



SHIRE OF MURWEH

MORVEN - CHARLEVILLE - AUGATHELLA

Special Council Meeting

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville

Thursday, 20 July 2023

8:00AM

2023-2024

BUDGET

**MINUTES OF MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 95-101 ALFRED ST, CHARLEVILLE
ON THURSDAY, 20 JULY 2023 AT 8:00AM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: R Ranson (Director Community & Health Services), J Nicholson (Director Economic Development & Tourism), C Alexander (Contract Accountant), R Ranjit (Director Engineering Services), S Taylor (CEO)

1 CORPORATE & REGULATORY

5.1 REVENUE POLICY LG REG. 2012 S169

RESOLUTION 156/23

Moved: Cr M McKellar
Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That in accordance with Sections 169 (2) and 193 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. Council adopts the Revenue Policy for the year 2023/24 as tabled.

CARRIED

5.2 REVENUE STATEMENT 2023-2024 LG REG 2012 S169

RESOLUTION 157/23

Moved: Cr P Alexander
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That in accordance with Sections 169 (2) and 172 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopts the Revenue Statement for the year 2023/24 as tabled.

CARRIED

5.3 RATES & CHARGES

RESOLUTION 158/23

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr P Taylor

That Council set the differential rate for the financial year 2023-2024 as follows;

Differential Rate Categories	Description	Cent \$
1	Charleville Residential	7.9101
2	Augathella Residential	7.9101

3	Augathella Non residential	7.9101
4	Morven Residential	2.1812
5	Morven Non residential	2.1812
6	Rural <700 Hectares	1.0465
7	Rural 700 - 5,000 Hectares	0.4599
8	Rural 5,001 - 10,000 Hectares	0.4599
9	Rural over 10,000 Hectares	0.4599
11	Charleville Multi Dwellings	7.9101
12	Charleville Commercial	6.5436
13	Charleville Tourist Parks, Short Accommodation and Clubs	6.5436
14	Charleville Industry	6.5436
15	Transformer	1.9393
16	Outside Urban - Other Land <700 Hectares	1.0906
17	Outside Urban - Large Industry	10.0711
20	Carbon Farms	0.4692
21	Work Camps >15 persons	1.7450
22	Renewable Energy 1-10 MW	1.9381
23	Renewable Energy >10 MW	1.9381
Differential Rate Categories	Description	Minimum
1	Charleville Residential	\$717
2	Augathella Residential	\$717
3	Augathella Non residential	\$717
4	Morven Residential	\$717
5	Morven Non residential	\$717
6	Rural <700 Hectares	\$1,182
7	Rural 700 - 5,000 Hectares	\$1,794
8	Rural 5,001 - 10,000 Hectares	\$4,680
9	Rural over 10,000 Hectares	\$4,680
11	Charleville Multi Dwellings	\$819
12	Charleville Commercial	\$717
13	Charleville Tourist Parks, Short Accommodation and Clubs	\$717
14	Charleville Industry	\$717
15	Transformer	\$1,239
16	Outside Urban - Other Land <700 Hectares	\$1,209
17	Outside Urban - Large Industry	\$4,820
20	Carbon Farms	\$7,231

21	Work Camps >15 persons	\$11,943
22	Renewable Energy 1-10 MW	\$4,064
23	Renewable Energy >10 MW	\$8,127

CARRIED

5.4 CHARLEVILLE SEWERAGE/CLEANSING CHARGES

RESOLUTION 159/23

Moved: Cr P Taylor
 Seconded: Cr M McKellar

That the following sewerage and cleansing/garbage charges be set for the 2023-2024 financial year:

Sewerage

- Sewerage Base Charge (First Pedestal) \$440.00
- Sewerage Reduced Rate (60%)
 (Sewerage– Short Stay – Additional Pedestal) \$264.00
- Sewerage Concession Rate (50%)
 (Sewerage – Additional Pedestal) \$220.00
- Charge per annum

Cleansing/Garbage

- Charleville – Garbage (1st Bin) \$360.00
- Charleville – Garbage (Additional Bins) \$380.00
- Waste Levy (no bin collection service) \$100.00
- Charge per service per annum

CARRIED

5.5 AUGATHELLA CLEANSING CHARGES

RESOLUTION 160/23

Moved: Cr M McKellar
 Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That t the cleansing/garbage charge per service per annum be set for the 2023-24 financial year.

