

BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

Of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held at the Council Chambers, Thargomindah on the 20th April 2009 commencing at 9:23am.

PRESENT: Councillors: J.C. Ferguson (Mayor)
D.P. Clifford
R.J. Ferguson
A.D. Crawford
J.P. Cobb
Officers: Sally Byrne (Manager of Financial Services)
Peggy Ferguson (Secretary)

1.0 APOLOGIES

NIL

2.0 OBITUARIES

The Mayor informed Council of the recent passing of Mrs Sharon Evans, Director of Nursing – Thargomindah Hospital.

One minute's silence was held in remembrance.

3.0 RECEIVING OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 38-04-09

Moved Cr RJ Ferguson seconded Cr Cobb

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 16th March 2009, as supplied to all Councillors, be received.

Carried

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 39-04-09

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Cr Clifford

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 16th March 2009, as supplied to all Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

NIL

Attendance

Mrs Peta Warner attended the meeting at 9:37am. Mayor Cr JC Ferguson advised Council that Peta was the local artist who created the Bulloo Shire's mosaic tiles for Q150 celebrations.

One of the plaques reflected the region's past and the other a vision for the future.

Mayor Cr JC Ferguson thanked Mrs Warner for her assistance with the Q150 event.

Mrs Warner advised Council that she enjoyed creating the tiles and was willing to hold a workshop for the community to recreate the tiles for permanent display in a local venue.

Adjournment

Council adjourned for morning tea at 9:45am and reconvened at 10:05am. Mrs Warner joined Council for morning tea.

Mrs Warner was not in attendance when the meeting reconvened at 10:05am.

6.0 TENDERS AND QUOTATIONS

Attendance

Council's Workshop Supervisor, John Johnson, attended the meeting at 10:10am to discuss the tenders received for the light plant contracts.

The officer advised Council on the merits of each of the vehicles currently owned by Council as well as those tendered in Contracts 103-106/2008-09.

He also highlighted the fact that there is a Toyota dealer in Thargomindah to address any warranty issues as opposed to other vehicles.

Attendance

Council's Workshop Supervisor, John Johnson, left the meeting at 10:17am.

6.1 Contract 103/2008-09 -Supply, Delivery & Trade/Sale of 2 x 4WD 4 Cylinder Dual Cab Utilities

This contract called for the:-

- a) Supply & Delivery of 2 x 4WD 4 Cylinder Diesel Dual Cab Utilities; and
 - b) Sale and / or trade of 2 x Toyota Hilux 4WD Diesel Dual Cab Utilities
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Resolution No. 40-04-09

Moved Cr RJ Ferguson seconded Cr Cobb

1. THAT Blue Ribbon Motors (Ipswich) Pty Ltd be awarded the supply and delivery of 2 x Triton GLX 4 x 4 Dual Cab Utilities with heavy duty steel drop side bodies as per Contract No 103/2008-09 for the price of \$40,139.84 (GST exclusive) per vehicle; and
2. THAT Council accept the trade price offered by Blue Ribbon Motors (Ipswich) Pty Ltd for Plant Nos 604 & 605, as per their tender.

Carried

6.2 Contract 104/2008-09 – Supply, Delivery & Trade / Sale of 2 x 4WD 4 Cylinder Single Cab Utilities

This contract called for the:-

- a) Supply & Delivery of 2 x 4WD 4 Cylinder Diesel Single Cab Utilities; and
- b) Sale and / or Trade 2 x Toyota Hilux 4WD Diesel Single Cab Utilities

Resolution No. 41-04-09

Moved Cr Clifford seconded Cr RJ Ferguson

1. THAT Blue Ribbon Motors (Ipswich) Pty Ltd be awarded the supply and delivery of 2 x Triton GLX 4 x 4 Single Cab Utilities with heavy duty steel drop side bodies as per Contract No 104/2008-09 for the price of \$34,864.83 (GST exclusive) per vehicle; and
2. THAT Council accept the trade price offered by Blue Ribbon Motors (Ipswich) Pty Ltd for Plant Nos 618 & 688, as per their tender.

Carried

6.3 Contract 105/2008-09 Supply & Delivery of 2 x 2WD 4 Cylinder ULP Single Cab Utilities and the Sale/Trade of 1 x Toyota Hilux 2WD Diesel Dual Cab Utility

This contract called for the:-,

- a) Supply & Delivery of 2 x 2WD 4 Cylinder Unleaded Single Cab Utilities; and
- b) Sale and / or trade of 1 x Toyota Hilux 2WD Diesel Dual Cab Utility

Resolution No. 42-04-09

Moved Cr Cobb seconded Cr RJ Ferguson

1. THAT Thargo Motors be awarded the supply and delivery of 2 x Toyota Hilux 2.7l Petrol Single Cab Utilities with heavy duty steel drop side bodies as per Contract No 105/2008-09 for the price of \$19,595.00 (GST exclusive) per vehicle; and
2. THAT Council accept the trade price offered by John Johnson for Plant No. 628, as per his tender.

