



Ordinary Council Meeting

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville

Thursday, 16 March 2023

9:00AM



Morven Rec Grounds New BBQ

**MINUTES OF MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 95-101 ALFRED ST, CHARLEVILLE
ON THURSDAY, 16 MARCH 2023 AT 9:00AM**

PRESENT: Cr S Radnedge (Mayor), Cr R Eckel, Cr P Alexander (Cr), Cr M McKellar, Cr P Taylor

IN ATTENDANCE: J Gorry (Director Corporate & Regulatory Services), R Ranson (Director Community & Health Services), J Nicholson (Director Economic Development & Tourism), R Ranjit (Director Engineering Services), S Taylor (CEO)

1 OPENING PRAYER

Cr Radnedge delivered a prayer for the guidance of Council.

COUNCIL WELCOMED NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SABINE TAYLOR.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies

Nil

Leave of Absence

Nil

Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOTION

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr M McKellar

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 16 February 2023 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record of proceedings.

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

5 MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

6 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

7 CORRESPONDENCE FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION

Nil

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Robert Eckel declared a conflict of interest in relation to Item 13.4 Request for Assistance by Botanical Reserve.

9 UPDATE/CHANGE TO COUNCILLOR REGISTER OF INTEREST

Nil

10 CORPORATE & REGULATORY

10.1 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT
<p>RESOLUTION 036/23 Moved: Cr P Taylor Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>1. That Council receives the Human Resources Report</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

10.2 QUEENSLAND HOUSING STRATEGY 2021 - 2025 - LOCAL HOUSING ACTION PLAN
<p>RESOLUTION 037/23 Moved: Cr R Eckel Seconded: Cr P Alexander</p> <p>That Council adopts the Queensland Housing Strategy 2021 – 2025 Local Housing Action Plan Murweh Shire Council.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

10.3 FINANCIAL REPORT 28 FEBRUARY 2023
<p>RESOLUTION 038/23 Moved: Cr P Taylor Seconded: Cr M McKellar That Council receives the financial report for February 2023.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

10.4 WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT
<p>RESOLUTION 039/23 Moved: Cr P Alexander Seconded: Cr R Eckel That Council receives the report from Workplace Health & Safety Section.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

10.5 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, LOCAL LAWS AND STOCK ROUTES
<p>RESOLUTION 040/23 Moved: Cr R Eckel Seconded: Cr P Taylor That Council accepts the Environmental Health, Local Laws and Stock Routes Report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

11 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

11.1 VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE REPORT
<p>RESOLUTION 041/23 Moved: Cr P Taylor Seconded: Cr R Eckel That Council receive the report from the Visitor Information Centre.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

11.2 COSMOS CENTRE REPORT
<p>RESOLUTION 042/23 Moved: Cr P Alexander Seconded: Cr M McKellar That Council receives the February Report from the Cosmos Centre & Planetarium.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

11.3 HALFWAY THERE SHINDIG**RESOLUTION 043/23**

Moved: Cr M McKellar
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council allocates \$40,000 from Council's Events budget for the purpose of organising a full day of activities for Charleville's 'Halfway There Shindig' on Saturday 1st July 2023.

CARRIED**11.4 WWII SECRET BASE & TOUR REPORT FEBRUARY 2023****RESOLUTION 044/23**

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council receives the WWII Secret Base & Tour report for February 2023.

CARRIED**11.5 MONTHLY REPORT****RESOLUTION 045/23**

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr P Alexander

1. That Council accept the Economic Development & Tourism report.

CARRIED

Council received a presentation from the Charleville Botanical Reserve.

The meeting adjourned for a morning tea break at 10:46 AM.

The meeting resumed normal proceedings at 11:09 AM.

The Director Corporate & Regulatory Services exited the meeting at 11:18am.

11.7 OUTBACK MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA

That the matter be deferred to later in the meeting. Refer Item 11.7 below, resolution 058/23.

11.6 TOP TOURISM AWARD
<p>RESOLUTION 046/23</p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander Seconded: Cr P Taylor</p> <p>That Council agrees to defer decision on entering the Top Tourism Award submission until 2024. That Council directs officers to enter the Top Tourism Award in 2024.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

12 COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES

12.1 LIBRARIES REPORT ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2023
<p>RESOLUTION 047/23</p> <p>Moved: Cr M McKellar Seconded: Cr R Eckell</p> <p>That Council receives the report from the libraries.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

12.2 COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES REPORT
<p>RESOLUTION 048/23</p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander Seconded: Cr M McKellar</p> <p>That Council receives the Community & Health Services Report</p> <p>Action Item: Direct the Director Engineering Services and the Director Community and Health Services to create a report regarding the water bladder issues and proposed chlorination system to bring to the next Council briefing session.</p> <p>Action Item: Director Community and Health Services to report back to project manager SMEC to provide a detailed report on the state of the current Charleville STP imhoff tanks and their proposal of works to bring to the next Council briefing session.</p> <p>Action Item: Director Engineering Services to ensure septic tank pump outs in Augathella are scheduled on an annual basis, approximately 70 houses per year.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

