



# Ordinary Council Meeting

## MINUTES

Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville

Thursday, 14 March 2024

9.00AM



Slashing on the Augathella – Morven Road

**MINUTES OF MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 95-101 ALFRED ST, CHARLEVILLE  
ON THURSDAY, 14 MARCH 2024 AT 9.00AM**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** R Ranson (Director Community & Health Services), J Nicholson (Director Economic Development & Tourism), T Ortiz (Contract Accountant), J Barton (Director Engineering Services), K Crosby (Director Corporate & Regulatory Services), B Scott (CEO)

**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 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION 030/24**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr M McKellar

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 15 February 2024 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record of proceedings.

**CARRIED**

**4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Nil

**5 MAYORAL THANKS**

The Mayor thanked the Councillors for their efforts and diligence over the last term of council.

**6 NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

**7 CORRESPONDENCE FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION**

<b>7.1 CORRESPONDENCE</b>
Presented for the information of Councillors.

**8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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

**10 CORPORATE & REGULATORY**

<b>10.1 SPONSORSHIP MEATANT DUST DEVILS MOTORBIKE CLUB</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 031/24</b>                  Moved: Cr M McKellar                  Seconded: Cr P Alexander</p> <p>That Council provide in-kind sponsorship by providing a water truck to the Meatant Dust Devils Motorbike Club for its next motorbike gymkhana to be held Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 June 2024, on the provision that a current Council employee is to operate the machine and volunteer his/her time to drive and deliver water over the weekend for this event.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>.CARRIED</b></p>

<b>10.2 REGULATORY SERVICES</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 032/24</b>                  Moved: Cr R Eckel                  Seconded: Cr P Taylor</p> <p>That Council received and notes the Regulatory Services Report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

The meeting adjourned for a morning tea break at 10:28 AM.

The meeting resumed normal proceedings at 10:50 AM.

<b>10.3 WORK HEALTH &amp; SAFETY REPORT</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 033/24</b>                  Moved: Cr P Alexander                  Seconded: Cr M McKellar</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the report from the Work Health &amp; Safety Section.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>10.4 H.R. REPORT</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 034/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr P Taylor                  Seconded: Cr M McKellar</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the Human Resources Report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
<b>10.5 TOURISM REPORT</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 035/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander                  Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the Tourism Report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
<b>10.6 FINANCIAL REPORT - ENDING FEBRUARY 2024</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 036/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr M McKellar                  Seconded: Cr P Taylor</p> <p>That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 29 February 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 V’s actual</li> <li>5. Road Works – budget V’s actual</li> <li>6. Capital Funding Detail</li> <li>7. Rates Summary</li> <li>8. Income Statement January 2024</li> <li>9. Balance Sheet January 2024</li> <li>10. Financial Statements Actual January 2024</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
<b>10.7 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2023-2024 QUARTER TWO REPORT</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 037/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander                  Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>That Council as per section 174 (3) of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>, receives and notes the second quarter review outcomes of the Operational Plan 2023-2024.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>.CARRIED</b></p>

**11 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

<b>11.1 STREET NAMING BOLLON ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 038/24</b>                  Moved: Cr P Taylor                  Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>That Council requests that staff at the Cosmos Centre put forward potential street names for the Bollon Road Industrial Estate based on a celestial theme to be decided on by Council Resolution at a future Ordinary Council Meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

At 12:10 PM, Cr Peter (Red) Alexander left the meeting.

At 12:11 PM, Cr Peter (Red) Alexander returned to the meeting.

<b>11.2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 039/24</b>                  Moved: Cr R Eckel                  Seconded: Cr P Taylor</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the Economic Development Report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

**12 COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES**

<b>12.1 REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP - WESLEY LELECA MEMORIAL FISHING COMPETITION</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 040/24</b>                  Moved: Cr R Eckel                  Seconded: Cr P Alexander</p> <p>That Council provides sponsorship to the value of \$500 and in-kind (portable toilets and slashing) for the Wesley Lecela Memorial Fishing Competition.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>12.2 REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP - CHARLEVILLE SHOW QUICK SHEARS COMPETITION</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 041/24</b>                  Moved: Cr M McKellar                  Seconded: Cr P Alexander</p> <p>That Council accepts the offer to become a gold sponsor of the event at a cost of \$1000.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>12.3 CONTINUED SUPPORT OF NAIDOC WEEK 2024 SCHOOL INITIATIVES</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 042/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr P Taylor                  Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>That Council continue its support of NAIDOC Week School Initiatives 2024 by contributing \$450 towards printing and distribution costs for students within Murweh Shire.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>12.4 COMMUNITY &amp; HEALTH SERVICES REPORT</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 043/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr P Taylor                  Seconded: Cr M McKellar</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the Community and Health Services Report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>12.5 REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP - CHARLEVILLE POLOCROSSE CLUB</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 044/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander                  Seconded: Cr M McKellar</p> <p>That Council provides sponsorship of \$500 in addition to agreed council assistance.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>.CARRIED</b></p>

<b>12.6 LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 045/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr P Taylor                  Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>That council receives and note the report from the library section.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

**13 ENGINEERING SERVICES**

<b>13.1 ENGINEERING REPORT</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 046/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr M McKellar                  Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the Engineering Services Report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>.CARRIED</b></p>

**14 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION**

Nil

**15 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

<p><b>RESOLUTION 047/24</b>                  Moved: Cr P Alexander                  Seconded: Cr M McKellar                  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:  <b>15.1 Proposed Budget Parameters and Timetable 2024-2025</b>                  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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 048/24</b>                  Moved: Cr R Eckel                  Seconded: Cr P Taylor                  That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>15.1 PROPOSED BUDGET PARAMETERS AND TIMETABLE 2024-2025</b></p>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 049/24</b>                  Moved: Cr P Alexander                  Seconded: Cr M McKellar                  That Council endorse the proposed budget parameters and timetable 2024-25.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

**16 CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 1:55PM.