



SHIRE OF MURWEH

MORVEN - CHARLEVILLE - AUGATHELLA

Ordinary Council Meeting

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville

Friday 19 April 2024, 9:00AM



**MINUTES OF MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 95-101 ALFRED ST, CHARLEVILLE
ON THURSDAY, 19 APRIL 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 (Interim CEO), R Ranson (Director Community & Health Services), J Kronk (Director Corporate Services), C Alexander (Contract Accountant), S Crosby (Manager Regulatory Services), J Barton (Director Engineering Services)

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

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 057/24

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 14 March 2024 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 058/24

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That the minutes of the Post Election Meeting held 4 April 2024 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

5 MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

6 NOTICE OF MOTION

Interim CEO B Scott left the room at 9:08am to allow Council to discuss the ongoing position of Chief Executive Officer.

MOTION
<p>RESOLUTION 059/24</p> <p>Moved: Cr T Sommerfield Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth</p> <p>That Council negotiate with Interim CEO to enter into a longer tenure to enable a thorough recruitment process for the position of permanent Chief Executive Officer into the future.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

Interim CEO B Scott entered the room at 9:12am.

7 CORRESPONDENCE FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION

7.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED MARCH
<p>Presented for the information of Councillors.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council has requested that Murweh Shire Council notify the Native Title Tribunal that it wishes to be registered as a respondent party to native title determination: <i>QUD74/2024 Raymond Gregory & Betty Jenette Taylor v State Minister for The State of Queensland (QN2024/002)</i> • Council request that an appropriate electronic records management and customer request system be explored.

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

9 UPDATE/CHANGE TO COUNCILLOR REGISTER OF INTEREST

Nil

10 OFFICE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Nil

J Kronk (Director Corporate Services) and S Crosby (Manager Regulatory Services) entered the meeting at 9:33am.

11 CORPORATE & REGULATORY

11.1 PURCHASE OF LAND - 53 NORTH ROAD MORVEN
<p>RESOLUTION 060/24</p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield</p> <p>Under Section 235(f) of the Local Government Regulation, Council enter into a contract of sale with the Queensland Government Accommodation Office, Public Works Division, Department of Public Works for the purchase of land located at 53 North Road Morven, for the desk top valuation price of \$16,500.00.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

11.2 REGULATORY SERVICES MARCH REPORT
<p>RESOLUTION 061/24</p> <p>Moved: Cr R Eckel Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the Regulatory Services Report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

Action:

Manager Regulatory Services is seeking a service level requirement from Council for the management of overgrown allotments. Council to discuss its desired service levels at next CEO Briefing Session.

Manager Regulatory Services to seek a legal opinion from Council’s legal advisors at King & Co Solicitors in relation to the above matter.

11.3 AUGATHELLA COMMON LPA AUDIT FINDINGS
<p>RESOLUTION 062/24</p> <p>Moved: Cr M Ebsworth Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>That Council implement the following corrective actions to eliminate the two (2) risks found during the Meat and Livestock Production Assurance Scheme audit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secure the fence of the Augathella Refuse site and clean out the grid at entry, to eliminate stock entering the refuse site (within two months from audit report); and 2. When spraying weeds on the Augathella Common, Council is to notify all registered users via email (immediately) the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Chemical used to treat weed/s; and b) The withholding period; and

- c) Manufacturers date and batch number; and
- d) Number of days cattle are to be held and not sold due to chemical treatment.

CARRIED

Action:

Manager Regulatory Services to review Council Policies and Local Laws relating to the use of the Murweh Shire Council Town Commons and Reserves.

11.4 WORK HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT

RESOLUTION 063/24

Moved: Cr P Alexander
 Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the Work Health & Safety Report.

CARRIED

11.5 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

RESOLUTION 064/24

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield
 Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the Human Resources Report.

CARRIED

11.6 MAYORS'S REPORT

RESOLUTION 065/24

Moved: Cr P Alexander
 Seconded: Cr R Eckel

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for a morning tea break at 10:19 AM.

The meeting resumed normal proceedings at 10:49 AM.

C Alexander (Contract Accountant) was present when the meeting resumed.

11.7 ELECTION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND'S (LGAQ) POLICY EXECUTIVE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES 2024-2028**RESOLUTION 066/24**

Moved: Cr S Radnedge
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council Nominates Mayor Samantha O'Toole from Balonne Shire Council to District NO. 5 of the LGAQ Policy Executive.

CARRIED 3/1

Cr Alexander requested that his vote against the Resolution be recorded.

11.8 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT (NGA), TO BE HELD IN CANBERRA FROM 2-4 JULY 2024.**RESOLUTION 067/24**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

1. That Council approve the attendance of the Mayor, Councillor Shaun Radnedge, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Peter Alexander and Interim CEO Mr Bruce Scott at the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA), to be held in Canberra from 2-4 July 2024.
2. That Council considers Motions to be submitted by the South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (SWQROC) to the National General Assembly by 30 April 2024.

CARRIED

Mayor Radnedge exited the meeting at 11:13am.

Mayor Radnedge entered the meeting at 11:16am.

J Barton (Director Engineering Services) entered the meeting at 11:37am.

11.9 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT**RESOLUTION 068/24**

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 31 March 2024 including;

1. Cash Position
2. Monthly Cash Flow Estimate
3. Comparative Data
4. Capital Funding – budget V's actual
5. Road Works – budget V's actual
6. Capital Funding Detail

7. Rates Summary	
8. Income Statement March 2024	
9. Balance Sheet March 2024	
10. Financial Statements Actual March 2024	
	CARRIED

11.10 OPERATIONAL PLAN - QUARTER 3 REVIEW	
RESOLUTION 069/24	
Moved: Cr P Alexander Seconded: Cr R Eckel	
Under Section 174(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council receives the third quarter review outcomes of the Operation Plan 2023-2024.	
	CARRIED

C Alexander (Contract Accountant) exited the meeting at 11:57am.

