



Ordinary Council Meeting

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville

Tuesday, 16 September 2025

9.00AM



Blood Moon – photo taken by Les Penrose through the Big Scope at the Cosmos Centre

**MINUTES OF MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 95-101 ALFRED ST, CHARLEVILLE
ON TUESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 9:00AM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Scott (Chief Executive Officer), R Cuffe A/(Director of Engineering), J Kronk (Director of Corporate Services), J Nicholson (Director Economic Development), K Crosby (Manager Regulatory Services), R Richen (Tourism Manager)

1 OPENING PRAYER

Irene Francis 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 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 UPDATE/CHANGE TO COUNCILLOR REGISTER OF INTEREST

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 234/25

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 22 August 2025 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

Council acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a commemorative plaque for the South Western Region 50 year Anniversary of the S.E.S.

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

7 MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

8 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

9 CORRESPONDENCE FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION

Nil

10 OFFICE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE**10.1 CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCILLORS****RESOLUTION 235/25**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receives and notes the correspondence received post the August 2025 Council Meeting that will be of interest to Councillors.

CARRIED**10.2 MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025****RESOLUTION 236/25**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council approves the Mayor's travel as presented and notes the Mayor's Monthly Meeting Schedule Report and Official Correspondence for the September 2025 Council Meeting.

CARRIED**10.3 CHANGE TO THE OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING DATE****RESOLUTION 237/25**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council under *Section 254B of the Local Government Regulation 2012*, change the date of the October Ordinary Council Meeting from Tuesday 21 October to Friday 24 October to enable the Mayor, Councillor and Chief Executive Officer to attend the 2025 Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Annual Conference between 19 – 23 October.

CARRIED

10.4 CHARLEVILLE HISTORIC HOUSE DONATION OF DORMAN GENERATOR TO CHARLEVILLE AIRFIELD MUSEUM**RESOLUTION 238/25**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council accepts the kind donation of the historically important Dorman Generator from the Charleville & District Historical Society, which is to be included with other historic exhibits associated with the Charleville Airport at the Charleville Airfield Museum located at the Charleville Airport and write a letter of thanks to historic House.

CARRIED

10.5 SOUTH WEST FLOODING EVENT - AAR REPORT**RESOLUTION 239/25**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council resolves to:

Receive and note the After-Action Review – 2025 South West Flood Event.

Endorse the implementation of key recommendations relevant to Murweh Shire Council, including alternate LDCC site identification, Charleville Airport resilience measures, and updates to the Local Disaster Management Plan.

Advocate to State and Federal agencies for improved weather monitoring infrastructure in South West Queensland.

CARRIED

10.6 SEEKING APPROVAL - SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**RESOLUTION 240/25**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council provides approval to Lifeline Darling Downs and South West Queensland Ltd for the placement of signs in the community in support of the Sexual Violence Awareness Month of October 2025.

CARRIED

The Tourism Manager joined the meeting via Teams at 10:10 AM.

10.7 TOURISM REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2025**RESOLUTION 241/25**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council receives and notes the September 2025 Tourism Report.

CARRIED

The Tourism Manager exited the meeting at 10:35 AM.

10.8 HEALTHY HORIZONS - HEALTH EQUITY FOR REMOTE KIDS SUMMIT

RESOLUTION 242/25

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council provides a \$1000.00 sponsorship to the Remote Areas Matter: HEALTHY HORIZONS – Health Equity for Remote Kids Summit to be held in Broken Hill on October 6-8, 2025.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for a morning tea break at 10:45 AM.

Penny Pyke and Madeline Buckley, Queensland Sport and Recreation joined the Council meeting for morning tea.

The meeting resumed proceedings at 11:15 AM.

The Director of Corporate Services was present when the meeting recommenced at 11:15 AM.