- Augathella – Garbage (1st Bin) \$260.00
- Augathella – Garbage (Additional Bins) \$280.00
- Waste Levy – (no bin collection service) \$100.00

CARRIED

5.6 AUGATHELLA CED CHARGES & MORVEN SEPTIC CHARGES	
RESOLUTION 161/23	
Moved: Cr P Alexander	
Seconded: Cr R Eckel	
That the following charges for Morven and Augathella be set for the 2023-24 financial year: -	
C.E.D - Building not specified	\$205.00
C.E.D. - Aged Persons Complex	\$2,050.00
C.E.D. - Business Premises	\$500.00
C.E.D. - Church	\$175.00
C.E.D. - Dwelling	\$434.00
C.E.D. - Hall	\$175.00
C.E.D. - Hospital	\$1,435.00
C.E.D. - Hotel/Motel	\$2,457.00
C.E.D. - Lodge	\$175.00
C.E.D. - Public Park	\$434.00
C.E.D. - School	\$2,050.00
Septic	\$440.00
CARRIED	

5.7 MORVEN CLEANSING CHARGES	
RESOLUTION 162/23	
Moved: Cr R Eckel	
Seconded: Cr P Taylor	
That a cleansing/garbage charge per service per annum be set for the 2023-24 financial year.	
Morven – Garbage	\$260.00
Morven – Garbage (Additional Bins)	\$280.00
Waste Levy (no bin collection service)	\$100.00
CARRIED	

5.8 CHARLEVILLE, AUGATHELLA AND MORVEN WATER SUPPLY CHARGES**RESOLUTION 163/23**

Moved: Cr P Taylor

Seconded: Cr M McKellar

That the charge for the supply of water to properties within the Charleville/Augathella/Morven Water Supply area, and surrounding properties approved by Council, be set for the 2023-24 financial year, based on the following;

(1)

Category	Description	Access Charge (per meter)	Kl Charge – Tier 1	Kl Charge – Tier 2
Vacant	Vacant Land.	\$275	\$0.20 (≤1,300kl)	\$0.65 (>1,300kl)
Residential 1	2 or less single residential dwellings units on one meter.	\$550	\$0.20 (≤1,300kl)	\$0.65 (>1,300kl)
Residential 2	3 or more single residential dwelling on one meter.	\$1,408	\$0.65	
Commercial 1	Rateable, non-residential land.	\$550	\$0.65	
Commercial 2	Non-Rateable, non-residential with 40 mm or less diameter meter.	\$2,200	\$0.65 (≤1,200kl)	\$1.20 (>1,200kl)
Commercial 3	Caravan Parks, Hotels, Motels licensed club.	\$858	\$0.65	
Commercial 4	Non-Rateable, non-residential 1st Meter greater than 40 mm diameter (Additional meters ≤40mm in diameter to be charged at commercial 2).	\$13,750	\$0.65 (≤1,200kl)	\$1.20 (>1,200kl)
Commercial 5	Sporting fields and schools, 1st Meter greater than 40 mm diameter. (Additional meters ≤40mm in diameter to be charged at commercial 2).	\$13,750	\$0.65	

(2) Pursuant to section 102(2)_ of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a water meter is taken to have been read during the period that starts 2 weeks before and ends 2 weeks after the day on which the meter is actually read.

CARRIED

5.9 DISCOUNT ON RATES LG REG. 2012 S130

RESOLUTION 164/23

Moved: Cr M McKellar
Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council allows ten percent (10%) by way of a discount on rates and charges levied by Council, (excluding interest, fire levy and excess water charges) for the 2023-24 financial year when all rates and charges are paid by the due date.

