



Ordinary Council Meeting

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville

Wednesday, 19 March 2025

9.00AM



Wellness Day

**MINUTES OF MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 95-101 ALFRED ST, CHARLEVILLE
ON WEDNESDAY, 19 MARCH 2025 AT 9.00AM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Scott (Chief Executive Officer), J Kronk (Director of Corporate Services), J Barton (Director of Engineering Services), T Ortiz (Contract Accountant), K Crosby (Manager Regulatory Services)

The Mayor acknowledged former Councillor Mr Cecil Russell in the gallery.

1 OPENING PRAYER

Fr Peter Doohan delivered the 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

Nil

4 UPDATE/CHANGE TO COUNCILLOR REGISTER OF INTEREST

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 054/25

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 19 February 2025 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Council amend Resolution 299/24 to reflect the actions from the minutes of the Tourism, Marketing and Events Advisory Committee

7 MAYORAL MINUTE

Vote of Thanks

The Mayor proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of Council to Ms Terri Fitzgerald - for her dedication and efforts in organising the Charleville Monthly Markets. Council noted that Ms Fitzgerald's hard work is appreciated, and her efforts creating a great opportunity for the community to come together and showcase local produce and crafts.

8 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

9 CORRESPONDENCE FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION

9.1 CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCILLORS

Correspondence for information of Councillors was noted.

10 OFFICE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

10.1 MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT - MARCH 2025

RESOLUTION 055/25

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

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

CARRIED

The Visitor Information Centre Coordinator entered the meeting at 10:20am.

10.2 TOURISM REPORT

RESOLUTION 056/25

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receives and notes the March 2025 Tourism Report.

CARRIED

The Visitor Information Centre Coordinator exited the meeting at 10:27am.

10.3 FLOOD WARNING REVIEW AUGATHELLA AND CHARLEVILLE**RESOLUTION 057/25**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receive and endorse the Genesis Hydrology Peer Reviewed Flood Warning Review for the Townships of Augathella and Charleville, and

That Council make the Flood Warning Review for the Townships of Augathella and Charleville publicly available on the Murweh Shire Council website.

CARRIED

10.4 MURWEH SHIRE LOCAL DISASTER COORDINATION CENTRE (LDCC) DISASTER READY FUND APPLICATION**RESOLUTION 058/25**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council endorses the preparation of an application to the Australian Government Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) to refurbish the existing past Bureau of Meteorology building at the Charleville Airport to establish a Murweh Shire Local Disaster Coordination Centre (LDCC) to the value of \$527,129.99, and

That Council dedicates 10% of the LDCC project cost or \$52,713.00 to support the DRF grant application in the way of a cash contribution from the Murweh Shire Council General Fund.

CARRIED

10.5 OUTBACK QUEENSLAND TOURISM ASSOCIATION (OQTA) 2025 TOURISM SEASON LAUNCH - OUTBACK TO THE CITY**RESOLUTION 059/25**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council approve the attendance of Councillor Teri Sommerfield and Cosmos Centre Coordinator, Mr Alex Macdonald at the Outback Tourism Association 2025 Season Launch – Outback to the City event to be held in Brisbane on 27 March 2025

CARRIED

10.6 QANTAS HERITAGE TRAIL PROJECT PROPOSAL**RESOLUTION 060/25**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council supports the placement of a monument to mark the first Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Service (QANTAS) flight originating in Charleville in 1922, and landing at Tambo, Blackall, Longreach, Winton, McKinlay and Cloncurry, and

That Council supports the Qantas Heritage Trail initiative to erect a monument in Charleville to the value of \$10,000 in the 2025-26 financial year, with the monument to be located at the Charleville Airport, and

That Council dedicate the Charleville Qantas Heritage Trail Monument to both Mr Harry Corones and Mr George Espie in recognition of their contributions to the establishment and continuation of QANTAS.

CARRIED

10.7 REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL BUS HIRE FEE – CHARLEVILLE STATE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CAREERS TOUR

RESOLUTION 061/25

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council approve the request from Charleville State High School to waive the Murweh Shire Council Bus Hire Fee for the upcoming Senior Careers Tour in July 2025.

CARRIED

10.8 ENTERTAINMENT POLICY

RESOLUTION 062/25

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council adopts the amended Entertainment and Hospitality Policy as presented.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for a morning tea break at 10:48 AM.

The meeting welcomed the Department of Sport and Recreation (Penny Pyke and Tayla Whittaker) for a discussion regarding their community engagement in the Shire.

The meeting resumed normal proceedings at 11:24 AM.