13 ENGINEERING SERVICES**13.1 WEIGHBRIDGE****RESOLUTION 049/23**

Moved: Cr R Eckel
 Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That as per sections 229-235 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 detailed in the clause 4.9 Exemption from requirement to tender or quote, part (a) i.e. Council resolves that it is satisfied that there is only one supplier reasonably available, Council approves the acceptance of the quotation of \$ 268,576 including GST, submitted by Mettler Toledo to supply and install a concrete decking weigh bridge at Charleville. The allocated budget line is 8000-2579-0.

CARRIED**13.2 POLICY REVIEW ENG 001- ASSET MANAGEMENT****RESOLUTION 050/23**

Moved: Cr M McKellar
 Seconded: Cr P Taylor

That Council approve ENG – 001 Asset Management Policy.

CARRIED

The Director Corporate & Regulatory Services entered the meeting at 12:03pm.

13.3 ENGINEERING REPORT**RESOLUTION 051/23**

Moved: Cr M McKellar
 Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council receives and notes the Engineering Report.

CARRIED

Cr R Eckel declared a prescribed interest in relation to item 13.4 due to volunteering for the Botanical Reserve committee. Discussion ensued, Councillors did not believe this to be a conflict of interest.

13.4 REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE BY BOTANICAL RESERVE**RESOLUTION 052/23**

Moved: Cr P Taylor
 Seconded: Cr M McKellar

That Council approve the budget of \$10,000 from the job costing number 3207-2000 to conduct works on the Charleville Botanical Reserve.

Cr Eckel abstained from voting.

CARRIED

13.5 UPGRADE OF DRAINAGE WORK IN AUGATHELLA
<p>RESOLUTION 053/23</p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander Seconded: Cr P Taylor</p> <p>That Council approves a budget provision of \$ 198,000 to upgrade the drainage work in Augathella for the 23-24 budget period.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

13.6 POLICY REVIEW ENG002 - GRIDS & GATES
<p>RESOLUTION 054/23</p> <p>Moved: Cr R Eckel Seconded: Cr M McKellar</p> <p>That Council approves ENG -002 Grids & Gate Policy</p> <p style="text-align: right;">.CARRIED</p>

14 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

Nil

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS
<p>RESOLUTION 055/23</p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander Seconded: Cr P Taylor</p> <p>A motion was moved that Council suspend standing orders.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

15 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

<p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 275 of the Local Government Act 2012:</p> <p>15.1 Langlo Mount Morris Road Earthworks Contract</p> <p>This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 275 - e of the Local Government Act, 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 contracts proposed to be made by it.</p>

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**RESOLUTION 056/23**

Moved: Cr M McKellar
Seconded: Cr R Eckell

A motion was moved that Council resume standing orders.

CARRIED

15.1 LANGLO MOUNT MORRIS ROAD EARTHWORKS CONTRACT**RESOLUTION 057/23**

Moved: Cr P Alexander
Seconded: Cr M McKellar

Pursuant to Section 4.9 (h)(i) of the Murweh Shire Council Procurement Policy, that Council approves the quotation from Russell's Grader Hire Pty Ltd for \$411,200 (excl. GST) and awards the contract for the delivery of Earthworks under preferred suppliers' arrangement, being the contract most advantageous to Council based on submitted price, prior experience in the region and local content. The allocated budget line is 8000-4052-0

.CARRIED

11.7 OUTBACK MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA**RESOLUTION 058/23**

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council: -

- 1) approves the ERGON scope of works for relocation @ \$36,698
- 2) approves the ERGON scope of works for a pad mount transformer @ \$ 66,245

CARRIED

Action Item: The Director Corporate & Regulatory Services to liaise with Council's Town Planner to lodge development application with SARA.

The Director Corporate & Regulatory Services to accompany Council's Town Planner to Toowoomba to accelerate application with SARA. Site 3 is still the preferred site. Results to be tabled at a Special Council Meeting.

16 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 12:39pm.

17 REOPEN MEETING**RESOLUTION 059/23**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr M McKellar

The meeting reopened at 12:52 PM.

CARRIED

18 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT (NGA)**RESOLUTION 060/23**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr P Taylor

That officers engage consultants to construct a motion / motions on;

1. Disposal of Solar Panels,
2. Carbon Capture in the Great Artesian Basin and
3. Levy on tyres,

to submit to the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) for submission to the National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA), by 24 March 2023.

CARRIED

179 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 12:54pm.