



Ordinary Council Meeting

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville

Wednesday, 20 November 2024

9.00AM



140 years working for Murweh Shire

Troy McQueen (35 years), Gavin Russell (36 years), John Holley (38 years) and David Small (31 years)

**MINUTES OF MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 95-101 ALFRED ST, CHARLEVILLE
ON WEDNESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 9.02AM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: R Ranson (Director Community & Health Services), J Nicholson (Director Economic Development), B Scott (CEO), J Barton (Director of Engineering Services), J Kronk (Director Corporate Services)

1 OPENING PRAYER

Fr Peter 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

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Radnedge declared a conflict of interest in agenda item 12.3. This declarable conflict of interest arises because a person who is a related party of his has an interest in the matter before council being a tender for the replacement of light vehicles.

Cr Eckel declared a conflict of interest in agenda item 12.3. This prescribed conflict of interest arises because he is the Toyota Service Agent in Charleville.

4 UPDATE/CHANGE TO COUNCILLOR REGISTER OF INTEREST

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 262/24

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 16 October 2024 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**7 MAYORAL MINUTE****7.1 CONDOLENCE MOTION**

That Council pass on its sincerest condolences to Murweh Shire Council Staff Member Mr Josh Smith for the sad loss of his dear Sister.

8 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

9 CORRESPONDENCE FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION**9.1 CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCILLORS**

Received and noted.

10 OFFICE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE**10.1 MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT****RESOLUTION 263/24**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

1. That Council approves the Mayor's travel as presented and notes the Mayor's Monthly Meeting Schedule Report and Official Correspondence.
2. That the December meeting of Council be moved to Friday 13 December due to the Council office Christmas closure and Councillors' personal commitments.

CARRIED

10.2 PRESENTATION OF 2024 FINAL MANAGEMENT REPORT**RESOLUTION 264/24**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives the 2024 Final Management Report for Murweh Shire Council - noting that the Queensland Audit Office (QAO) has issued an unmodified audit opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements.

CARRIED

10.3 MEETING PROCEDURE POLICY**RESOLUTION 265/24**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council considers and adopts the Meeting Procedure Policy as presented.

CARRIED**10.4 RETREAT CARAVANS FAMILY GROUP****RESOLUTION 266/24**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

1. That Council conditionally approve the Retreat Caravans Family Group hire of the Charleville Showgrounds for their 1 – 3 June 2025 Tag Along Event - noting that the size of the group is potentially too large to be accommodated at the local caravan parks and the presence of the Group will enhance the local economy.
2. The above approval is only granted providing there is evidence of written refusals from local caravan parks that they are unable to accommodate the needs of the Retreat Caravans Family Group.

CARRIED**10.5 DFV SOUTH WEST FORUM 2025 - STRENGTHENING THE SOUTH WEST THROUGH INNOVATIONS, SUPPORT AND EDUCATION****RESOLUTION 267/24**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council provide sponsorship and support for the DFV South West Forum 2025 - Strengthening the South West through Innovations, Support and Education to the value of \$1,000.00 and in kind support of a waiver the venue hire.

CARRIED

Director of Corporate Services entered the meeting at 9:55am.

11 CORPORATE & REGULATORY**11.1 FINANCIAL REPORT - PERIOD ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2024****RESOLUTION 268/24**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 31 October 2024, 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 October 2024
9. Balance Sheet October 2024
10. Financial Statements Actual October 2024

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for a morning tea break at 10:35 AM.

The meeting resumed normal proceedings at 10:53 AM.

11.2 ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24 & SIGNED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2023-24**RESOLUTION 269/24**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council adopt the Annual Report 2023-24 including the signed Financial Statements 2023-24.

CARRIED**11.3 FIN-011 NON-CURRENT ASSETS, REVALUATION AND DEPRECIATION POLICY****RESOLUTION 270/24**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council review and adopt the draft Non-Current Assets, Revaluation and Depreciation Policy as presented.

CARRIED

11.4 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT**RESOLUTION 271/24**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the Human Resources Report.

CARRIED**11.5 WHS REPORT****RESOLUTION 272/24**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council receives and notes the report from the Workplace Health and Safety section.

CARRIED**11.6 TOURISM REPORTS OCTOBER 2024****RESOLUTION 273/24**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receives and notes the reports from the Tourism section.

