

Goondiwindi Regional Council Ordinary Meeting

CONFIRMED MINUTES

Meeting held at the Goondiwindi Regional Council Customer Service Office
82 Marshall Street
Goondiwindi Queensland 4390

Wednesday, 20 January 2010

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Goondiwindi Regional Council
MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING
20 January, 2010

Present

Mayor Cr GS (Graeme) Scheu
Cr WP (Rick) Kearney
Cr PJ (Phil) Percival
Cr RJ (Rob) Reardon
Cr RJ (Rick) McDougall
Mr Peter Stewart (Chief Executive Officer)
Mr Jason Quinnell (Director of Corporate Services)
Mr David Hayward (Community Services Officer)
Mrs Krista Roberts (Minutes Secretary)

Apologies

Cr PM (Mac) Kneipp
Cr DG (David) McMahon

1. OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor, Cr GS Scheu, declared the meeting open at 12:15pm.

2. APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION OM-0001

Moved: Cr RJ Reardon;

Seconded: Cr WP Kearney;

That apologies be received from Cr DG McMahon, and Cr PM Kneipp and that they be granted leave of absence from the meeting.

Carried.

3. CONGRATULATIONS

The Mayor congratulated APEX on the recent convention held in Goondiwindi and noted that it was widely regarded as one of the most successful APEX conventions to be held in rural Queensland.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLUTION OM-0002

Moved: Cr WP Kearney;

Seconded: Cr RJ Reardon;

That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Council held Wednesday, 16 December 2009 be confirmed.

Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil.

6. REPORTS – DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE SERVICES

Council's Director of Corporate Services, Mr Jason Quinnell, presented the following reports to Council.

6.1. CS-001/10 – Finance Report – PE 31 December 2009

RESOLUTION OM-0003

Moved: Cr PJ Percival

Seconded: Cr WP Kearney;

That the Finance Report number CS-001/10 for the period ending 31 December 2009 be received.

Carried.

RESOLUTION OM-0004**Moved: Cr RJ Reardon;****Seconded: Cr PJ Percival;****That Council adopts the following amendment to its 2009-2010 Operational Budget:****BUDGET AMENDMENT V2 FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2010**

Description	Income 2009/10	Expense 2009/10 including depreciation	Net Income	Capital Expenditure	Add back Depreciation	Reserve Transfers	Net Position
General Rates and Charges	10,097,571	1,422,580	8,674,991	-	-	-	8,674,991
Grants and Subsidies	10,369,776	-	10,369,776	-	-	-	10,369,776
Interest & other Income	639,869	40,500	599,369	-	-	-	599,369
Corporate Governance function	-	1,291,209	(1,291,209)	-	-	-	(1,291,209)
Directorate Building and Environmental Services	1,180,841	1,409,053	(228,212)	(250,000)	10,000	-	(468,212)
Directorate Technical Services	17,359,107	26,268,714	(8,909,607)	(11,147,803)	6,768,534	-	(13,288,877)
Directorate Planning, Community Services and Economic Development	643,504	3,631,719	(2,988,215)	(3,330,659)	832,765	-	(5,486,109)
Directorate Corporate Services	3,741,800	7,806,053	(4,064,253)	(56,850)	414,426	-	(3,706,677)
Totals	44,032,468	41,869,828	2,162,640	(14,785,312)	8,025,724	-	(4,596,949)

Carried.**Attendance:****Mr Quinnell left the meeting at 12.35pm.****Adjournment:****The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12.36pm.****The meeting resumed at 1.15pm.**

7. REPORTS – DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Council's Community Services Officer, Mr David Hayward and Manager of Community Services, Mr John Woods, attended the meeting to present the following reports to Council.

7.1. DCE- 001/10 – Landcare – Texas Office

Inglewood & Texas Landcare Committee is looking to increase its presence in the Texas area and have written to Council asking if it can assist by providing office space in Texas.

RESOLUTION OM-0005

Moved: Cr PJ Percival;

Seconded: Cr RJ Reardon;

That Council provides the Mayor's office located in the Texas Cultural Centre for a standard rental fee of \$30.00 per day, with the arrangement to be reviewed at 30th June 2010.

Carried.

7.2. DCE-002/10 – Visitors Information Centre – Inglewood

Council provided in its 2009/10 budget an amount of \$15,000 for the development of a Visitors Information Centre in Inglewood. An update was provided for Council's information.

Noted.

