



# Ordinary Council Meeting

## MINUTES

Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville

Thursday, 22 June 2023

9:00AM



Morven Water Main Renewal Roadworks

**MINUTES OF MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 95-101 ALFRED ST, CHARLEVILLE  
ON THURSDAY, 15 JUNE 2023 AT 9:00AM**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** R Ranson (Director Community & Health Services), J Nicholson (Director Economic Development), C Alexander (Contract Accountant), R Ranjit (Director Engineering Services), N Crotty (A/Director Corporate Services), S Taylor (CEO)

## **1 OPENING PRAYER**

The opening prayer was delivered for the guidance of Council by Fr Peter Doohan

## **2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

### **Apologies**

Nil

### **Leave of Absence**

Nil

### **Applications for Leave of Absence**

## **3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **RESOLUTION 109/23**

Moved: Cr M McKellar

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 18 May 2023 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record of proceedings.

**CARRIED**

## **4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Outback Museum of Australia – At the CEO Briefing on 7 June 2023, Councillors were provided with a fulsome presentation from the Architect Rodney Eggleston from March Studio. Also present and responding to questions from Councillors was our Town Planner Mr Steven Mizen. The presentation included timelines, costings and issues and current status. This presentation is on the Councillors portal, also on the portal is an updated schematic of Stage1 and Stage 2 of OMoA.

**5 MAYORAL MINUTE****MAYORAL MINUTE – REIMBURSEMENT OF REMOVAL EXPENSES CEO****RESOLUTION 110/23**

Moved: Cr S Radnedge

Seconded: Cr M McKellar

That Council approves the reimbursement of \$17,227,21 to the Chief Executive Officer being removalist costs for relocation of personal furniture and effects from Alice Springs to Charleville in order to fulfill the role of CEO. 50% reimbursement to Council if employment ceases within 12 months from the end of the probationary period

In Favour: Crs S Radnedge, R Eckel, M McKellar and P Taylor

Against: Cr P Alexander

**CARRIED 4/1**

**6 NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

**7 CORRESPONDENCE FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION**

Nil

**8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Cr Radnedge declared Declarable Interest in the matter of the Garbage Collection Tender 12.8 as one of the tenderers is a relative.

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

Nil

**10 CORPORATE & REGULATORY****10.1 OPERATIONS MAY 2023****RESOLUTION 111/23**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receive and note the report from Environmental Health, Waste & Rural Lands Services.

**CARRIED**

**10.2 LGAQ ATTENDANCE****RESOLUTION 112/23**

Moved: Cr R Eckel  
Seconded: Cr P Taylor

That Council approves Cr Shaun Radnedge and Cr Michael McKellar as council delegates to attend the LGAQ annual conference at the Gladstone Convention Centre 16th October 2023 - 18th October 2023.

**CARRIED****10.3 BUSH COUNCILS CONVENTION 2023 ATTENDANCE****RESOLUTION 113/23**

Moved: Cr P Alexander  
Seconded: Cr M McKellar

That Council Approves the attendance of Cr Radnedge, Cr Taylor and Cr McKellar at Bush Councils Conference in Goondiwindi 25-27 July 2023.

**CARRIED****10.4 EXTENSION OF MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL QUARRY SALES PERMIT 201304429****RESOLUTION 114/23**

Moved: Cr R Eckel  
Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That the report be received and noted.

**CARRIED****10.5 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT****RESOLUTION 115/23**

Moved: Cr P Alexander  
Seconded: Cr M McKellar

That Council receives the Human Resources Report

**CARRIED****10.6 WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT****RESOLUTION 116/23**

Moved: Cr M McKellar  
Seconded: Cr P Taylor

That Council receives the report from the Workplace Health & Safety Section.

**CARRIED**

**10.8 FINANCIAL REPORT****RESOLUTION 117/23**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr M McKellar

That Council notes and receives the financial report ending 31 May 2023.

**CARRIED**

**CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC****RESOLUTION 118/23**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

**15.8 Loan Drawdown from QTC (\$1,000,000)**

This matter is considered to be confidential under SS254J (3)(a), 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**

**RESUME NORMAL PROCEEDINGS****RESOLUTION 119/23**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr M McKellar

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resumes normal proceedings

**CARRIED**

**15.8 LOAN DRAWDOWN FROM QTC (\$1,000,000)****RESOLUTION 120/23**

Moved: Cr M McKellar

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve to drawdown the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) from Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) on or before 28 June 2023.

