



Ordinary Council Meeting

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville

Thursday, 17 August 2023

9:00AM



The Library collaborated with 'Drug Arm' on a NAIDOC window display theme 'For our Elders'.

**MINUTES OF MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 95-101 ALFRED ST, CHARLEVILLE
ON THURSDAY, 17 AUGUST 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 Nicholson (Director Economic Development & Tourism), R Ranson (Director Community & Health Services), C Alexander (Contract Accountant), A Evans (Tourism Manager), K Crosby (Acting Director Corporate & Regulatory Services)

1 OPENING PRAYER

1. Fr Doohan delivered the prayer for the guidance of council.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies

S Taylor (CEO), R Ranjit (Director Engineering Services)

Leave of Absence

Nil

Applications for Leave of Absence

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 179/23

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr P Taylor

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 20 July 2023 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 180/23

Moved: Cr M McKellar
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held 20 July 2023 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5 MAYORAL MINUTE

5.1 ENDORSEMENT OF FLYING MINUTES
<p>RESOLUTION 181/23</p> <p>Moved: Cr M McKellar Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>That Council endorse the actions from the flying Minutes below:</p> <p>That Council approves attendance of Mayor Radnedge at a meeting with Maranoa Regional Council and Rex Airlines in Brisbane 3 August regarding air services to Charleville and</p> <p>That Murweh Shire Council submits the following motions to the LGAQ Conference;</p> <p>1. The LGAQ calls on the Australian Government to call on the immediate cessation of the Carbon Transport and Storage Corporation (CTSCo) Project and further, request state and federal governments to work collaboratively to protect the Great Artesian Basin for regional communities, as it is the only reliable source of fresh water for much of inland Australia.</p> <p>2. The LGAQ calls on the Queensland Government to advocate for a solution to the disposal of solar panels. This could include reclamation, recycling, and implementation of a levy mechanism for solar panels to ensure better waste disposal and explore manufacturers liability for the photovoltaic (PV) panels to encourage sustainable management and work with government for industry wide solutions.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

6 NOTICE OF MOTION

MOTION
<p>RESOLUTION 182/23</p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander Seconded: Cr P Taylor</p> <p>That Council considers the confidential matter(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 275 of the Local Government Act 2012</p> <p style="text-align: right;">:CARRIED</p>

15.2 CEO CONTRACT
<p>RESOLUTION 183/23</p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander Seconded: Cr M McKellar</p> <p>Alternative 2 – Termination of Employment</p> <p>That Council-</p> <p>1) Pursuant to clause 6.6 of the Contract of Employment between Council and the Chief Executive Officer:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Terminates the Contract within Probation Period</p>

b. Elects to pay the Chief Executive Officer one week remuneration package provided for in the contract, in lieu of notice;and 2) Pursuant to section 195 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> , appoints J Nicholson (Director Economic Services) as Acting Chief Executive Officer until further Council resolution.	CARRIED
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At 9:15 the Director of Community & Health Services exited the meeting.

MOTION
<p>RESOLUTION 184/23 Moved: Cr M McKellar Seconded: Cr P Taylor That Council moves out of Closed Council and resumes normal proceedings..</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

7 CORRESPONDENCE FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION

Nil

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

9 UPDATE/CHANGE TO COUNCILLOR REGISTER OF INTEREST

10 CORPORATE & REGULATORY

10.1 EXCESS DOG APPLICATION
<p>RESOLUTION 185/23 Moved: Cr P Alexander Seconded: Cr P Taylor That Council approve the keeping of more than two dogs within the Town Area with the following extra conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Excess dog permit is not transferrable; and 2. All dogs are to be registered and appropriate fees paid in accordance with Council's Statutory Fees and Charges; and 3. Adhere to <i>Sub-ordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2012, Schedule 8 Requirements for proper enclosures for animals (1) to (3)</i> and 4. Any non conformance with <i>Keeping of Animals</i>, may result in an authorised officer of Council cancelling the approved excess dog permit, and the animal owner is to remove all excess animals within seven days of Council's issued notice.

CARRIED
10.2 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT
<p>RESOLUTION 186/23 Moved: Cr P Alexander Seconded: Cr R Eckel That Council receives the Human Resources Report</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

10.3 POLICY REVIEW HR-009 DISCRIMINATION BULLYING HARASSMENT POLICY
<p>RESOLUTION 187/23 Moved: Cr P Taylor Seconded: Cr M McKellar That Council approves Policy HR-009 Discrimination, Bullying & Harassment Policy as tabled</p> <p style="text-align: right;">.CARRIED</p>

10.4 WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT
<p>RESOLUTION 188/23 Moved: Cr R Eckel Seconded: Cr M McKellar That Council receives the report from the Workplace Health & Safety Section</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