11.11 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION - 35 MURWEH DRIVE CHARLEVILLE	
RESOLUTION 070/24	
Moved: Cr R Eckel Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield	
That the development application for Material Change of Use submitted by Medhurst Architects Pty Ltd be refused on the grounds that the proposed development does not comply with the Murweh Shire Planning Scheme.	
	CARRIED

J Kronk (Director Corporate Services) exited the meeting at 12:05pm.

12 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

12.1 HISTORIC MILITARY RIFLES FOR DISPLAY AT THE WWII SECRET BASE	
RESOLUTION 071/24	
Moved: Cr M Ebsworth Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield	
That Council endorse the actions of the Interim CEO in the decommissioning of donated historic military rifles for display in the WWII Secret Base at a cost of \$594.00.	
	CARRIED

With the agreement of Council the Engineering Services Reports were moved forward in the Order of Business.

134 ENGINEERING SERVICES**14.1 PREFERRED SUPPLIER PANEL - ELECTRICAL SERVICES 2024-2026****RESOLUTION 072/24**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council under Section 233 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 accept the following contractors as Preferred Supplier's for electrical services for Council works and projects throughout the Shire 2024-2026;

- Brayley Electrical Pty Ltd
- Charleville Refrigeration and Electrical Pty Ltd
- Patelre Pty Ltd - Pato's Electrical and Refrigeration

CARRIED**14.2 ENGINEERING REPORT****RESOLUTION 0733/24**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the Engineering Services Report.

CARRIED**14.3 AUGATHELLA TRUCK WASH UPGRADE PROJECT****RESOLUTION 0744/24**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

Council has been advised by the appointed contractor for the Augathella Truck Wash Upgrade, that works will be delayed due to continuing wet weather events.

Council supports the Director of Engineering Services recommendation to:

1. Mutually terminate the Works Order with Russell's Grader Hire for the Augathella Truck Wash Upgrade; and
2. Seek approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works for a variation for the reallocation of Works for Queensland (W4Q) funding from the Augathella Truck Wash Upgrade to the Charleville Bore 5 UV Disinfection Unit ancillary works, and water supply redundancy water main works to the north east of the Bradley's Gully Diversion Channel.

CARRIED

J Barton (Director Engineering Services) exited the meeting at 12:51pm.

12.2 TOURISM REPORT
<p>RESOLUTION 075/24</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;">CARRIED</p>

R Ranson (Director Community & Health Services) entered the meeting at 1:15pm.

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13.1 MONTHLY REPORT MARCH LIBRARIES
<p>RESOLUTION 076/24</p> <p>Moved: Cr M Ebsworth Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the Charleville Library Report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

13.2 COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES REPORT
<p>RESOLUTION 077/24</p> <p>Moved: Cr M Ebsworth Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the Community and Health Services Report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

13.3 CHARLEVILLE SWIMMING POOL - EXPIRY OF MANAGEMENT CONTRACT
<p>RESOLUTION 078/24</p> <p>Moved: Cr M Ebsworth Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>That Council commence the tender process for management of the Charleville Swimming Pool. Council would like to acknowledge and thank Michael Winton and Sue Harvey for their commitment to the Charleville Swimming Pool over the past 8 years.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

13.4 UPDATE ON STATUS OF AUGATHELLA CED SCHEME UPGRADE
<p>RESOLUTION 079/24</p> <p>Moved: Cr M Ebsworth Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the update on status of the Augathella CED scheme upgrade.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

13.5 ENGAGEMENT OF CONTRACTOR FOR THE DESIGN OF THE CHARLEVILLE SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT AND AUGATHELLA COMMON EFFLUENT DISPOSAL SYSTEM
<p>RESOLUTION 080/24</p> <p>Moved: Cr M Ebsworth Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield</p> <p>That Council Under Section 235 (a) of the Local Government Regulation;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council accepts Premise Australia as the successful tenderer for the design of the Charleville Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) under a negotiated Letter of Intent; and 2. That Council enters into negotiations with 'Premise Australia' for engagement as designer and constructor for the Charleville STP and Augathella Common Effluent Disposal system (CED) projects. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

R Ranson (Director Community & Health Services) exited the meeting at 1:40pm.

13.6 REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE Q FEVER VACCINES CHARLEVILLE STATE HIGH SCHOOL
<p>RESOLUTION 081/24</p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth</p> <p>That Council support Charleville State High School students wishing to complete work experience at Western Meat Exporters with access to Q Fever Vaccines at an estimated cost of \$328.00 per student.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

15 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION**15.1 WESTERN QUEENSLAND ALLIANCE OF COUNCILS ASSEMBLY (WQAC)
MT ISA 4 & 5 SEPTEMBER 2024****RESOLUTION 082/24**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council approves the Mayor, Councillor Shaun Radhedge and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Peter Alexander and Interim CEO Mr Bruce Scott to attend the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils Assembly to be held in Mt Isa on 4 and 5 September 2025.

CARRIED**15.2 DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION COUNCIL****RESOLUTION 083/24**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

1. That Council recommit to the Local Government Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Champions Network, and;
2. That Council nominates Richard Ranson, Director Community & Health Services and Councillor Teri Sommerfield to represent Murweh Shire Council on the Local Government Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Champions Network.

CARRIED**16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

Nil

17 CLOSURE

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