



CONFIRMED MINUTES

**GENERAL MEETING OF
BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD WEDNESDAY
15 JANUARY 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNDAH**

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1. OPENING

The Mayor welcomed all in attendance and opened the Meeting at 9.30 am.

2. ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE

Cr Julie Groves, Mayor
Cr Michael Pratt, Deputy Mayor
Cr Peter Batt
Cr Ian Groves
Cr Craig Lasker

OFFICER'S PRESENT

Mr Bob O'Brien, Chief Executive Officer
Mr Ian Kuhn, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Ms Sue McConachy, Executive Assistant

3. APOLOGIES

Nil

4. CONDOLENCES & BIRTHS

Nil

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cr J Groves, Mayor and Cr I Groves declared an interest in the Australia Day nominations.

6. CONSIDERATION OF NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

7. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES

Resolution No.: 2014.01.01

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held at the Community Hall, Windorah on the 13 December, 2013 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED 5/0

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

9. SHIRE HISTORY PROJECT

- The *Agreement* between Council and the Forrest's has been forwarded onto King and Co and will be finalised by the end of the month.
- The Mayor has emailed Peter Forrest asking if he could advise how many chapters will make up the book and also mentioned that Council will be discussing the title of the book at its Meeting.

Resolution No.: 2014.01.02

It was resolved 'Their Promised Land' be the title of the book, as per Peter and Sheila's original title.

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

10. CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE REPORT - MAYOR

MAYOR'S REPORT

Resolution No.: 2014.01.03

That Council accepts the Mayor's Report.

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 5/0

11. CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNITY, CULTURAL & TOURISM SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Resolution No.: 2014.01.04

That Council accepts the Community, Cultural & Tourism Supervisor's Report.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

SHIRE BURSARY

The Councillors discussed issues pertaining to the Shire Bursary.

It was decided that the CEO & Deputy CEO work together on the Bursary document/policy and then forward onto the Councillors for further revision. All Councillors to send in any new points they would like to add to the document.

Resolution No.: 2014.01.05

It was resolved to pay the bursary out to the following recipients:

- \$4,000 to Karly Scott.
- \$3,000 to Courtney Lloyd, Karhlia Smith, Courtney Scott, Laird McColl, Kristy McColl.
- \$2,000 to Apprentices Roger Batt and Zachary Maunsell.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED: 5/0

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Cr Groves, Mayor and Cr I Groves declared an interest in the Australia Day nominations and left the meeting at 10.38 am.

Two nominations were tabled and discussion was held.

Cr Batt nominated the 'Barcoo Big Bash Cricket Week-end' under the 'Community Event of The Year' section.

Resolution No.: 2014.01.06

It was resolved that Mrs Sue George be named the winner of the 'Citizen of the Year' Australia Day Award and the 'Barcoo Big Bash Cricket Week-end' the winner of the 'Community Event of the Year'.

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 3/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Groves, Mayor and Cr I Groves returned to the Meeting at 10.47 am.

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.50 am.

RESUMPTION

The Meeting resumed at 11.25 am.

BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2012/13

Resolution No.: 2014.01.07

It was resolved that Council confirm it has received the final Annual Report for 2012/13.

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 5/0

ATTENDANCE

Strategic Works Manager, Steve Sigler and Operational Works Manager, Bill Pitman attended the Meeting at 11.37 am.

12. CONSIDERATION OF WORKS AND SERVICES REPORTS

STRATEGIC WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT

OPERATIONAL WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT

Resolution No.: 2014.01.08

That Council accepts the reports from the Strategic Works Manager and Operational Works Manager.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED 5/0

13. CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE REPORT – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PROPOSED HIRE/PURCHASE OF WIRTGEN WR240 COLD RECYCLER

Resolution No.: 2014.01.09

The Council authorise the hire of a Wirtgen WR240 Stabilizer from Wirtgen Australia Pty Ltd with a delivery date of the 28th January, 2014. The hire rate will be set at \$66,000 per month, for a period of six months. Furthermore that Council will consider the option of acquiring the used machine (under Section 235(e) of the Local Government Regulations 2012), in the 2014/15 financial year.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

Resolution No.: 2014.01.10

That Council accepts the report from the Chief Executive Officer.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

14. CONSIDERATION OF RURAL LANDS OFFICER'S REPORT

Resolution No.: 2014.01.11

That Council accepts the report from the Rural Lands Officer.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED: 5/0

ATTENDANCE

Strategic Works Manager, Steve Sigler and Operational Works Manager, Bill Pitman left the Meeting at 12.40 pm.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

HOWARD HOBBS MP – MEMBER FOR WARREGO

Advising that the Queensland Parliamentary Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee have commenced an inquiry into rail freight use by agriculture and livestock industries in Queensland.

