 1 x Isuzu FTS 139-260 4x4 Auto Crew job truck, fitted with TWE tray for the total value of \$370,686.12 (EX GST) from Black Truck &amp; Ag (Toowoomba).</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>12.4 PROCUREMENT OF SEALING CONTRACTOR - ADAVALE ROAD TIDS</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 257/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander                  Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth</p> <p>That Council engages Boral Resources (QLD) Pty Ltd for sealing works on Adavale Road (TIDS Project 8000-4001) at an estimated cost of \$263,048.63 Ex. GST as per quote QTW24-03418 received 1 October 2024.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>



<b>12.5 ASSET AND INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 258/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr T Sommerfield                  Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council approves the draft <i>Asset and Infrastructure Advisory Committee Terms of Reference</i> attached and appoints a committee in accordance with the terms of reference; and</li> <li>2. With Plant forming part of the <i>Asset and Infrastructure Advisory Committee Terms of Reference</i>, that Council agrees to dissolve the Advisory Plant Committee that was established at the 20 October 2023 Council Meeting.</li> <li>3. That Council appoints Cr P Alexander as Chair and Cr R Eckel as the Member of the Asset and Infrastructure Advisory Committee.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

Director of Engineering Services Mr J Barton leaves the meeting at 2:03 PM

**13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Nil

**14 COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES**

Director of Community and Health Services Mr R Ranson joins the meeting at 2:04 PM

<b>14.1 COMMUNITY &amp; HEALTH SERVICES REPORT</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 259/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr M Ebsworth                  Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the September Community and Health Services Report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>14.2 SEPTEMBER MONTHLY LIBRARY REPORT</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 260/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander                  Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the September Charleville Library Report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

Director of Community and Health Services Mr R Ranson leaves the meeting at 2:16 PM

**15 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION**

Nil

**16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

**RESOLUTION 261/24**  
 Moved: Cr P Alexander  
 Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth  
 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 Sale of Land Augathella**  
 This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J(3)(g) 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 negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;.

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION 262/24**  
 Moved: Cr M Ebsworth  
 Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield  
 That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

**CARRIED**

**16.1 SALE OF LAND AUGATHELLA**

**RESOLUTION 263/24**  
 Moved: Cr P Alexander  
 Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

1. That Council commence an expression of interest process for the land described as Lot 31 SP110484 located at 44 Bendee Street, Augathella.; and
2. The Council request that confirming tenders guidelines be established with tenderers needing to include the price submitted for the land, the intended use of land, and development conditions around the timing of the differing stages of their development.

**CARRIED**

**17 CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 2:30 PM.