**CARRIED**

**10.9 PRESENTATION OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S AUDIT REPORT TO COUNCIL RELATING TO THE INTERIM AUDIT 2022/23****RESOLUTION 121/23**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr P Taylor

That Council notes and receives the 2022-23 Interim report for Murweh Shire Council.

**CARRIED**

**10.10 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 21-22 MAYOR,DEPUTY MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION REVIEW EFFECTIVE AS AT 1/7/23****RESOLUTION 122/23**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr M McKellar

That Council receive the Local Government Remuneration Commission Annual Report 21-22 and note it's submission to the Honourable Steven Miles Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning including an intent to apply the remuneration rates as detailed in respect of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors effective as of 1/07/23

**CARRIED**

**10.11 BUDGET POLICIES 2023/2024****RESOLUTION 123/23**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr P Taylor

That Council approve to include the following policies in the Budget 2023/24 documents.

- Investment Policy
- Procurement Policy
- Financial Hardship Policy

**CARRIED**

**10.12 REVIEW OF DEBT POLICY 2023-2024****RESOLUTION 124/23**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr M McKellar

That Council adopts FIN-003 Debt Policy 2023/24

**CARRIED**

**CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC****RESOLUTION 125/23**

Moved: Cr M McKellar  
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 275 - c 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 local government's budget.

**CARRIED****RESUME NORMAL PROCEEDINGS****RESOLUTION 126/23**

Moved: Cr R Eckel  
Seconded: Cr M McKellar

That Council resumes normal proceedings.

**CARRIED****15.3 PROPOSED AIRPORT FEES AND CHARGES****RESOLUTION 127/23**

MOVED: CR P ALEXANDER  
SECONDED: CR M MCKELLAR

THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AIRPORT FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2023/24 EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 2023 AS PRESENTED IN SCHEDULE A AND C WITH THE EXCEPTION ITEM OF FIN 11 & 12.

**CARRIED****11 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM****11.1 VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE REPORT****RESOLUTION 128/23**

Moved: Cr P Taylor  
Seconded: Cr M McKellar

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

**CARRIED**

**11.2 WWII SECRET BASE & TOUR REPORT MAY 2023****RESOLUTION 129/23**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

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

**CARRIED****11.3 TOURISM AND EVENTS****RESOLUTION 130/23**

Moved: Cr P Taylor

Seconded: Cr M McKellar

That Council notes and receives the Tourism and Events report.

**CARRIED****11.4 COSMOS CENTRE REPORT****RESOLUTION 131/23**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr P Taylor

That Council receives the May Report from the Cosmos Centre & Planetarium.

**CARRIED****11.5 SES SHED FUNDING****RESOLUTION 132/23**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr M McKellar

1. That Council approves a contribution of \$20,000 from the annual SES budget and;
2. That Council approves an in-kind contribution of \$20,127.25 towards the construction of an additional shed in the grounds of the Charleville SES HQ

**CARRIED****11.6 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT****RESOLUTION 133/23**

Moved: Cr P Taylor

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council notes and receives the Economic Development Report

**CARRIED**



The meeting adjourned for a morning tea break at 10:37 AM.

The meeting resumed normal proceedings at 11:02 AM.

## **12 COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES**

### **12.1 WORKS FOR QUEENSLAND - ENDORSEMENT OF LETTER FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND (LGAQ) TO STATE GOVERNMENT**

#### **RESOLUTION 134/23**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr M McKellar

That Council endorses the letter from LGAQ to State Government

**CARRIED**

### **12.2 REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE - SPONSORSHIP FOR CHANNEL COUNTRY LADIES DAY**

#### **RESOLUTION 135/23**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr P Taylor

That Council supports the Channel Country Ladies Day with sponsorship/donation of up to, but not exceeding \$1000

**CARRIED**

### **12.3 BOND UNIVERSITY NETBALL CLINIC - SOUTH WEST TOUR**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the matter lay on the table awaiting receipt of more information from the Director regarding their budget and costs and what the program entails.

### **12.4 AUGATHELLA YUMBA AND NATIVE TITLE MATTERS**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the matter lay on the table awaiting more information to enable a decision to be made.

**12.5 TOURISM TV - USE OF EXISTING COUNCIL TRANSMISSION LICENCE****RESOLUTION 136/23**

Moved: Cr P Taylor

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council has an agreement drawn up (at Bull Ant's expense) subject to council approval that allows Bull Ant communication to use one of its unused transmission licences for Tourism TV whilst ensuring that Council retains ownership of that licence.