10.5 VALUATION – ROADS. DRAINAGE, BRIDGES AND AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURES
<p>RESOLUTION 189/23 Moved: Cr P Alexander Seconded: Cr P Taylor</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That Council note the valuation report as presented. 2) That Council authorise management to update the asset register reflecting the new amounts as per the valuation report effective 30 June 2023. 3) Subject to Final outcome of the review from Sheppards services. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

10.6 FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 2023
<p>RESOLUTION 190/23</p> <p>Moved: Cr M McKellar Seconded: Cr P Alexander</p> <p>That Council notes the Financial Report to end July 2023</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

10.7 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2023-2024
<p>RESOLUTION 191/23</p> <p>Moved: Cr R Eckel Seconded: Cr P Taylor</p> <p>That Council <i>as per section 104 (7) of the Local Government Act and LG Reg.2012 Div 4, S174</i> adopts the Draft Operations Plan for 2023-2024.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

At 10:08 AM, Cr Shaun (Zoro) Radnedge left the meeting.

At 10:09 AM, Cr Shaun (Zoro) Radnedge returned to the meeting.

10.8 COUNCIL ASSISTANCE 2023-2024
<p>RESOLUTION 192/23</p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander Seconded: Cr P Taylor</p> <p>That Council approves in principal the Community Assistance Grants 2023-2024 as tabled.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

The meeting adjourned for a morning tea break at 10:17 AM.

The meeting resumed normal proceedings at 10:44 AM.

10.9 INDEXATION - WATER AND SEWERAGE INFRASTRUCTURE, BUILDINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES
<p>RESOLUTION 193/23</p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That council receive the MSC indexation valuation report June 2023 2) That Council approve the annual asset indexation valuation outcome and proposed disclosures for financial statement preparation and reporting for the year ending 30 June 2023. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

10.10 CORPORATE AND REGULATORY SERVICE INFORMATION**RESOLUTION 194/23**

Moved: Cr M McKellar

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Councils approve the report from Corporate & Regulatory Services.

CARRIED**11 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM****11.1 COSMOS CENTRE REPORT - JULY 2023****RESOLUTION 195/23**

Moved: Cr M McKellar

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council notes the July Report from the Cosmos Centre & Planetarium.

CARRIED**11.2 CHARLEVILLE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE REPORT****RESOLUTION 196/23**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr P Taylor

That Council notes and receives the monthly report from the Visitor Information Centre.

CARRIED**11.3 WWII SECRET BASE & TOUR REPORT JULY 2023****RESOLUTION 197/23**

Moved: Cr P Taylor

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receives the WWII Secret Base & Tour Report for July 2023

CARRIED**11.4 TOURISM AND EVENTS REPORT****RESOLUTION 198/23**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr M McKellar

That Council notes the Tourism and Events report for July.

CARRIED

11.5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT
<p>RESOLUTION 199/23</p> <p>Moved: Cr R Eckel Seconded: Cr P Taylor</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the Economic Development report as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

12 COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES

12.1 LIBRARIES REPORT
<p>RESOLUTION 200/23</p> <p>Moved: Cr P Taylor Seconded: Cr M McKellar</p> <p>That Council notes the report from the Murweh libraries.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

12.2 COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES REPORT
<p>RESOLUTION 201/23</p> <p>Moved: Cr R Eckel Seconded: Cr P Alexander</p> <p>That the report from Community and Health Services be received and noted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

12.3 AUGATHELLA DIGGERS CAMPDRAFT ASSOCIATION - SPONSORSHIP
<p>RESOLUTION 202/23</p> <p>Moved: Cr M McKellar Seconded: Cr P Alexander</p> <p>Option 1: That Council provides cash sponsorship of \$750 towards Augathella Diggers Campdraft Association's 2023 event, or</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

13 ENGINEERING SERVICES

13.1 STATUS OF INGROUND TANK (BLADDER) - CHARLEVILLE
<p>RESOLUTION 203/23 Moved: Cr R Eckel Seconded: Cr P Alexander</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the status of the Charleville Inground Tank (Bladder).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

13.2 ENGINEERING REPORT
<p>RESOLUTION 204/23 Moved: Cr M McKellar Seconded: Cr P Alexander</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the Engineering Report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

14 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

Nil

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 Application to lease land at the Charleville Airport</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> <p>15.2 CEO Contract</p> <p>This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 275 - a 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 the appointment, dismissal or discipline of employees.</p>

15.1 APPLICATION TO LEASE LAND AT THE CHARLEVILLE AIRPORT

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council has laid this item on the table until more information is supplied with location, size of land and size of proposed building.

RESOLUTION 205/23

Moved: Cr P Taylor

Seconded: Cr M McKellar

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 12:19 pm.

Cr Shaun Radnedge

MAYOR