CARRIED

5.10 INTEREST ON RATES LG REG. 2012 S133

RESOLUTION 165/23

Moved: Cr P Alexander
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That in accordance with Section 113 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolves that (1) Overdue rates will bear interest at the rate of 11.64 % per annum from the date that the rate becomes overdue; and (2) That the amount of interest will be calculated on daily rests, applying the interest as compound interest.

CARRIED

5.11 PENSIONER REMISSION LG REG 2012 S119

RESOLUTION 166/23

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr P Taylor

That in accordance with Chapter 4 Part 10, Section 119 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolves to provide assistance to qualifying Age Pensioners, having a Commonwealth Government Concession Card, be granted a remission of up to \$400 per annum of general rates levied for the 2023-24 financial year, under the same criteria as the State Government Pensioner Remission Scheme.

CARRIED

5.12 CHANGE IN RATES AND CHARGES LG REG. 2012 S169

RESOLUTION 167/23

Moved: Cr P Taylor
Seconded: Cr M McKellar

That in accordance with Sections 169 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council adopts the total value of the change, expressed as a percentage, in the rates and utility charges levied for

the financial year compared with the rates and utility charges levied in the previous budget. For the financial year 2023/24 the change is 7.0%.

CARRIED

5.13 DEBT POLICY LG REG. 2012 S192

RESOLUTION 168/23

Moved: Cr M McKellar

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That in accordance with Section 192 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopts the Debt Policy for the year 2023/24 as tabled.

CARRIED

5.14 INVESTMENT POLICY LG REG. 2012 S191

RESOLUTION 169/23

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That in accordance with the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements* and Section 191 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopts the Investment Policy for the year 2023/24 as tabled.

CARRIED

5.15 FINANCIAL HARDSHIP POLICY LG REG. 2012 S120

RESOLUTION 170/23

Moved: Cr R Eckel

Seconded: Cr P Taylor

That Council as per Local Government Regulations 2012 Chapter 4 part 10, adopts the financial hardship policy 2023-2024 as tabled.

CARRIED

5.16 FEES AND CHARGES 2023-2024

RESOLUTION 171/23

Moved: Cr P Taylor

Seconded: Cr M McKellar

That in accordance with Sections 97, 98 and 280 (2) (d) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, and Section 262 (3) (c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council adopt the Schedule of Regulatory Fees & Commercial Charges 2023/24 as tabled.

CARRIED

5.17 ESTIMATED POSITION FOR 30 JUNE 2023 LG REG 2012 S205**RESOLUTION 172/23**

Moved: Cr M McKellar
Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That pursuant to Section 205 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Statement of Estimated Financial Position for the previous financial year be received and its contents noted.

CARRIED**5.18 STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME LG REG. 2012 S169****RESOLUTION 173/23**

Moved: Cr P Alexander
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That in accordance with Section 169 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council adopt the Budget Financial Statements for the 2023/24 financial year and the following two years as tabled.

CARRIED**5.19 10 YEAR FINANCIAL FORECAST LG REG. 2012 S169****RESOLUTION 174/23**

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr P Taylor

That in accordance with Section 169 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council adopt the 2023-2033 long term financial forecast as tabled.

CARRIED**5.20 FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY RATIOS LG REG. 2012 S169****RESOLUTION 175/23**

Moved: Cr P Alexander
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That in accordance with Section 169 (5) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council adopt the relevant measures of financial sustainability as tabled.

CARRIED**5.21 CODE OF COMPETITIVE CONDUCT LG REG 2012 S39/LG ACT 2009 S47****RESOLUTION 176/23**

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr P Taylor

That in accordance with Sections 39 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and Section 47 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council adopts to not apply the Code of Competitive Conduct for the following business activities for 2023/24.

- Building Certification – operating expenses of \$ 165,000 is below the threshold of \$340,000.
- Roads Activity – operating expenses of \$ 2,433,879 is above the threshold of \$340,000. However, as the Contract is awarded to Council based on quotation, Council will not apply the code of competitive conduct at this time.

CARRIED

2 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:16am.