

**BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

Of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held at the Council Chambers, Thargomindah on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2008 commencing at 9:00am.

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

**1.0 APOLOGIES**

NIL

**2.0 OBITUARIES**

NIL

**3.0 RECEIVING OF MINUTES**

Resolution (No. 115-07-08)

Moved Cr RJ Ferguson seconded Mayor Cr JC Ferguson

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 16<sup>th</sup> June 2008 be received.

Carried

**4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Resolution (No. 116-07-08)

Moved Cr Clifford seconded Cr Crawford

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2008 be confirmed.

Carried

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## **5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **5.1 Enterprise Bargaining Training**

Cr Crawford and the Chief Executive Officer updated Council on their attendance at the Enterprise Bargaining Training that was held in Cunnamulla on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2008.

The training was held in conjunction with Paroo Shire Council with discussion being held regarding Multi-Employer Agreements and the impact on Enterprise Bargaining Agreements following the abolition of Work Choices and the de-corporatisation of Councils.

The representatives from both Councils agreed that a Multi-Employer Agreement offers no real benefits to either Council or their employees.

The Chief Executive Officer further advised that with the abolition of Work Choices and the de-corporatisation of Councils, all future Enterprise Agreements now only have to be registered with the State Industrial Relations Commission.

### **5.2 LGAQ Annual Conference**

At the meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> June 2008 Council resolved that “.... Cr Cobb and Cr Crawford attend the LGAQ 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference at Cairns on 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2008 as Council’s delegates... ”.

Since that meeting both Cr Cobb and Cr Crawford have advised that they are unable to attend the conference.

#### Resolution (No.117-07-08)

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Cr Cobb

THAT Cr Clifford and Chief Executive Officer attend the 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference at Cairns on 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2008 as Council’s delegates with Council meeting the usual costs of attendance.

Carried

### **5.3 Stock Routes at Hungerford**

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Cr Clifford, Works Manager, Bill Carr and the Chief Executive Officer had travelled to Hungerford to investigate comments in relation to the taking of water from the Pope’s water hole.

Upon inspection, it was found that a poly pipe has been placed through the town common and a pump had been installed at Pope’s waterhole on the common. There is also evidence that a fence line has been cleared and strainer posts installed on the common to fence off the pipeline and the waterhole.

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The Chief Executive Officer has contacted the Department of Natural Resources regarding this matter and was advised that the proprietors of “Ningaling” Station have recently applied for a road closure over that part of the Stock Route that adjoins the Paroo River through “Ningaling” Station; and a road opening application to connect the road reserve on the southern boundary of “Ningaling” Station, through “Ningaling” Station to connect with the road that currently adjoins the section of Stock Route that is being applied to close. If this application is approved, it will, combined with the new proposed fence alignment, effectively close all public access to Pope’s waterhole.

The Department of Natural Resources have advised that they will be contacting the proprietors’ of “Ningaling” Station regarding their application and the current pipe and fencing works and will advise council accordingly.

### **Adjournment**

*Council adjourned for morning tea at 9:35am and resumed 9:50am.*

### **Attendance**

*Manager of Financial Services, Sally Byrne, Consulting Engineer, George Inocentes, and Works Manager, Bill Carr, attended the meeting at 9:50am.*

## **6.0 TENDERS AND QUOTATIONS**

### **6.1 Contract 103/2007-08**

This contract called for the:-

- A. Supply & Delivery of 4WD 4 Cylinder Diesel Station Wagon; and
- B. Sale and / or trade of Toyota Prado - 4WD 4 Cylinder Turbo Diesel Station Wagon (Plant No. 608)

#### **Resolution (No. 118-07-08)**

Moved Mayor Cr JC Ferguson seconded Cr RJ Ferguson

1. THAT Contract No 103/2007-08 be awarded to Thargo Motors for the purchase of a Prado GXL Manual Station Wagon for \$49,760.00 (GST exclusive); and
2. THAT Council accept the trade price offered by Thargo Motors for Plant No. 608, as per their tender.