CARRIED

The Mayor extended a vote of thanks to the team at the WWII Base on achieving a Bronze in the "Cultural Tourism" category at the 2024 Queensland Tourism Awards.

11.7 PLANNING MONTHLY REPORT**RESOLUTION 274/24**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council receives and notes the Planning Monthly Report.

CARRIED

11.8 REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT - OCTOBER 2024**RESOLUTION 275/24**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council receives and notes the Regulatory Services Report for October 2024.

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The Director of Corporate Services exited the meeting at 11:45am.

The Director of Engineering Services entered the meeting at 11:45am.

Cr Radnedge exited the meeting at 11:46am.

Cr Radnedge returned to the meeting at 11:48am.

12 ENGINEERING SERVICES**12.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT****RESOLUTION 276/24**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council receives and notes the Engineering Services Report.

CARRIED**12.2 HIRE OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT - FLOOD DAMAGE RESTORATION TENDER SUBMISSION****RESOLUTION 277/24**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council under section 233 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, includes the following late submission onto the preferred supplier arrangement for the hire of plant and equipment for flood damage restoration work in 2024-25, commencing from 1 July 2024 at the rates submitted under this arrangement:

- HBS Earthmoving (QLD) Pty Ltd

CARRIED

Cr S Radnedge declared an interest in relation to item 12.3 due to a relative submitting a tender.

Cr Shaun Radnedge left the meeting at 12.20pm.

Cr Eckel declared an interest in relation to item 12.3 due to him being a local Toyota Service Agent.

Cr Robert Eckel left the meeting at 12.21pm.

12.3 8 X UTILITY VEHICLE REPLACEMENT – TENDER JT1.24-25**RESOLUTION 278/24**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council accepts the quote from Sedilli Pty Ltd (Trading as South West Ford) for the purchase of 7 x Ford Ranger XL Dual Cab with steel tray and 1 x Ford Ranger XL Dual Cab with alloy tray/canopy combination to the value of \$512,210.00 (ex GST).

CARRIED

Cr Radnedge returned to the meeting at 12.39pm.

Cr Eckel returned to the meeting at 12.39pm.

12.4 APPOINTMENT OF TOWN STREET RESEAL CONTRACTOR**RESOLUTION 279/24**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

RECOMMENDATION

That Council engages Austek Asphalt Services under state arrangement CN-23570, in accordance with Local Government Regulation 2012 s235(f), for resealing town streets with the Murweh Shire to the value of \$1,203,513.74 (GST Inc.).

CARRIED

The Director of Engineering exited the meeting at 12:43pm.

The Director of Economic Development entered the meeting at 12:43pm.

13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**13.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT OCTOBER 2024****RESOLUTION 280/24**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receives and notes the October Economic Development Report.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for a lunch break at 01:03 PM.

The meeting resumed normal proceedings at 01:53 PM.

13.2 INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING STATION - AUGATHELLA**RESOLUTION 281/24**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

1. That Council Is not opposed to the installation of an NRMA electric vehicle charging station at Augathella, however, the preference would be for this to be established on commercial land.
2. If no commercial land is available for the installation of an NRMA electric vehicle charging station, Council will reconsider the request.

CARRIED

The Director of Economic Development exited the meeting at 2:03pm.

The Director of Community & Health Services entered the meeting at 2:03pm.

14 COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES**14.1 COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES REPORT****RESOLUTION 282/24**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receives and notes the October Community and Health Services Report.

CARRIED**14.2 LIBRARY OCTOBER MONTHLY REPORT****RESOLUTION 283/24**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council receives and notes the October Libraries Report.

CARRIED**14.3 REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE - PAYMENT OF GRANT WRITER****RESOLUTION 284/24**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council contributes \$4000 towards the costs incurred by the Charleville Swimming Club in their successful funding application for new starting blocks for the Charleville Swimming Pool.

CARRIED

14.4 REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE - AUGATHELLA & MORVEN CHRISTMAS LIGHT COMPETITION**RESOLUTION 285/24**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council allocates \$400 prizemoney towards the Christmas Light Competition in both Augathella and Morven.

CARRIED

The Director of Community & Health exited the meeting at 2:17pm.

15 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

Nil

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

17 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 2:39pm.