
BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

Of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held at the Council Chambers, Thargomindah on the 17th August 2009 commencing at 1:02pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: J.C. Ferguson (Mayor)
Cr Clifford (Deputy Mayor)
R.J. Ferguson
A.D. Crawford
Officers: Michael Hayward (Chief Executive Officer)
Peggy Ferguson (Secretary)

Attendance

Cr Clifford was not present at the commencement of the meeting and attended where indicated in the minutes.

George Inocentes, Brandon & Associates, was in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

1.0 APOLOGIES

Resolution No. 99-08-09

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Cr RJ Ferguson

THAT an apology from Cr Cobb be accepted and leave of absence from the meeting be granted.

Carried

2.0 OBITUARIES

NIL

3.0 RECEIVING OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 100-08-09

Moved Cr RJ Ferguson seconded Cr Crawford

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 20th July 2009 as supplied to all Councillors, be received.

Carried

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 101-08-09

Moved Mayor Cr JC Ferguson seconded Cr Crawford

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 20th July 2009, as supplied to all Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Historical Printing Works Building

The Chief Executive Officer informed Council that an email had been received from the President of the Thargomindah Historical Society advising that a reply regarding the Society's position on the restoration / relocation of the Historical Printing Works building would be forthcoming in the near future.

5.2 SWQLGA Annual Meeting

Mayor Cr JC Ferguson advised that he had attended the SWQLGA Annual Meeting held in Cunnamulla on 27th July 2009 and gave Council a verbal summary of matters considered at the meeting.

Some of the main issues discussed included:-

- *2nd Plane for RFDS* – Bruce Scott, Member for Maranoa, is actively pursuing a 2nd plane for the Charleville Royal Flying Doctor Service.
- *Census Collection* – Approximately 80 – 90 people will be required in this region for the next census collection.
- *Funding Distribution* – Local Government areas with a population of less than 3,000 will be disadvantaged by recent changes to funding distribution arrangements.

5.3 Hungerford Medical Centre

The Chief Executive Officer advised that discussions have been held with the District Police, Officer-In-Charge Inspector Mick Blanchi regarding locating the proposed Hungerford Medical Centre on the Police Reserve adjacent to the Royal Mail Hotel in Hungerford.

The Chief Executive Officer further advised that a letter is to be sent to Inspector Blanchi seeking approval from the Queensland Police to erect the building at this location.

It was also advised that a copy of the proposed floor plans for the centre has been forwarded to the Royal Flying Doctor Service for their comments.

6.0 TENDERS AND QUOTATIONS

NIL

7.0 RECEPTION AND CONSIDERATION OF OFFICER'S REPORT

Resolution No. 102-08-09

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Cr RJ Ferguson

THAT the Officer's Reports be received.

Carried

Attendance

Cr Clifford attended the meeting at 1:35pm.

7.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

7.1.1 Quotation to Renew Fence Between Thargomindah Station and the Town Common

The Chief Executive Officer advised Council that a quotation of \$27,680 + GST + materials had been received from Mr Gordon Easton to renew the fence between Thargomindah Station and the Town Common.

This cost of renewing this fence is being split 50/50 between Council and Thargomindah Station.

Council discussed the necessity of the fence being renewed in sections to ensure that stock are contained in the appropriate areas.

Resolution No. 103-08-09

Moved Cr Clifford seconded Cr Crawford

THAT pursuant to Section 486 (1) (a) of the Local Government Act 1993 that Council accept the quotation received from Mr Gordon Easton for \$27,680 + GST + materials to renew the common fence between Thargomindah Station and the town common.

Carried

7.1.2 Country & Regional Living Expo (Country Week)

At the April 2009 Ordinary Meeting of Council it was resolved 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 that Council send one elected member and an appropriate member of staff to represent the Bulloo Shire at the Expo.

The Tourism & Marketing Officer has enquired with other shires in the region and has advised that there does not appear to be any support for a joint SW Regional site.

The Tourism & Marketing Officer has further advised that an exhibitor application has been completed and arrangements have been made with Balonne Shire Tourism representatives to assist if need be in manning the stand during the Expo.

The Expo is being held in Brisbane from 30 October 2009 to 1 November 2009

The original resolution was to send one elected member and an appropriate member of staff to represent Bulloo Shire. To date no elected member has expressed a desire to attend the Expo.

Noted

7.1.3 Matters Raised by Elected Members

Council Plant: Cr Crawford advised that vehicles are being left outside the depot yard over the weekends.

7.2 WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT

7.2.1 Hire of Private Plant

Council discussed the current hire arrangements for private plant. The Chief Executive Officer advised that this matter is currently under review.

Resolution No. 104-08-09

Moved Mayor Cr JC Ferguson seconded Cr RJ Ferguson

THAT Council's Preferred Supplier list for hire of machinery be reviewed and updated as necessary.

Carried

7.2.2 Matters Raised by Elected Members

Thargomindah Airport: Cr Crawford advised that there is no fire hydrant at the Thargomindah Airport.

7.3 MANAGER OF FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT

7.3.1 Accounts

Resolution No. 105-08-09

Moved Cr RJ Ferguson seconded Cr Crawford

THAT direct debits and vouchers for the month of July 2009 numbered 30711 - 30725 totalling \$2,439,914.32 be received.

Carried

7.3.2 Matters Raised by Elected Members

NIL

7.4 MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

7.4.1 Legal Proceedings

A confidential report to further consider legal proceedings regarding arrears of rent against an ex-tenant was forwarded to Councillors under separate cover.

Closure of Meeting

Resolution No. 106-08-09

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Cr Clifford

THAT the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with Section 463(1)(f) of the Local Government Act 1993 to discuss a matter concerning the starting of legal proceedings.

Carried

The meeting was declared closed to the public at 2:39pm.

Resolution No. 107 -08-09

Moved Cr RJ Ferguson seconded Cr Clifford

THAT the meeting be reopened to the public.

Carried

The meeting was reopened to the public at 2:51pm.

Whilst in closed session, Council discussed the matter relating to the outstanding debt.

Resolution No. 108-08-09

Moved Mayor Cr JC Ferguson seconded Cr Crawford

1. THAT following consideration of:-

- the debtor's ability to pay,
- the costs involved in pursuing the debt; and
- the likelihood of receiving a successful judgement if the matter was pursued through the legal system.

2. THAT Council write-off the debtor account of Mr Jason Carroll for the amount of \$6,310.00.

Carried

7.4.2 Matters Raised by Elected Members

NIL

7.5 MANAGER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

7.5.1 Matters Raised by Elected Members

NIL

ADOPTION OF OFFICER'S REPORT

Resolution No. 109-08-09

Moved Cr RJ Ferguson seconded Cr Clifford

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

Carried

8.0 RECEPTION AND CONSIDERATION OF 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

Resolution No. 110-08-09

Moved Cr RJ Ferguson seconded Mayor Cr JC Ferguson

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on 21st September 2009 commencing at 1:00pm.

Carried

12.1 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 2:57pm.

Confirmed / /2009

Mayor