Carried

### **6.2 Contract 104/2007-08**

This contract called for the:-

- A. Supply & Delivery of 6 x 4WD 4 Cylinder Diesel Dual Cabs; and
  - B. Sale and / or Trade of the following 6 vehicles
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- 1 x Toyota Hilux 4WD Single Cab (Plant No. 616)
- 2 x Toyota Hilux 4 WD Dual Cab (Plant Nos 625 & 612)
- 1 x Nissan Navara 4 WD Dual Cab (Plant No. 619)
- 2 x Toyota Hilux 4WD Extra Cab (Plant Nos 603 and 657)

Resolution (No. 119-07-08)

Moved Cr Clifford seconded Cr Crawford

1. THAT Thargo Motors be awarded the supply and delivery of 3 x Toyota Hilux Turbo 4 Cylinder Dual Cab Utilities with steel drop side bodies as per Contract No 104/2007-08 for the price of \$41,630.00 (GST exclusive) per vehicle; and
2. THAT Council accept the trade price offered by Thargo Motors for Plant Nos 603, 612 and 616 as per their tender.

Carried

Resolution (No. 120-07-08)

Moved Cr RJ Ferguson seconded Cr Cobb

1. THAT Sci Fleet Toyota be awarded the supply and delivery of 3 x Toyota Hilux Turbo 4 Cylinder Dual Cab Utilities with steel drop side bodies as per Contract No 104/2007-08 for the price of \$41,000.00 (GST exclusive) per vehicle; and
2. THAT Council accept the trade price offered by Sci Fleet Toyota for Plant Nos 657, 625 and 619 as per their tender.

Carried

**6.3 Contract 105/2007-08**

This contract called for the:-

- A. Supply & Delivery of 2 x 4WD 4 Cylinder Single Cab Utilities with Heavy Duty Steel Drop Side Bodies; and
- B. Sale and / or trade of 2 x Single Cab 4WD Toyota Hilux Utilities (Plant Nos 621 & 691)

Resolution (No. 121-07-08)

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Cr Cobb

1. THAT Thargo Motors be awarded the supply and delivery of 2 x Toyota Hilux Turbo 4 Cylinder Single Cab Utilities with steel drop side bodies as per Contract No 105/2007-08 for the price of \$37,060.00 per vehicle (GST exclusive); and

2. THAT Council accept the trade price offered by Thargo Motors for Plant No., 621 and 691 as per their tender.

Carried

**6.4 Contract 106/2007-08**

This contract called for the:-

- A. Supply & Delivery of 4WD ULP Automatic Station Wagon; and
- B. Sale and / or trade of Toyota Camry - 6 Cylinder Sedan (Plant No. 678)

Resolution (No. 122-07-08)

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Cr Clifford

1. THAT Thargo Motors be awarded the supply and delivery of a ULP Toyota Prado GXL Automatic Station Wagon for the price of \$50,520.00(GST exclusive); and
2. THAT Council accept the price offered by M.C. Brock for the sale of Plant No. 678 as per his tender.

Carried

**6.5 Contract 107/2007-08**

This contract called for the:-

- A. Supply & Delivery of 4WD 6 Cylinder Diesel Single Cab Chassis; and
- B. Sale and / or trade of Toyota Landcruiser 4 x 4 Trayback (Plant No. 601)

Resolution (No. 123-07-09)

Moved Cr Cobb seconded Cr RJ Ferguson

1. THAT Thargo Motors be awarded the supply and delivery of a 4WD V8 Toyota Landcruiser Diesel Single Cab Chassis for the price of \$51,550.00 (GST exclusive); and
2. THAT Council accept the price offered by Thompson's Grader Hire for the sale of Plant No. 601 as per their tender.

Carried

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## **7.0 RECEPTION AND CONSIDERATION OF OFFICER'S REPORT**

Resolution (No. 124-07-08)

Moved Cr Cobb seconded Cr Crawford

THAT the Officer's Report be received.

