

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING
OF THE MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 21 MAY 2020 AT 9:00AM

Present	Mayor Shaun Radnedge, Cr Peter Alexander, Cr Robert Eckel, Cr Michael McKellar, Cr Paul Taylor, Mr Neil Polglase CEO	
Opening Prayer	Fr Peter Doohan delivered a prayer for the guidance of Council.	
Conflict of Interest	Cr Alexander declared an interest in an upcoming agenda item.	
Minutes of Previous Council Meeting	Moved: Cr Alexander	Seconded: Cr McKellar
	"That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 23 April 2020 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record of proceedings."	
	<u>Carried</u>	
Attendance	<i>The Director of Environmental and Health Services entered the meeting at 9.20am.</i>	
Environmental & Health Report	Moved: Cr Alexander	Seconded: Cr McKellar
	"That the Environmental and Health Services Report be received."	
	<u>Carried</u>	
Murweh Wild Dog Advisory Committee Recommendation for 2020-2021	Moved: Cr Eckel	Seconded: Cr McKellar
	"That council accepts the recommendations of the Wild Dog Advisory Committee with the budget to remain at \$150,000 for the 2020/2021 financial year and support the plan for conditional scalp bounties."	
	<u>Carried</u>	
Attendance	<i>The Director of Environmental and Health Services exited the meeting at 9:24am</i> <i>The Director of Corporate Services entered the meeting at 9:24am.</i>	
Financial Report	Moved: Cr Alexander	Seconded: Cr Taylor
	"That the Financial Report be received."	
	<u>Carried</u>	
Third Budget Review	Moved: Cr Taylor	Seconded: Cr Eckel
	"That Council adopt the third budget review 2019-2020 as presented"	
	<u>Carried</u>	

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Overdraft/ Working Capital Facility	Moved: Cr Alexander	Seconded: Cr McKellar
	“That Council endorses the actions of the CEO in progressing an overdraft limit to \$2M to accommodate current cash flow concerns through the COVID19 downturn.”	
		<u>Carried</u>
Human Resources Report	Moved: Cr Eckel	Seconded: Cr Taylor
	“That the Human Resources Report be received.”	
		<u>Carried</u>
Workplace Health & Safety Report	Moved: Cr McKellar	Seconded: Cr Alexander
	“That the Workplace Health and Safety Report be received.”	
		<u>Carried</u>
Tourism Reports	Moved: Cr Eckel	Seconded: Cr Taylor
	“That the Tourism Section (Experience Charleville, Visitor Information Centre and Cosmos Centre) reports be received.”	
		<u>Carried</u>
Libraries Report	Moved: Cr Taylor	Seconded: Cr McKellar
	“That the Libraries Report be received.”	
		<u>Carried</u>
Meeting Adjourned	The meeting adjourned for a morning tea break at 10:00am.	
Meeting Resumed	The meeting resumed normal proceedings at 10:41am.	
Meeting Adjourned	Moved: Cr Taylor	Seconded: Cr McKellar
	“That Council adjourns the meeting to receive a delegation from Mr. Nick Chicalas from the Charleville Gun Club.”	
		<u>Carried</u>
Meeting Resumed	Moved: Cr Eckel	Seconded: Cr Taylor
	“That the meeting resumes normal proceedings.”	
		<u>Carried</u>