Carried

6.4 Contract 106/2008-09 – Supply & Delivery of 1 x 4WD Diesel Single Cab Utility and the Sale/Trade of 1 x Toyota Hilux Diesel Extra Cab Utility

This contract called for the:-

- a) Supply & Delivery of 1 x 4WD 4 Cylinder Diesel Single Cab Utility; and
- b) Sale and / or trade of 1x Toyota Hilux 4WD Diesel Extra Cab Utility

Resolution No. 43-04-09

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Mayor Cr JC Ferguson

1. THAT Blue Ribbon Motors (Ipswich) Pty Ltd be awarded the supply and delivery of 1 x Triton GLS 4 x 4 Single Cab Utility with heavy duty steel drop side body as per Contract No 106/2008-09 for the price of \$34,864.83 (GST exclusive); and
2. THAT Council accept the trade price offered by Blue Ribbon Motors (Ipswich) Pty Ltd for Plant No. 611, as per their tender.

Carried

6.5 Contract 107/2008-09- Supply & Spraying of Bitumen and Spreading of Cover Aggregate

Tenders were called for the Supply and Spraying of Bitumen and Spreading of Aggregate with the tenders closing at the Council Office in Thargomindah at 5:00pm on Tuesday 14th April 2009.

Resolution No. 44-04-09

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Cr Clifford

THAT SRS Roads Pty Ltd be awarded the Supply and Spraying of Bitumen and Spreading of Aggregate as per Contract No 107/2008-09 for the price of \$387,866.87 (GST exclusive).

Carried

6.6 Contract 108/2008-09 – Supply & Stockpiling of Cover Aggregate

Tenders were called for the Supply and Stockpile of Cover Aggregate with the tenders closing at the Council Office in Thargomindah at 5:00pm on Tuesday 14th April 2009.

Resolution No. 45-04-09

Moved Cr Cobb seconded Cr RJ Ferguson

THAT WN & TL Hickey Bulk Haulage be awarded the Supply and Stockpile of Cover Aggregate as per Contract No 108/2008-09 for the price of \$216,723.35 (GST exclusive).

Carried

7.0 RECEPTION AND CONSIDERATION OF OFFICER'S REPORT

Resolution No. 46-04-09

Moved Cr Cobb seconded Cr RJ Ferguson

THAT the Officer's Reports be received.

Carried

7.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

7.1.1 Matters for Councillor Information

a) RCLIP Funding

Council has received advice that RCLIP funding of \$100,000 has been approved for renovations to the roof and ceiling of the Bulloo Shire Hall in Thargomindah.

b) Roads to Recovery Program

Advice has been received from the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government the Hon Anthony Albanese MP that the Roads

to Recovery Program has been extended for a further 5 years from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2014.

Bulloo Shire Council's life of the program allocation will be \$3,920,218 and the nominal allocation for 2009-2010 is one-fifth of the amount (\$784,044).

c) Enterprise Bargaining Agreement

Council has served notice on all relevant unions of its intention to enter into discussions to negotiate a new enterprise bargaining agreement.

It is proposed that negotiations will be held during the latter half of May 2009 with the view toward having a final draft agreement ready for employees to vote by the second week in June 2009.

Council was further advised that a log of claims had been received from AWU since the compilation of the agenda.

d) Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) Expenditure

The president of the Local Government Association, Cr Paul Bell, wrote to all councils through their Mayors on 3 March 2009 to alert councils to the very high level of the TIDS underspend and to request advice on any blockages that may be preventing allocations being fully expended.

The Association has been advised that the Bulloo Shire Council anticipated that all TIDS funding for 2008/09 will be expended by end of May 2009.

Noted

7.1.2 Country & Regional Living Expo (Country Week)

The Country and Regional Living Expo (previously known as Country Week) will be held in Brisbane during the period Friday 30 October 2009 to Sunday 1 November 2009.

The Country and Regional Living Expo is aimed solely at encouraging city based residents, business and investors to consider the opportunities of relocating to a non metropolitan area.

Resolution No. 47-04-09

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Cr Clifford

THAT

- the Chief Executive Officer liaise with other local authorities in the South West region with the view to sharing a joint South West Region site at the 2009 Country & Regional Living Expo; and
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- Council send one elected member and an appropriate member of staff to represent the Bulloo Shire at the Expo.

Carried

7.1.3 Renovations to Thargomindah Hostel Flats

Councils consulting engineers have commissioned Mr Peter Beitz, an experienced building contractor and building removalist expert, to undertake an inspection of the Thargomindah Hostel Flats and report on the feasibility of converting the building into 4 separate 2 bedroom units.

Mr Beitz has completed his inspection and has advised that it is possible to convert the building into 4 separate units and that total costs to undertake the renovation works are estimated to be in the order of \$520,000 to \$600,000.

Resolution No. 48-04-09

Moved Cr Clifford seconded Cr Cobb

- 1) THAT the allocation of \$300,000 in the 2008/2009 budget for capital works at the Thargomindah Hostel flats be carried over to 2009/2010 budget
- 2) THAT a further \$300,000 be allocated in the 2009/2010 budget towards building works to convert the Thargomindah Hostel Flats into 4 separate 2 bedroom units. (This provides a total allocation of \$600,000 for this project.)