7.3. DCE- 003/10 - Inglewood Medical Centre

Council has been waiting for agreement from Queensland Health to finalise leasing arrangements to progress the proposed Inglewood Medical Centre project.

RESOLUTION OM-0006

Moved: Cr RJ Reardon;

Seconded: Cr WP Kearney

That Council forms a working group comprising of two community members, one elected Councillor, and the Deputy CEO (or his delegate) to select a design for the Inglewood Medical Centre.

Carried.

7.4. DCE- 004/10 – Lake Coolmunda Master Plan

Two proposals were received in response to expressions of interest to develop the Master Plan for Lake Coolmunda.

RESOLUTION OM-0007

Moved: Cr RJ Reardon;

Seconded: Cr WP Kearney

That Council appoints EC3 Global to develop the Master Plan for Lake Coolmunda on the basis that Council considers EC3 Global offers more experience in the tourism field and best over-all value including a higher level of community engagement.

Carried.

Attendance:

Cr RJ McDougall attended the meeting at 1.54pm.

7.5. General Business – Deputy Chief Executive Office

7.5.1. Council Olive Grove – Inglewood

The Inglewood Shire Council planted an Olive Grove on land adjacent to the Inglewood Bowling Club and had permitted Mrs Gesine Owen the rights to harvest the olives in 2008 after calling for expressions of interest, subject to a financial arrangement with Council. Mrs Owen has approached Council expressing an interest to harvest the olives in 2010 with similar arrangements as previously made.

RESOLUTION OM-0008

Moved: Cr PJ Percival;

Seconded: Cr WP Kearney

That a meeting be arranged with Mrs Owen, the Mayor and the portfolio Councillors to consider the proposal and delegates authority to the Mayor to approve a suitable arrangement.

Carried.

7.5.2.Mr Hayward provided an update on the sensitivity analysis to Councillors.

7.5.3.Council discussed proposed dates to be included in the invitation to the Department for the opening of the Inglewood Walkways.

Attendance

Mr Hayward left the meeting at 2.05pm.

8. EXECUTIVE OFFICE

8.1. EX – 001/10 - Councillor Remuneration

Council is required to make a determination of Councillors remuneration for the year commencing 1 January 2010 by 18 February 2010.

RESOLUTION OM-0009

Moved: Cr RJ McDougall;

Seconded: Cr Scheu

That pursuant to s.236 of the Local Government Act 1993, to remunerate Councillors for attending to Council Business (not including the reimbursement of expenses) and in accordance with Council's travel and attendance policy as part of their role as Councillor, the following remuneration for Councillors shall apply from 01 January 2010:

Mayor:

An all encompassing base salary of 63.75% of the rate payable to a Member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly (currently \$130,540 pa) plus the applicable amalgamation loading as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

Deputy Mayor:

An all encompassing base salary of 37.5% of the rate payable to a Member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly (currently \$130,540pa) plus the applicable amalgamation loading as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

Other Councillors:

An all encompassing base salary of 31.25% of the rate payable to a Member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly (currently \$130,540pa) plus the applicable amalgamation loading as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

Lost.

RESOLUTION OM-0010

Moved: Cr WP Kearney;

Seconded: RJ Reardon

That pursuant to s.236 of the Local Government Act 1993, to remunerate Councillors for attending to Council Business (not including the reimbursement of expenses) and in accordance with Council's travel and attendance policy as part of their role as Councillor, the following remuneration for Councillors shall apply from 01 January 2010:

Mayor:

An all encompassing base salary of 65% of the rate payable to a Member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly (currently \$130,540 pa) plus the applicable amalgamation loading as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

Deputy Mayor:

An all encompassing base salary of 40% of the rate payable to a Member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly (currently \$130,540pa) plus the applicable amalgamation loading as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

Other Councillors:

An all encompassing base salary of 35% of the rate payable to a Member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly (currently \$130,540pa) plus the applicable amalgamation loading as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

Lost.

RESOLUTION OM-0011

Moved: Cr RJ Reardon;

Seconded: Cr WP Kearney

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Deputy Mayor:

An all encompassing base salary of 40% of the rate payable to a Member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly (currently \$130,540pa) plus the applicable amalgamation loading as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

Other Councillors:

An all encompassing base salary of 33% of the rate payable to a Member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly (currently \$130,540pa) plus the applicable amalgamation loading as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

Lost.