Carried

## **7.1 WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **7.1.1 Cold Water Supply**

Work's Manager, Bill Carr, advised Council that the connection of the rest of the town to the cold water supply is programmed to be completed prior to the end of September 2008.

### **7.1.2 Works Programme**

The Works Manager advised that Council is currently faced with the challenge of completing an increasing work load with a limited number of employees. This problem is compounded by the current shortage of housing in Thargomindah.

The Works Manager further advised that in order to complete these works within the timeframes imposed by the various funding arrangements; Council will need to give consideration to contracting out various work that is normally undertaken by Council staff.

Council held comprehensive discussions on this matter and agreed to contract out certain works during the 2008/2009 financial year normally undertaken by Council staff and that the matter be reviewed again prior to the formulation of the 2009/2010 budget.

It was agreed that a detailed summary of works proposed to be contracted during the 2008/2009 financial year will be included in the 2008/2009 budget summary documentation.

## **CHANGE IN ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the Works Manager and Engineer would not be available later in the meeting when the adoption of the Operation Plan was due for consideration and requested that the order of business be changed at this time to allow all officer to participate in the formulation of the Operational Plan for the 2008/2009 financial year.

Resolution (No. 125-07-08)

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Cr Clifford

THAT the order of business be amended and that the 2008-09 Operational Plan be the next item of business for consideration.

Carried

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### **7.1.3 Operational Plan 2008/2009**

Council is required under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 as amended, and the Local Government Finance Standards 2005 to prepare and, by resolution, adopt an operational plan for each financial year.

The operational plan must be adopted in enough time to allow preparation and adoption of a budget for the financial year consistent with the plan.

#### **Attendance**

*Manager of Corporate Services, Karen Dare, and Manager of Community Services, Donna Gentle, attended the meeting at 11:28am.*

#### **Adjournment**

*Council adjourned for lunch at 12:20pm and resumed at 1:00pm.*

#### **Attendance**

*Manager of Corporate Services, Karen Dare, and Manager of Community Services, Donna Gentle, were not in attendance at the recommencement of the meeting.*

#### **Resolution (No. 126-07-08)**

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Cr Clifford

THAT the 2008-09 Operational Plan as presented be adopted, subject to the following amendments:-

Section 3 - Community Health and Safety – Program: Emergency and Disaster Management

- a) Flood Truck Activities – Change Activity to read “*Investigate options to upgrade flood truck facilities*” – Change Target to read – “*3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter.*”

Section 6 – Economic Development – Program: Tourism and Events

- a) Burke & Wills verbal history - *Delete*
- b) Thargomindah Jail Facility – Change activity to read “*Identify suitable land and relocate jail facility.*”
- c) Lake Bindigolly Recreation Facility – Change activity to read “*Investigate and develop a plan to construct a BBQ and shelter facility on the road reserve adjacent to Lake Bindigolly.*”

Carried

***A copy of the 2008-09 Operational Plan as adopted is included as Attachment A.***

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**7.1.4 Matters Raised by Elected Members**

<b>Raised by</b>	<b>Issues Raised</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Officer</b>
Cr Crawford	Junior Rugby League Football carnival is being held in Thargomindah on 9 <sup>th</sup> August 2008.	Ensure that the football oval facilities are cleaned and functional prior to the event.	Works Manager
Cr RJ Ferguson	Horsemanship school is being held at Rodeo Grounds on 7 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2008	Ensure that adequate cleaning and operational supplies are available.	Works Manager
Cr Cobb	Byco Creek on Woomanooka Road is impeding the movement of road transports.	Investigate and undertake repairs as necessary to improve traffic movement through Byco Creek Crossing.	Works Manager
Mayor Cr JC Ferguson	Every Family Needs a Farmer signage	Follow up with Main Roads with regards to requirements to erect the signs on state controlled roads and make arrangements for signage to be erected.	Works Manager

**Attendance**

*Consulting Engineer, George Inocentes, and Works Manager, Bill Carr, left the meeting at 1:25pm.*

**7.2 MANAGER OF FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT**

**7.2.1 Accounts**

Resolution (No. 127-07-08)

Moved Cr Cobb seconded Cr RJ Ferguson that direct debits and vouchers for the month of June 2008 numbered 30359 – 30389 totalling \$2,564,924.61 be received.