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Attendance	<i>The Director of Engineering entered the meeting at 10:49am.</i>	
Engineering Report	Moved: Cr Alexander	Seconded: Cr Eckel
	"That the Engineering Services Report be received."	
	<u>Carried</u>	
Attendance	<i>The Director of Engineering exited the meeting at 11:07am. The Director of Corporate Services entered the meeting at 11:07am.</i>	
Procurement Policy Review	That the policy lay on the table and be presented to the next Council meeting.	
Investigation Policy	Moved: Cr Alexander	Seconded: Cr Eckel
	"That Council adopts GOV-008 Investigation Policy."	
	<u>Carried</u>	
Acceptable Requests Guidelines Policy	Moved: Cr Eckel	Seconded: Cr Taylor
	"That Council adopts the attached acceptable requests guidelines policy as reviewed."	
Standing Orders for Council Meetings, Including Standing Committees 'Best Practice Guide' Policy	Moved: Cr Eckel	Seconded: Cr McKellar
	"That Council adopts the attached Standing Orders for Council Meetings, Including Standing Committees 'Best Practice Guide' Policy as reviewed."	
	<u>Carried</u>	
Lease/s of the Old Qantas Hangar	Moved: Cr Alexander	Seconded: Cr Taylor
	"That Council advise RFDS that Council is prepared to amend their lease over the Old Qantas Hanger in Charleville to cover area 1 instead of area 2, the lease will also be amended to reflect that maintenance can be undertaken in their area (ie area 2). Further any power / electricity / security equipment alterations will be their responsibility.	
	Subject to the above being finalised, Council will rent out area 1 to private light aircraft owners and such rental agreements will be managed by Council. Further, general maintenance can be carried out on the light aircraft by their respective owner. "	
	<u>Carried</u>	

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**Morven VIC
Fitout Proposal**

Moved: Cr Eckel

Seconded: Cr Taylor

“That Council advise the community that in the short term, it will place displays and some furnishing in the centre and open it to the public. Long term, Council will develop in consultation with the community a tourism plan for Morven.”

Carried

**Augathella
Cultural
Association Inc.
Request for
Assistance**

Moved: Cr Eckel

Seconded: Cr Taylor

“That Council contributes \$8,000 to the Augathella Cultural Ass Inc. to assist in the operation of a Rural Transaction Centre in Augathella for the 2020/2021 financial year.”

Carried

**Charleville
District Cultural
Association Inc.
Drought Funding
Request**

That the matter lay on the table until the next meeting.

**Perceived
Conflict of
Interest**

Cr Eckel declared a material interest in the following matter being an adjoining owner and sharing a bore with the applicant and as such Cr Eckel exited the meeting while discussion and voting takes place.

**Development
Application
Material Change
of Use
Mr N Swadling –
Veterans Retreat**

Moved: Cr McKellar

Seconded: Cr Alexander

“That the development application – Material Change of Use to use premises situated at 30055 Mitchell Highway, and described as Lot 4 on RP 907311 to establish short term accommodation as a Veterans Retreat be approved subject to the following conditions:

- That building and plumbing approvals be obtained
- That a maximum of two, single bedroom units, plus an amenity block be provided on site
- The other conditions be agreed subject to legal compliance.”

Carried

Attendance

Cr Eckel entered the meeting.

**Close Meeting to
the Public**

Moved: Cr McKellar

Seconded: Cr Eckel

“That under the Local Government Regulation 2012 Section 275 (1) (d) the meeting be closed to the public to discuss matters regarding ratings concessions.”

Carried

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Interest Declared Cr Alexander declared a material interest in the discussions following as he has horses on the land to be discussed at no charge and assists the applicant with administrative matters. As such Cr Alexander exited the meeting and did not take part in discussion or voting on the matter.

Resume Normal Proceedings **Moved: Cr Taylor** **Seconded: Cr McKellar**

“That the meeting resumes normal proceedings.”

Carried

Request for Review of Rates and Charges Bidjara Yumba Aboriginal **Moved: Cr Eckel** **Seconded: Cr McKellar**

“Subject to clarification of information supplied by the Owner and Council undertaking an Audit of Assessment # 2160-5000, Council will amend rate record accordingly and write-off utility charges. Further that the Owner of the land be advised of same.”

Carried

Attendance Cr Alexander entered the meeting.

Rate Rebate / Deferment **Moved: Cr Eckel** **Seconded: Cr Alexander**

Waltzing Matilda & Mulga Country Motor Inn “That in terms of section 120(1)(c) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 owing to loss of revenue due to for COVID-19 the discount period for current rates levy and further rates levy to be issued in the first half of 2020-2021 be extended until 31 December 2020 with no penalty interest to be charged to the applicants.”

Carried

Meeting Closed There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 12:56am.

Cr Shaun Radnedge
Mayor