Carried

7.1.4 Purchase of 20,000 Litre Portable Fuel Storage Unit

The Chief Executive Officer reported that fuel storage capacities at all remote camps need to be reviewed.

The Naccowlah facility has a fuel storage capacity of 20,000 litres and Nappa Merrie facility has a fuel storage capacity of 10,000 litres.

Following the completion of outstanding flood damage works it is anticipated that the work program at Nappa Merrie will intensify from July 2009 and it is estimated that the plant and equipment engaged on the program will require approximately 15,000 to 20,000 litres of fuel per fortnight/work cycle.

It is recommended that Council increase the fuel storage capacity at Nappa Merrie to minimise the risk of possible plant downtime due to potential fuel shortages.

Resolution No. 49-04-09

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Cr RJ Ferguson

THAT

- Council purchase a 20,000 litre portable, self bunted fuel storage tank; and
- The cost of the storage tank be met from the 2008/2009 plant replacement budget.

Carried

7.1.5 Review of Procurement Policy

Resolution No. 50-04-09

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Cr Clifford

THAT a review of Council's Procurement Policy be undertaken.

Carried

7.1.6 Matters Raised by Elected Members

NIL

Attendance

Consulting Engineer, George Inocentes, and Manager of Works, Bill Carr, attended the meeting at 11:20pm.

7.2 WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT

7.2.1 Works Programme

The Works Manager advised Council that staff are currently working on recoverable works i.e. flood damage, TIDS and RMPC.

Work on the Innamincka Project will recommence at the completion of these projects, approximately early in June 2009.

7.2.2 Roads Register and Asset Revaluation

The Consulting Engineer advised that work is progressing with the updated Roads Register and Asset Revaluation. Brandon's Environmental Engineer is currently updating the electronic mapping data.

7.2.3 **RMPC Workshop**

The Works Manager advised Council on the changes to RMPC funding, particularly the diminished scope of works eligible under this program. All future funding will be allocated on a regional as needs basis as opposed to the current yearly contracts.

7.2.4 **Matters Raised by Elected Members**

Raised by	Issues Raised
Mayor Cr JC Ferguson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Obtain quotes (per metre cased) to drill water bores for road works
Cr Cobb	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Road between Woomanooka and Durham Downs requires grading (within the next month if possible) after the recent flood
Cr Crawford	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bash will be in Thargomindah on 15th May 2009 and 25th & 26th August 2009. All facilities at hall and oval to be checked.
Cr Crawford	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upgrade to toilet facilities at sports oval in Thargomindah to be considered as a budget item in the 2009/2010 budget
Mayor Cr JC Ferguson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advise Council re date of next meeting of Cooper Creek Catchment Committee with a view in mind to address the Wild Rivers issue.

Adjournment

Council adjourned for lunch at 12:15pm and resumed at 1:00pm.

7.3 **MANAGER OF FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT**

7.3.1 **Accounts**

Resolution No. 51-04-09

Moved Cr RJ Ferguson seconded Cr Clifford

THAT direct debits and vouchers for the month of March 2009 numbered 30589 - 30615 totalling \$1,866,380.48 be received.

Carried

7.3.2 Matters Raised by Elected Members

Raised by	Issues Raised
Mayor Cr JC Ferguson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact Local Buy to see if it is possible for their representative to hold a workshop for local businesses when they are in Thargomindah.

7.4 MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

7.4.1 Matters Raised by Elected Members

NIL

7.5 MANAGER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

7.5.1 Matters for Councillor's Information

a) CAPRIR Funding Application for a Playgroup in Thargomindah

The CAPRIR (Community Action Planning and Information Resource) Committee has received an application submitted on behalf of Community Playgroup requesting \$1,000 to assist with the purchase of equipment to start up a Playgroup in Thargomindah.

The CAPIR committee has assessed the application and approved funding for the amount of \$1,000.

Noted

7.5.2 Q150 Event and Easter Regatta & Family Fun Day

Cr Crawford asked if there were any costings available for the Q150 Event and the Easter Regatta & Family Fun Day.

The Manager of Financial Services provided a verbal breakdown of the costs of both events.

7.5.3 Matters Raised by Elected Members

NIL

ADOPTION OF OFFICER'S REPORT

Resolution No. 52-04-09

Moved Cr Cobb seconded Cr RJ Ferguson

THAT the Officer's Reports be adopted and those matters contained therein not covered by resolution be noted.

Carried

8.0 RECEPTION AND CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Inwards Correspondence

NIL

8.1.1 Listed Correspondence

NIL

8.1.2 Late Correspondence

NIL

9.0 PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS OR MEMORIALS

NIL

10.0 CONSIDERATION AND RECEPTION OF NOTICES OF MOTION

NIL

11.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

NIL

12.0 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council is to be held on Tuesday 12th May 2009 as per Resolution No. 23-03-09.

12.1 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 1:45pm.

Confirmed / /2009

Mayor