Carried

### **7.2.2 Purchase of 2 Man Self Contained Caravan / Trailer**

At the meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2008, Council moved a resolution (No. 85-05-08) “to purchase one only 2 man self contained caravan / trailer from Wendgold Pty Ltd.”

A review of the minutes for the May 2008 meeting revealed that the original report presented to Council at the meeting, failed to advise that 4 quotations had been invited but only one quotation was received.

Subsequently, a new resolution needs to be adopted recognising that that only one supplier was reasonably available to supply the goods and/or service.

#### **Resolution (No. 128-07-08)**

Moved Cr Clifford seconded Cr Crawford

THAT in accordance with Section 486 (1a) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council is satisfied that there is only one supplier reasonably available and resolve to purchase one only 2 man self contained caravan / trailer from Wendgold Pty Ltd at the price of \$120,000 (inc GST) ex factory as per their quotation dated 15<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

Carried

### **7.2.3 Register of Miscellaneous Fees & Charges 2008-09**

Section 1071A of the Local Government Act 1993 provides that a local government may, by local law or resolution, fix a regulatory fee and the amount thereof by resolution.

Commercial fees and charges are charges that are purely commercial in nature in that there is no compulsion for another party to accept the local government’s offer. The service or facility is available elsewhere for purchase, hire etc.

#### **Attendance**

*Karen Dare, Manager of Corporate Services, attended the meeting at 2:00pm.*

*The Manager of Corporate Services advised Council of the guidelines and criteria used by the Department of Housing for the setting of Market Rents for Community Housing units.*

*The Manager of Corporate Services left the meeting at 2:17pm.*

#### **Resolution (No. 129-07-08)**

Moved Cr Cobb seconded Cr RJ Ferguson

THAT pursuant to Section 1071A of the Local Government Act 1993, the 2008/2009 Schedule of Fees and Charges, as presented be adopted, subject to the following amendments: -.

- a) Housing Rental – 2 Br Duplex (Brick) – Seniors Unit occupied by Pensioner – *Change from \$75.00 to \$105.00*
- b) Housing Rental – 2 Br Managers Quarters Explorers Caravan Park – *Change from \$95.00 to Nil*
- c) Housing Rental – Hungerford 2 Br Duplex (Brick) – Occupied by Pensioner – *Change from \$75.00 to \$105.00*

Carried

***A copy of the 2008-09 Schedule of Fees and Charges as adopted is included as Attachment B.***

#### **7.2.4 Rating Issues**

##### **7.2.4.1. Amendments to the Unimproved Capital Value on Mining and Petroleum Leases**

The Manager of Financial Services advised Council that when the whole of the shire revaluation which came into effect on 30 June 2006 was carried out, mining and petroleum leases remained unchanged.

Council has recently received amendments to the unimproved capital values on all mining and petroleum leases within the shire with a date of effect 30 June 2006. As a result of the reissue of valuations the overall unimproved valuation of Mining and Petroleum leases has risen significantly.

Advice received from the Department of Natural Resources and Water indicates that the purpose of the reissue of Mining and Petroleum lease valuations was as a result from an error in the calculations used in the original revaluation.

Division 5, Subdivisions 1 & 2 of the Local Government Act 1993 as amended (the Act) provides that if a local government becomes aware that a change happens to the unimproved valuation of rateable land; the local government must adjust the rate.

The Act also provides that if the owner or occupier of the land has already paid the rate at the time it is adjusted, the local government –

- If the amount of the rate has decreased – **must refund** the overpaid amount;  
or
- If the amount of the rate has increased – **may recover** the underpaid amount.

Discussion was held as to the impact that adjustments would have on those rate assessments affected. It was recommended that further consideration be given to this matter prior to any formal decision being made in relation to the levying and recovery of rates that result would result from the application of increases in unimproved valuations.