RESOLUTION OM-0012

Moved: Cr RJ Reardon;

Seconded: Cr GS Scheu

That pursuant to s.236 of the Local Government Act 1993, to remunerate Councillors for attending to Council Business (not including the reimbursement of expenses) and in accordance with Council's travel and attendance policy as part of their role as Councillor, the following remuneration for Councillors shall apply from 01 January 2010:

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An all encompassing base salary of 37.5% of the rate payable to a Member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly (currently \$130,540pa) plus the applicable amalgamation loading as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

Other Councillors:

An all encompassing base salary of 31.25% of the rate payable to a Member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly (currently \$130,540pa) plus the applicable amalgamation loading as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

Carried.

8.2. EX – 002/10 – Operational Plan Quarterly Report

In accordance with Section 512 of the Local Government Act 1993 (The Act) the quarterly report of the Operational Plan was presented to Council for review.

RESOLUTION OM-0013

Moved: Cr RJ Reardon;

Seconded: Cr PJ Percival

That in accordance with section 512 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council receives the quarterly Operational Plan Assessment Report.

Carried.

8.3. EX – 003/10 – Customer Satisfaction Survey

At the close of business on Friday 8 January 2010, Council had received 421 completed Customer Satisfaction Surveys. An update was provided to Council.

RESOLUTION OM-0014

Moved: Cr WP Kearney;

Seconded: Cr PJ Percival

That the Customer Satisfaction Survey results be presented at a future workshop to further consider outcomes and future actions.

Carried.

8.4. EX – 004/10 – Suspension of Standing Committee Operation

Subsequent to recent discussions among elected members and with the intent of further streamlining Council operations, it is proposed that the current Standing Committee of Council be suspended.

RESOLUTION OM-0015

Moved: Cr WP Kearney;

Seconded: Cr RJ Reardon

That the operations of the Standing Committee of Council previously established under s452 and s472 of the Local Government Act 1993 be suspended until such time as Council evaluates the effectiveness of holding one Ordinary meeting each month.

Commencing February 2010, Council will hold one Ordinary Meeting of Council on the fourth Wednesday of each month and allocate the second Wednesday of each month as a designated workshop day for elected members.

Carried.

8.5. EX – 005/10 – The Integrity Act 2009

The Act provides for the establishment of a legislative Lobbyists Register, strengthening current administrative requirements under the Queensland Contact with *Lobbyists Code*. The Act is applicable to Elected Members and employees of Council.

For information only.

Noted.

9. EXECUTIVE OFFICE – General Business

9.1. Special Meeting - Englebrecht - Reconfiguring a Lot (1 into 6) and Material Change of Use - “Industrial Activities” – “Storage Facility” (truck parking).

Council resolved at its Standing Committee meeting on 20 January 2010 to hold a special meeting to consider a Development Application for a Reconfiguration of a Lot (1 into 6 lot subdivision) and Material Change of Use for “Industrial Activities” – “Storage Facility” (truck parking) on proposed lot 6, on property described as Lot 223, Old Kildonan Road, Goondiwindi.

RESOLUTION OM-0016

Moved: Cr WP Kearney

Seconded: Cr RJ McDougall

That Council holds a special meeting to consider a Development Application by Darren and Stacie Englebrecht for a Reconfiguration of a Lot (1 into 6 lot subdivision) and Material Change of Use for “Industrial Activities” – “Storage Facility” (truck parking) on proposed lot 6, on property described as Lot 223, Old Kildonan Road, Goondiwindi to be held on Wednesday 3 February 2010 at 9am at the Goondiwindi Customer Service Office.

Carried.

9.1.1. It was noted that the Mayor is to follow up the issue of the water licence in NSW;

9.1.2. It was noted that Council is waiting to hear back from the Minister for Local Government with respect to its application for Exceptional Circumstances funding.

9.1.3. It was noted that the Director of Engineering is to follow up information relating to Clarks Lagoon (e.g. pump size).

9.1.4. It was requested by Councillor McDougall that the Inglewood drought management plan be discussed at the next portfolio meeting.

10. REPORTS – COUNCILLORS

10.1. Councillors - General Business

Nil.

11. DAY AND TIME FOR HOLDING FUTURE MEETINGS

Nil.

12. RECEPTION OF NOTICE OF MOTION FOR NEXT MEETING

Nil.

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

14. CONFIRMATION OF DATES AND TIMES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

It was noted that the next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 24 February 2010 commencing at 9.00am at the Goondiwindi Corporate Office.

15. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 3.55pm.

Confirmed:.....

Date:.....