**CARRIED**

**12.6 DESIGNATED AREA MIGRATION AGREEMENT (DAMA)****RESOLUTION 137/23**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr P Taylor

That Council adopts a conservative approach – Pause and wait for the release of the Migration Preliminary Report, or wait for the current application to be considered to gauge the Federal Government's appetite for acceptance of DAMA's.

**CARRIED**

**12.7 MAY MONTHLY LIBRARY REPORT****RESOLUTION 138/23**

Moved: Cr M McKellar

Seconded: Cr P Taylor

That Council receives and note the report from the libraries.

**CARRIED**

Cr Radnedge declared an interest in the following matter as he is a relative of one of the tenderers in item 12.8. As such he exited the meeting while discussion and a decision was made regarding the tender.

Deputy Mayor Eckel assumed the Chair whilst the Mayor was absent from the meeting.

**12.8 TENDERS FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION****RESOLUTION 139/23**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr P Taylor

That Council accepts all the quotations received; K & N E Radnedge – Charleville Collection, G & K Pegg – Morven & Augathella Collection.

**CARRIED**

Cr Radnedge entered the meeting at 12:28pm and resumed the Chair.

## **12.9 COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES REPORT**

### **RESOLUTION 140/23**

Moved: Cr M McKellar

Seconded: Cr P Taylor

That the report from Community and Health Services be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

## **13 ENGINEERING SERVICES**

### **13.1 ENGINEERING REPORT**

#### **RESOLUTION 141/23**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr P Taylor

That Council receives and notes the Engineering Report.

**CARRIED**

## **SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS**

### **RESOLUTION 142/23**

Moved: Cr M McKellar

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council move out of standing orders to undertake further discussions regarding future development.

**CARRIED**

## **RESUME NORMAL PROCEEDINGS**

### **RESOLUTION 143/23**

Moved: Cr P Taylor

Seconded: Cr M McKellar

That Council resumes normal proceedings.

**CARRIED**

**13.2 NEW RESIDENTIAL ESTATE - AURORA ESTATE****RESOLUTION 144/23**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council allows a budget of \$50K to be drawn from cash reserves to enable officers to further investigate the feasibility of further development of Aurora Estate.

**CARRIED**

**13.3 CHARLEVILLE WALKING NETWORK PLAN****RESOLUTION 145/23**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr M McKellar

That Council agree in principle to support the Walking Network Plan for Charleville.

**.CARRIED**

**13.4 REPLACEMENT OF ELECTRIC METER POLE AT MORVEN RECREATION GROUNDS****RESOLUTION 146/23**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr P Taylor

That Council accept the request received from the Morven Progress Association to replace the meter pole at the Morven Recreation Grounds. Budget to come from Engineering General Services.

**CARRIED**

**13.5 CHARLEVILLE RACETRACK WORK - PROGRESS REPORT****RESOLUTION 147/23**

Moved: Cr P Taylor

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council notes and receives the project progress report for the Charleville Racetrack works and that officers prepare a report regarding usage costs at the facility.

**.CARRIED**

**13.6 PROPOSED SITE FOR CHARLEVILLE WEIGHBRIDGE****RESOLUTION 148/23**

Moved: Cr P Taylor

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council agrees to the proposed site for the Charleville Weighbridge opposite the existing truck stop on the Mitchell Highway between Qantas Drive and Bollon Road subject to regulatory approval from the funding body and Main Roads.

**.CARRIED**

**14 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION**

- David Littleproud would like to meet with Council Wednesday 28 June at 12 noon.
- Steve Jones, Rex Airlines requesting letter of support for more flights into Charleville. Council will send a letter of support.

The meeting adjourned for an afternoon tea break at 02:18 PM.

The meeting resumed normal proceedings at 02:24 PM.

**15 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS****RESOLUTION 149/23**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr P Taylor

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:

**15.1 Purchase Land - 53 North Road Morven**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 275 - c 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 local government's budget.

**15.2 Clearing - Augathella Aerodrome**

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.

**15.4 Resident Fares and Transport Ticketing**

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.

**15.5 Charleville Dental Surgery**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 275 - c and h 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 local government's

budget and other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

#### **15.6 Masters Golf Tournament 2024**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 275 - c and h 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 local government's budget and other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

#### **15.7 RFT1. 22-23 Tender for Charleville Flood Levee Bank Rehabilitation Works**

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.