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Resolution (No. 130-07-08)

Moved Mayor Cr JC Ferguson and seconded Cr RJ Ferguson

THAT the Chief Executive Officer arrange a meeting with representatives of Santos Ltd to discuss rating and other issues.

Carried

#### **7.2.4.2. Levying of Rates**

The Manager of Financial Services advised that it has been Council's practice in past years to levy the rates annually and asked that consideration be given to change the frequency of levying rates from an annual to a bi-annual basis.

The Officer advised that there are benefits in levying the rates on a more frequent basis. These benefits include:-

- Staff have more regular hands on training for the levying of rates
- a reduction in the number of arrears of rates
- the ratepayer has better capacity to pay his rates

Resolution (No. 131-07-08)

Moved Cr Clifford seconded Cr Cobb

THAT Council change the frequency of levying rates from an annual to a bi-annual basis effective from the 2008-09 levy.

Carried

#### **7.2.4.3. Concession on Rates**

Council gave consideration to providing a concession on rates to ratepayers who are eligible for the State Pensioner Subsidy Scheme.

The Manager of Financial Services advised that a majority of local governments offer some form of concession on rates to pensioners. These concessions range from a minimum of \$10 per year to amounts equivalent to the entire general rates.

The Manager of Financial Services further advised that there are approximately 14 persons in our local government area who are currently eligible for the state government concession.

The State Government provides a subsidy equal to 20% (up to a maximum amount of \$180.00 each year) of the gross rates and charges levied by a Local Government.

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Resolution (No. 132-07-08)

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Cr RJ Ferguson

THAT Council allow a concession on rates and charges to those ratepayers who are eligible for the State Pensioner Subsidy Scheme; and

THAT the rate of concession be calculated on the basis of an amount equal to 20% of the total rate and charges with a maximum subsidy of \$180.00 per annum.

Carried

**7.2.5 Matters Raised by Elected Members**

<b>Raised by</b>	<b>Issues Raised</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Officer</b>
Mayor Cr JC Ferguson	The Mayor raised the issue of probable wastage on mess items and queried the viability of stocktakes of mess items when camps are inactive.	Discuss mess account issues with staff.	CEO
Mayor Cr JC Ferguson	Following recent discussions with QTC representatives, an opportunity exists to hold regional training for Councillors in relation to the QTC Financial Sustainability Model.	Liaise with other shires in region and facilitate training for councillors and financial staff on the QTC Financial Sustainability model.	CEO

**Attendance**

*Sally Byrne, Manager of Financial Services, left the meeting at 3:25pm.*

**Adjournment**

*Council adjourned for afternoon tea at 3:25pm and resumed at 3:35pm.*

**Attendance**

*Karen Dare, Manager of Corporate Services, attended the meeting at 3:35pm.*

**7.3 MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

**7.3.1 Residential Tenancy Act – URGENT APPLICATION**

The Manager of Corporate Services advised that a Notice to Remedy Breach and a Notice to Leave has been issued to a tenant who has significant rent arrears.

As the Notice to Leave requires registration in a Magistrates Court and will involve the serving of an eviction notice by the Court it is recommended that Council give consideration to this matter prior to any further action.

## **CLOSURE OF MEETING**

### **Resolution (No. 133-07-08)**

Moved Mayor Cr JC Ferguson seconded Cr Clifford

THAT pursuant to Section 463 (f) of the Local Government Act 1993, the meeting is to be closed to the public for the purposes of discussing the commencement of legal proceedings.

Carried

***The Meeting was closed to the public at 3:50pm***

### **Resolution (No. 134-07-08)**

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Cr Clifford

THAT the meeting be reopened to the public.

Carried

***The Meeting was reopened to the public at 4:03pm.***

Whilst in closed session, Council was provided with details relating to a tenant of residential accommodation managed by Council, who has outstanding rent and who has had so for a considerable period.