The Director of Corporate Services and Contract Accountant were present when the meeting resumed.

11 CORPORATE & REGULATORY

11.1 FINANCIAL REPORT ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2025

RESOLUTION 063/25

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the Finance Report for the period ending 28 February 2025, 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 February 2025
9. Balance Sheet February 2025
10. Financial Statements Actual February 2025

CARRIED

The Contract Accountant exited the meeting at 12:06pm.

11.2 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT**RESOLUTION 064/25**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receives and notes the February Human Resources Report.

CARRIED**11.3 WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT****RESOLUTION 065/25**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the Workplace Health and Safety Report.

CARRIED**11.4 PLANNING MONTHLY REPORT****RESOLUTION 066/25**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the Planning Report for the March 2025 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

The Director of Corporate Services exited the meeting at 12:50pm

The Manager of Regulatory Services entered the meeting at 12:50pm.

11.5 REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT - JANUARY**RESOLUTION 067/25**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council receives and notes the Regulatory Services Report for February 2025.

CARRIED

The Manager Regulatory Services exited the meeting at 1:10pm.

11.6 REPEAL OF FINANCIAL DELEGATION POLICY**RESOLUTION 068/25**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council repeal policy FIN-013 Financial Delegation Policy as this policy has now been replaced with the Financial Delegations Register.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for a break at 01:11 PM.

The meeting resumed normal proceedings at 01:22 PM.

The Director of Engineering Services was present when the meeting resumed.

12 ENGINEERING SERVICES**12.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT****RESOLUTION 069/25**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the March 2025 Engineering Services Report.

CARRIED

12.2 PREFERRED SUPPLIER PANEL - ELECTRICAL WORKS TENDER SUBMISSION**RESOLUTION 070/25**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council under section 233 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, include the following late submission onto the preferred supplier arrangement for electrical services for Council works and projects throughout the Shire 2024-2026;

- NHC Auto Refrigeration

CARRIED

12.3 PROCUREMENT OF SEALING CONTRACTOR - BIDDENHAM ROAD**RESOLUTION 071/25**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council engages Austek Spray Seal for sealing works on Biddenham Road (Package MuSC-4 under September 2022 and April 2024 flood events) at an estimated cost of \$ 249,957.54 Ex. GST as per quote SS-2025-082 received 6 March 2025.

CARRIED

Cr Ebsworth exited the meeting at 2:09pm.

Cr Ebsworth entered the meeting at 2:11pm.

The Director of Engineering exited the meeting at 2:14pm.

13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**13.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT****RESOLUTION 072/25**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council receives and notes the March 2025 Economic Development Report.

CARRIED**14 COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES****14.1 COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES REPORT****RESOLUTION 073/25**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council receives and notes the Community and Health Services Report for the March 2025 Council Meeting.

CARRIED**14.2 FEBRUARY LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT****RESOLUTION 074/25**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the Library Report for the March 2025 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

14.3 AUGATHELLA DIGGERS EASTER RODEO 2025 - REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP**RESOLUTION 075/25**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council provides \$750 cash sponsorship towards prize money for the 2025 Augathella diggers Easter Rodeo.

CARRIED

14.4 REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE - AUGATHELLA BILLYCART RACES**RESOLUTION 076/25**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council agrees to provide the requested in-kind assistance as requested.

CARRIED

14.5 REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP - CHARLEVILLE POLOCROSSE CLUB**RESOLUTION 077/25**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council provides sponsorship of \$500 towards the 2025 Polocrosse Carnival.

CARRIED

14.6 REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP - WESTERN RUGBY LEAGUE**RESOLUTION 078/25**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council declines the offer to provide sponsorship to Western Ringers as requested, as Council is already providing in-kind assistance for waiver of hire fees for bus and facility hire.

CARRIED

14.7 REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE - NBHA DISTRICT 4**RESOLUTION 079/25**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

Council is unable to provide assistance until Council receives additional information regarding the venue location for each event date, the specific assistance required, and details of public liability insurance for events scheduled up to June 2025. Requests for events in the 2025-2026 financial year should be submitted once Council Assistance applications for that period are open.

CARRIED

15 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

Nil

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**RESOLUTION 080/25**

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 Proposed Budget Parameters and Timetable 2025-2026

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**RESOLUTION 081/25**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED**16.1 PROPOSED BUDGET PARAMETERS AND TIMETABLE 2025-2026****RESOLUTION 082/25**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council endorse the proposed budget parameters and timetable 2025-26.

CARRIED**17 CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3:20pm.