**CARRIED**

### **RESUME NORMAL PROCEEDINGS**

#### **RESOLUTION 150/23**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr M McKellar

That Council resumes normal proceedings

**CARRIED**

### **15.1 PURCHASE LAND - 53 NORTH ROAD MORVEN**

#### **RESOLUTION 151/23**

Moved: Cr P Taylor

Seconded: Cr M McKellar

That Council

1. Delegate the Chief Executive Officer to make an offer of \$10,000.00 to the Department of Energy and Public Works, Queensland Government Accommodation Office Public Works Division to purchase 52 North Road Morven (Land described as Lot 22 on M3214); and
2. Delegate the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the final price (should the Department not agree with the initial offer) which does not exceed GEH Assets valuation of \$18,000.00 (inclusive of GST) completed on or about the 20 March 2023; and
3. Once the negotiations are final, delegate the Chief Executive Officer to engage Council's legal representative to draw up a contract to finalise the land purchase.

**CARRIED**

**15.2 CLEARING - AUGATHELLA AERODROME****RESOLUTION 152/23**

Moved: Cr R Eckel  
Seconded: Cr P Taylor

That the matter lay on the table whilst the Manager Regulatory Services investigates further.

**CARRIED**

**15.4 RESIDENT FARES AND TRANSPORT TICKETING**

Noted by Council

**15.5 CHARLEVILLE DENTAL SURGERY****RESOLUTION 153/23**

Moved: Cr R Eckel  
Seconded: Cr M McKellar

That Council delegates authority to the CEO to negotiate with the lease of the Dental Surgery.

**CARRIED**

**15.6 MASTERS GOLF TOURNAMENT 2024****RESOLUTION 154/23**

Moved: Cr P Taylor  
Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council allocates \$25,000 in the 2023-2024 budget for the hosting of the Masters Golf Tournament 2024.

**CARRIED**

**15.7 RFT1. 22-23 TENDER FOR CHARLEVILLE FLOOD LEVEE BANK REHABILITATION WORKS****RESOLUTION 155/23**

Moved: Cr M McKellar  
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council accepts the tender rates for wet hire and material submitted by Suffcon Pty Ltd for the Charleville Flood Levee Bank Rehabilitation Works.

Rate for wet hire and material:

Item	Description	Qty	Unit	Capacity	SUFFCON	
					Rate ( Ex GST)	Amount (Ex.GST)
1	Preparation of Documentation,Environmental Management Plan, Workplace Health and Safety Plan (including SWMS & JSA), materials testing docs, etc.	1	Item		\$ 9,471.00	\$9,471.00
2	Equipment (incl operators)					
2.1	Grader	1	Hr	140 m	\$ 194.00	\$ 194.00
2.2	Roller (smooth)	1	Hr	16-18 T	\$ 126.00	\$ 126.00
2.3	Roller (pad foot)	1	Hr	16-18 T	\$ 126.00	\$ 126.00
2.4	Roller (multi)	1	Hr	24T	\$ 133.00	\$ 133.00
2.5	Excavator	1	Hr	8T	\$ 132.00	\$ 132.00
2.6	Compactor	1	Hr	815	\$ 268.00	\$ 268.00
2.7	Truck (Tipper)	1	Hr	10 m3	\$ 171.00	\$ 171.00
2.8	Truck & Dog	1	Hr		\$ 191.00	\$ 191.00
2.9	Water Truck	1	Hr	12000L	\$ 151.00	\$ 151.00
2.1	Water Truck	1	Hr	23000L	\$ 179.00	\$ 179.00
2.11	Utility Vehicle( exclude driver)	1	Hr	4x4	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
2.12	Loader ( integrated tool carrier)	1	Hr	924H	\$ 169.00	\$ 169.00
2.13	Loader	1	Hr		\$ 208.00	\$ 208.00
2.14	Dozer	1	Hr	D9	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00
2.15	Plant Servcie / Fuel Truck	1	Hr	5000L	\$ 115.00	\$ 115.00
2.16	Personnel (non-operators)					
2.17	Project Manager ( inc vechicle)	1	Hr		\$ 158.00	\$ 158.00
2.18	Foreman/ Site supervisor ( incl vehicle)	1	Hr		\$ 127.00	\$ 127.00
2.19	Labourer	1	Hr		\$ 67.00	\$ 67.00
2.2	Cultural Supervisor	1	Hr		Cost+ 10 %	
3	Materials Supply					
3.1	Loam	1	m <sup>3</sup>		Locally sourced	
3.2	Gravel fill	1	m <sup>3</sup>		Locally sourced	
3.3	Clay fill	1	m <sup>3</sup>		Locally sourced	
3.4	Concrete (32 MPa)	1	m <sup>3</sup>		\$ 472.50	\$ 472.50
4	Site Clean Up					
4.1	Waste Disposal fees	1	Item		Cost+ 10 %	

**CARRIED****16 CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3:59am.