It was decided that Mayor Groves contact Stuart McKenzie, Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council to discuss, prior to Barcoo Shire making a submission.

RECEIVED

ATTENDANCE

Finance Officer, Sarah Uhrhane and Rates Officer, Kerri Pidgeon attended the Meeting at 12.40 pm.

16. CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION SCHEDULE (TO APPLY FROM 1 JANUARY, 2013)

Discussion was held in regards to the *Councillor Remuneration Schedule* outlined in the Finance Officer's Report. A pay increase as at 1st January 2013 was not implemented, as such back pay will be made during the next payroll. From the 1st July, 2014 there will be another increase.

The CEO suggested the Councillors take the time to consider the schedule and further debate will be held at Council's next Meeting.

RECEIVED

Resolution No.: 2014.01.12

That Council receive the following Financial Statements pursuant to and in accordance with Section 152 of the Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010 for the period ending 30 June 2014.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED: 5/0

ATTENDANCE

Finance Officer, Sarah Uhrhane and Rates Officer, Kerri Pidgeon left the Meeting at 1.30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned for lunch, time being 1.30 pm.

RESUMPTION

The Meeting resumed, time being 2.14 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Landholders Mr Bruce Scott and Mrs Anne Rayment attended the Meeting at 2.14 pm.

17. DEPUTATION – JOHN MOORE (VALUER) & DAVID HOBBS (PRINCIPAL VALUER) – STATE VALUATION SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & MINES

A valuation report was tabled, prepared by Peter Whip & Associates, regarding Community Housing and relevant properties.

Some points raised were as follows:-

- Finding sales that are actually reflective of the true value.
- Example of the over-valued blocks.
- All urban centres will experience no change.
- Maps - hard copies available and also on-line.
- If anyone does see any problems with the maps, let the Valuers know so that they can amend.

ATTENDANCE

David Hobbs, John Moore, Bruce Scott and Anne Rayment left the Meeting at 3.10 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Tanya Forsyth Fleet Administrator, Ross Power and Mark Hodgson representatives from Hastings Deering attended the Meeting at 3.10 pm.

18. CONSIDERATION OF FLEET ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

AGITATOR TRUCK

After acquiring quotes from Black Truck Sales and Hastings Deering for the purchase of a new Agitator Truck through the Local Buy process, Council chose to purchase through Black Trucks, as they were able to achieve our specific requirements. Council has since been notified that these requirements are unable to be met without considerable cost. Council asked Black Trucks to supply it with a renewed quote, specifying a Cab over unit to allow for Council's specification requirements. Black Trucks have been unable to supply a vehicle to Council's specifications and so it is the Fleet Administrator's recommendation that Council go back to the Hastings Deering quote and purchase the Agitator Truck through Local Buy. While there are other companies to choose from, it would not be in keeping with Council's uniform fleet and this would mean one vehicle with a different engine from that Council are currently running.

Discussion was carried out with representatives from Hastings Deering, Ross Power and Mark Hodgson, regarding the provision of a quotation/final figure to be forwarded to Council by next week for the agitator truck.

Resolution No.: 2014.01.13

That Council accepts the report from the Fleet Administrator.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED: 5/0

ATTENDANCE

Tanya Forsyth Fleet Administrator, Ross Power and Mark Hodgson left the Meeting at 3.38 pm.

19. MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Resolution No.: 2014.01.14

That Council close the Meeting to the public to go into Committee to discuss confidential issues concerning Chief Executive Officer's Salary Package (Schedule B), the time being 3.40 pm.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

ATTENDANCE

CEO Bob O'Brien left the Meeting, along with EA Sue McConachy at 3.40 pm.

ATTENDANCE

CEO Bob O'Brien was invited to return to the Meeting at 4.10 pm.

ATTENDANCE

EA Sue McConachy returned to the Meeting at 4.26 pm.

20. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC

Resolution No.: 2014.01.15

That Council open the Meeting to the public, time being 4.27 pm.

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

Resolution No.: 2014.01.16

That Council approve the Chief Executive Officer's amended salary package as outlined in schedule B of the Chief Executive Officer's Contract.

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED: 5/0

21. FURTHER BUSINESS

Nil

22. MEMBERS BUSINESS

Councillor Michael Pratt, Deputy Mayor

Nil

Councillor Peter Batt

Nil

Councillor Ian Groves

Nil

Councillor Craig Lasker

Nil

23. CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 4.35 pm.

These minutes were confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on **Wednesday, 26 February 2014.**


MAYOR

05, 03, 14

DATE