



UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

BUDGET

MEETING OF

BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD WEDNESDAY

23 JULY 2014

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

JUNDAH

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1. OPENING

The Mayor welcomed all in attendance and opened the meeting at 8.40 am.

2. ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE:	Cr Julie Groves, Mayor Cr Michael Pratt, Deputy Mayor (Via Teleconference) Cr Ian Groves (Via Teleconference) Cr Peter Batt Cr Craig Lasker
OFFICER'S PRESENT	Mr Bob O'Brien, Chief Executive Officer Ms Sue McConachy, Executive Assistant Mr Steve Sigler, Strategic Works Supervisor Mr Bill Pitman, Operational Works Manager

3. APOLOGIES

Nil

4. MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

The Barcoo Shire has proposed a budget in the order of \$26 million consisting of \$18 million of operational works and \$7.8 million of capital works. This year, although sizable, is the last year of a ten year building program. Council will however continue to build on its road and street assets and look to preserve the existing assets where possible. It is becoming apparent through both the State and Federal Governments that funding allocations are going to be allocated on a needs basis and Council will be required to justify the funding.

Rate increases have been set at 3% which is just above CPI. Ratepayers will see increases in the town areas consistent with the 3% increase, i.e. General, Water, Garbage and Pest Animal levy. This will be a very different picture in the Rural Rate levy with a significant array of increases and decreases. This is purely due to the new valuations issued by the State earlier this year.

Most of the fees and charges will remain at similar level with some increases in some services due to general cost increases.

Recent Budget announcements in both State and Federal Governments have significantly curtailed the activities of Council and it will be an arduous task to sustain the works program and service levels that Barcoo Shire Ratepayers have been accustomed. It is our commitment to sustain this Shire to these levels but with funding being reallocated the future is not bright.

Budget Highlights

Capital Works

Capital Grants to be received	\$1,418,000
Loans for Store and Fuel Facilities	\$1 million
Reserves Utilised	\$1,560,000
Depreciation Funds	\$3,610,722

Operational Works

	Expenditure	Revenue
Corporate/Executive Services	\$2.16 million	\$4 million
Community Services	\$4.6 million	\$1.2 million
Works and Services	\$12.4 million	\$12.7 million
Land Management	\$475 K	\$167 k

This year will also see an operational budget allocation of \$2.3 million set aside for Council contribution to the optic fibre project.

It is Council's endeavour to continue the strong growth of the Shire and its assets and give the rate payers a tangible return for their rate investment.

Julie Groves

Mayor

5. Adoption of the 2014-2015 Financial Statements and Sustainability Report

Resolution No.: 2014.07.01

That Council adopts the 2014/2015 Financial Statements and Sustainability Report in accordance with and pursuant to Section 169 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED 5/0

6. Adoption of the Capital Works Plan & Plant Replacement Schedule for 2014-2015

Resolution No.: 2014.07.02

That Council adopts the 2014/2015 Capital Works Plan and Plant Replacement Schedule for 2014-2015 in accordance with and pursuant to Section 169 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED 5/0

7. Adoption of the Revenue Policy 2014-2015

Resolution No.: 2014.07.03

That Council adopts the 2014/2015 Revenue Policy in accordance with and pursuant to Section 193 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED 5/0

8. Adoption of the Revenue Statement 2014-2015

Resolution No.: 2014.07.04

That Council adopt the Revenue Statement 2014/2015 prepared in accordance with Section 172 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and more specifically:-

- (a) Pursuant to Section 80 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Barcoo Shire Council will make and levy a differential general rate for the financial year ending 30 June 2015 as set out in the Revenue Statement.*
- (b) Pursuant to the Local Government Regulation 2012, section 80 Minimum General Rate, Barcoo Shire Council will make a minimum differential rate for the financial year ending 30 June 2015 for each category of Differential General Rate as set out in the Revenue Statement.*

- (c) Pursuant to Section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009, Council will make and levy a special charge for the provision Pest Animal Control for the rural land rated under category four (4) in Council differential rates scheme, having an area of 1000 ha.
- (d) Pursuant to Section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009, Council will make and levy a special charge for the provision of recovering rural electrification loans to rural land owners who enter into contract with Ergon Energy.
- (e) Pursuant to Section 92 of the Local Government Act 2009, Council will make and levy Utility Charges as set out in the Revenue Statement.
- (f) Pursuant to Section 133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council will charge interest of overdue rates at the rate of eleven percent calculated on a daily balance and charged at the end of the month on a compounding daily interest.
- (g) Pursuant to Section 118 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, all rates and charges levied by Council must be paid within thirty clear days after the notice is issued.
- (h) Pursuant to Section 130 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council will allow a ten percent discount on all Specified Rates & Charges, if payment is paid in full by the date determined on the rates notice.
- (i) Pursuant to Section 119 of the Local Government act 2009, Concessions, Council will allow rating concessions in the manner described in the Revenue Statement.

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED 5/0

9. Adoption of the Debt and Borrowing Policy 2014-2015

Resolution No.: 2014.07.05

That Council adopts the 2014/2015 Debt and Borrowing Policy in accordance with and pursuant to Section 192 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED 5/0

10. Adoption of the Investment Policy 2014-2015

Resolution No.: 2014.07.06

That Council adopts the 2014/2015 Investment Policy in accordance with and pursuant to Section 191 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED 5/0

11. Adoption of the Procurement Policy 2014-2015

Resolution No.: 2014.07.07

That Council adopts the 2014/2015 Procurement Policy and Delegations in accordance with and pursuant to Section 198 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED 5/0

12. Adoption of the Internal Audit Function 2014-2015

Resolution No.: 2014.07.08

That Council adopts the 2014/2015 Internal Audit Function in accordance with and pursuant to Section 207-211 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED 5/0

13. Adoption of the Shire Bursary Policy 2014-2015

Resolution No.: 2014.07.09

That Council adopts the 2014/2015 Bursary Policy in accordance with and pursuant to Section 195 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED 5/0

14. Adoption of the Operational Plan 2015

Resolution No.: 2014.07.10

That Council adopts the 2015 Operational Plan in accordance with and pursuant to Section 174 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED 5/0

15. Adoption of the Fees and Charges for 2014-2015

Resolution No.: 2014.07.11

That Council adopts the 2014/2015 Fees and Charges in accordance with and pursuant to Section 169 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED 5/0

16. Adoption of the Revenue and Expenditure Reports for 2014-2015

Resolution No.: 2014.07.12

That Council adopts the 2014/2015 Revenue and Expenditure reports in accordance with and pursuant to Section 169 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED 5/0

17. Adoption of the 10 Year Projections for 2014-2015

Resolution No.: 2014.07.13

That Council adopts the 2014-2015 10 Year Projections in accordance with and pursuant to Section 169 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED 4/0

18. CORRESPONDENCE

In response to Councils correspondence to the **Department of Housing and Public Works** requesting Council be released from its obligations to 14 properties managed under the *Long Term Community Program (LTCHP)* the following advice from the Department was received:

'To be released from the obligations pertaining to the properties referred to in the Capital Conditional Funding Agreements, Council will be required to repay the contingent liability of \$698,302.42'.

Resolution No.: 2014.07.14

That the CEO proceeds with the negotiations regarding the option for Council to be released from its obligations under the Long Term Community Program (LTCHP) and to pay out a capital contribution for the purchase of 14 properties within the towns of Stonehenge, Jundah and Windorah at the stated price of \$698,302.42.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED 5/0

19. CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 10.11 am.

These minutes were confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on **Wednesday 20 August, 2014.**

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MAYOR

DATE