Council was advised that the tenant has ignored a Notice to Remedy Breach and a Notice to Leave, and subsequently Council must now consider lodging an 'Urgent Application' with the Small Claims Tribunal, for an Application for Failure to Leave (section 166 of RTA) and Issue of Warrant of Possession (section 216 of RTA) to recover possession of the premises.

### **Resolution (No. 135-07-08)**

Moved Mayor Cr JC Ferguson seconded Cr Clifford:-

1. THAT pursuant to sections 166 and 216 of the Residential Tenancy Act 1994, Council make an 'Urgent Application' to the Small Claims Tribunal for an application for termination for failure to leave and to issue a warrant of possession to the tenant residing in VIP Unit 2, Thargomindah; and
2. THAT a claim for all rent arrears to 6 June 2008 be included in the application.

Carried

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**Attendance**

*Karen Dare, Manager of Corporate Services, left the meeting at 4:05pm.*

*Donna Gentle, Manager of Community Services, attended the meeting at 4:15pm.*

**7.4 MANAGER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

**7.4.1 Request to Waive Fees**

The correspondent advises that the Dubbo South Rotary Club is organising its 10<sup>th</sup> bi-annual outback 4WD rally. The rally will consist of 50 4WD drives vehicles plus a helicopter and plan to stop over in Hungerford on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

The club is requesting that Council waive the associated fees for the use of the following facilities:-

- Town hall (accommodation for 50)
- Sporting Grounds (use of amenities)
- Caravan Park (camping area for 20 people)

**Resolution (No. 136-07-08)**

Moved Cr Crawford seconded Cr Clifford

1. THAT the fees for the Hungerford Town Hall and camping at the Hungerford Caravan Park be waived for the Dubbo South Rotary Clubs 10<sup>th</sup> bi-annual Outback 4WD Rally as per their request dated 5<sup>th</sup> June 2008.
2. THAT Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to waive the fees for the Hungerford Caravan Park.

Carried

**7.4.2 Explorers Caravan Park Management Agreement**

Following a resolution of Council at the September 2007 Ordinary Meeting, a comprehensive review of the Explorers Caravan Park Management Agreement has been undertaken. As a result of this review it has been identified that the document needs to be modified to adequately address discrepancies between Councils desired operating standards and current operational practices for the Explorers Caravan Park.

**Resolution (No. 137-07-08)**

Moved Cr RJ Ferguson seconded Cr Crawford

1. THAT the Manager of Community Services, Manager of Financial Services, a Councillor and current Explorers Caravan Park Managers review the current Management Agreement and present to Council recommendations for amending the document.

2. THAT Council approve the one-off payment to Messrs Paul & Ide Rush in the amount of \$3,177.87 being payment equivalent to reimbursement of maximum removal expenses in accordance with Council policy and reimbursement of Uniform and Safety Wear expenses.
3. THAT the Explorers Caravan Park Management Agreement be amended to allow the Caravan Park Managers use of the Managers residence, rent free; with the date of effect being 21 July 2008.

Carried

#### **7.4.3 Matters Raised by Elected Members**

<b>Raised by</b>	<b>Issues Raised</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Officer</b>
Cr Crawford	Thargo Bus link to Cunnamulla	Liaise with Quilpie Shire Council re how the Quilpie to Charleville bus service operates.	MCOMS

#### **Attendance**

*Donna Gentle, Manager of Community Services, left the meeting at 5:02pm.*

#### **7.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

##### **7.5.1 Staff Matters**

Chief Executive Officer advised Council that Senior Works Supervisor, Trevor Dare, has resigned from his position with Council, effective 1<sup>st</sup> August 2008.

Resolved (No. 138-07-08)

THAT a letter be written to Trevor Dare thanking him for his service to Council over the last 8 years.

##### **7.5.2 Revenue Policy**

Council is required under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 as amended, and the Local Government Finance Standards 2005 to prepare and adopt a revenue policy.

The revenue policy must be reviewed and adopted annually and forms part of the basis upon which the annual budget is prepared.