11 CORPORATE & REGULATORY

11.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

RESOLUTION 243/25

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receives and notes the Finance Report for the period ending 31 August 2025, 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 August 2025
9. Balance Sheet August 2025
10. Financial Statement Actual August 2025

CARRIED

11.2 COMPREHENSIVE VALUATION REPORT 30 JUNE 2025, LAND, BUILDING AND OTHER STRUCTURES**RESOLUTION 244/25**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

- 1) That Council note the comprehensive valuation report as presented.
- 2) That Council authorise management to update the asset register reflecting the gross replacement cost and fair value as per the report.

CARRIED**11.3 PLANNING MONTHLY REPORT****RESOLUTION 245/25**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the Planning Report for the September 2025 Council Meeting.

CARRIED**11.4 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT****RESOLUTION 246/25**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receives and notes the August Human Resources Report including the dates of the proposed Christmas Shutdown.

CARRIED**11.5 RECORDS MANAGEMENT POLICY****RESOLUTION 247/25**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council adopts the Records Management Policy as amended.

CARRIED

11.6 WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT**RESOLUTION 248/25**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council receives and notes the Workplace Health and Safety Report.

CARRIED

The Manager of Regulatory services entered the meeting at 12:23 PM.

11.7 REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT - AUGUST**RESOLUTION 249/25**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the Regulatory Services Report for August 2025.

CARRIED

The Director of Corporate Services and Regulatory Services Manager exited the meeting at 1:08 PM.

The meeting adjourned for a break at 1:08 PM.

The meeting resumed proceedings at 1:19 PM.

The Acting Director of Engineering Services entered the meeting at 1:20 PM

12 ENGINEERING SERVICES**12.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT****RESOLUTION 250/25**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the Engineering Services Report for September 2025.

CARRIED**12.2 1 X TOWN GARBAGE TRUCK REPLACEMENT - TENDER BT1. 25-26****RESOLUTION 251/25**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council approve the purchase of one (1) Bucher Municipal Urban Rear Loader RL60 and Isuzu Cab/Chassis for a total cost of \$332,438.54 (excl. GST).

CARRIED

12.3 HIRE OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT PREFERRED SUPPLIER PANEL SUBMISSION**RESOLUTION 252/25**

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

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 (wet and dry hire) for Council works in 2025-26 commencing from the 25 August 2025 at the rates submitted under this arrangement:

- MJ Smith Ground Preparation Pty Ltd

CARRIED**12.4 1 X 20T FRANNA CRANE PURCHASE - SECOND HAND PURCHASE**

That the matter lay on the table until further information can be obtained.

12.5 BITUMEN RESEAL TENDER 2025/2026 - TOWN STREETS, CHARLEVILLE**RESOLUTION 253/25**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council engages Austek Spray Seal for resealing works on various town streets in Charleville at an estimated cost of \$670,757.04 (excl. GST) as per VP470288 – Multi Party Evaluation Report completed on the 27/08/2025.

CARRIED

THE A/DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES EXITED THE MEETING AT 2:15 PM.

13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**13.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT****RESOLUTION 254/25**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receives and notes the September 2025 Economic Development Report.

CARRIED

14 COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES**14.1 AUGUST MONTHLY LIBRARY REPORTS****RESOLUTION 255/25**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the September 2025 Library Report.

CARRIED**15 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION**

Nil

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**RESOLUTION 256/25**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

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:

16.1 Draft Unaudited Statements 2024/2025

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.

CARRIED

The Director of Corporate Services entered the meeting at 2:24 PM

RESOLUTION 257/25

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED

16.1 DRAFT UNAUDITED STATEMENTS 2024/2025**RESOLUTION 258/25**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

1. That Council's draft Annual Financial Statements for 2024/25 (including general purpose financial statements and current year financial sustainability statement) be endorsed for presenting to the Auditor-General for auditing pursuant to section 212 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.
2. That Council's draft Long Term Financial Sustainability Statement for 2024/25 be given to the Auditor-General for information.

CARRIED

17 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 2:32PM.