Resolution (No. 139-07-08)

Moved Cr RJ Ferguson seconded Cr Cobb

THAT in accordance with the provisions of Section 513B of *the Local Government Act 1993* and Section 12 of the *Local Government Finance Standards 2005*, the 2008/2009 Revenue Policy as presented be adopted, subject to the following amendments:-

Section 5.4 CONCESSIONS ON RATES AND CHARGES

In applying these principles, Council will give consideration, in accordance with Section 1035A of the Local Government Act 1993, to the following classes of land owners:-

- Nil – *Change to Read*

“Pensioners

*Council will grant a remission under LGA Section 1035A to pensioners who qualify for a rebate under the State Government Pensioner Scheme.*

*Eligible pensioners are those ratepayers who have applied and conformed with the State Government Guidelines for pensioner remission at the time of rating.”*

Carried

*A copy of the 2008/2009 Revenue Policy as adopted is included as Attachment C.*

**7.5.3 Economic Assistance Policy**

Council discussed the need to change the market rental on the aged care facilities in the local government area and the potential impact on the tenant’s capacity to pay the any increase in rental fees.

It was agreed that there is a need for a strategy to provide economic assistance to various sections of the community and that consideration should be given to the introduction of an “Economic Assistance Policy”.

Resolution (No. 134-07-08)

Moved Cr Clifford seconded Cr Cobb

1. THAT Council recognises the need for a strategy to provide economic assistance to various sections of the community on an as-needs basis; and
2. THAT the Chief Executive Officer be directed to develop a policy that establishes a criteria and appropriate guidelines for the purpose of providing economic assistance to eligible applicants.

Carried

#### **7.5.4 Matters Raised by Elected Members**

<b>Raised by</b>	<b>Issues Raised</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Officer</b>
Cr RJ Ferguson	The security of Council vehicles that are not parked in the Shire Depot.	Memo to be circulated to all employees advising that vehicles should be returned to shire depot in all practical circumstances and that vehicles are to be locked at all times when not in use.	CEO/Works Manager

#### **ADOPTION OF OFFICER'S REPORT**

Resolution (No. 141-07-08)

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**

##### **8.1.1 Annual SWQLGA Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> August 2008**

Correspondence dated 27<sup>th</sup> June 2008 advises that the Annual SWQLGA Conference will be held in Charleville on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2008. Any agenda items to be included in the agenda are requested to be forwarded as soon as possible.

Registration forms should be forwarded to SWQLGA as soon as possible.

Resolution (No. 142-07-08)

Moved Cr Clifford seconded Cr RJ Ferguson

THAT Council nominate Mayor Cr JC Ferguson and Chief Executive Officer, Michael Hayward as delegates and appoint the Chief Executive Officer as observer to the South West Queensland Local Government Association Meeting to be held in Charleville on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2008 with Council meeting the usual cost of attendance.

Carried

### **8.1.2 Renewal of Lease**

Recording Advice, Case: 2006/006706, has been received from the Department of Natural Resources and Water that the lease for Lot 2 on SP 184928 (Parish Warrawanna, Cairngorm, Nilparoo and Kihee) has been renewed for a term of 30 years.

A copy of the survey plan was included with the report.

Noted

### **8.1.3 Transfer of Land from NRW – EPA**

Advice has been received from the Department of Natural Resources and Water that the transfer of control of lot 1 on SP207172 (unallocated State Land) from NRW to EPA was effected on 15 November 2007.

It is proposed that the EPA will include this area into adjoining Currawinya National Park and the responsibility and maintenance of the area will now reside with EPA.

Noted

### **8.2 Listed Correspondence**

NIL

### **8.3 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**

#### **11.1 Special Meeting**

Resolution (No. 143-07-08)

Moved Cr Clifford seconded Cr Cobb

THAT a Special Meeting for the purposes of discussing and adoption of the 2008-09 budget be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August commencing at 8:30am.

Carried

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**12.0 NEXT MEETING**

Resolved (No. 144-07-08)

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

**12.1 Closure Of Meeting**

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 5:45pm.

**Confirmed            /            /2008**

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**Mayor**