

Shire of Narrogin

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER 43 FEDERAL STREET, NARROGIN, ON THURSDAY, 20th NOVEMBER 2014; COMMENCING AT 9.33 A.M.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The President, Richard Chadwick, welcomed all Councillors to the meeting.

2. ATTENDANCE APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Councillors	Cr R.E. Chadwick (President) Cr A.G. Borthwick (Deputy President) Cr G.D. Ballard Cr T.R. Wiese Cr B.G. Hardie Cr K.M. Quartermaine attended from 9.56AM Cr J.M. Sieber attended from 9.59AM
Chief Executive Officer	Mr G.R. McKeown
Apologies	Nil
Visitors	Mr G. Rasmussen – Works Manager (from 9.56AM)

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr Hardie

Seconded Cr Borthwick

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 16th October 2014, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED 5/0

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS

Councillors advised of their attendance at the following meetings and functions:

1. Cr Hardie attended the 2014 Narrogin Senior High School Year 12 Graduation.
2. Cr Borthwick attended the WALGA Central Country Zone Executive Meeting and the Ockley Bush Fire Brigade Meeting.
3. Cr Wiese attended a Narrogin Cottage Homes Committee Meeting.

CR QUARTERMAINE ATTENDED THE MEETING AT 9.56AM

MR GARY RASMUSSEN ATTENDED THE MEETING AT 9.56AM

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS
(Continued)**

- 4 Cr Quartermaine attended the Annual Bush Fire Control Officers' Meeting.

The President reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- 1 Attended the Annual Bush Fire Control Officers' Meeting.

CR SIEBER ATTENDED THE MEETING AT 9.59AM

8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Works Unit Report

Mr Gary Rasmussen presented his Works Unit Report.

MR GARY RASMUSSEN LEFT THE MEETING AT 11.21AM

Information Report

The Chief Executive Officer presented his Information Report.

7. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

MR DUAN PATER AND MR DON ENNIS – INFINITE ENERGY ATTENDED THE MEETING AT 11.40AM

The President welcomed Mr Duan Pater and Mr Don Ennis to the meeting.

Mr Pater commenced by introducing the Company – Infinite Energy and mentioned a number of clients the company has supplied solar power units to, including several local governments. Mr Pater indicated that the Shire will spend up to \$60,000 over the next 10 years on power at the Shire Depot based on current usage. A solar power system could save up to 40% to 50% of this cost over this period. The system should pay for itself in approximately 6 to 6½ years.

Mr Pater went on to talk about the solar panels and inverters that they recommend to be used on units they install.

The President thanked Mr Pater and Mr Ennis for their presentation and advised that the Council will give the matter further consideration following receipt of additional financial information.

MR DUAN PATER AND MR DON ENNIS LEFT THE MEETING AT 12.20PM

9. MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE DECISIONS

9.F FINANCE

9.F.267 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Moved Cr Hardie
That Council,

Seconded Cr Sieber

1. Endorse cheques numbered: 21150 to 21157 (inclusive) as paid under delegated authority, totalling \$63,871.66;
2. Approve cheques numbered; 21158 to 21219 (inclusive) as creditors to be paid, totalling \$618,078.37;
3. Endorse electronic transaction payments as paid under delegated authority for other expenses totalling \$37,651.33;
4. Endorse electronic transaction payments for other expenses totalling \$361.45;
5. Endorse electronic transaction payments for salaries and wages expenses totalling \$65,184.16 and
6. Adopt the Financial Statement to the 31st October, 2014 as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

LUNCHEON ADJOURNMENT FROM 12.30PM TO 1.20PM

9.A ADMINISTRATION

9.A.321 ANNUAL FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS' MEETING

Moved Cr Sieber

Seconded Cr Wiese

Council appoints the following persons as Bush Fire Control Officers (BFCO) and Fire Weather Officers (FWO) under the *Bush Fires Act 1954*:

Bush Fire Control Officers:

Geoff McKeown – Chief BFCO
Richard Chadwick - Deputy Chief BFCO
John Hoysted
Mark Hoysted
Stuart Moyses
David Hayes
Phillip Porter
Bernard Rhodes

Fire Weather Officers:

Alastair McDougall - Chief FWO
Richard Chadwick - Deputy Chief FWO
Mark Hoysted
David Walker
Lachlan White
Philip Porter
Barry Hardie
Gerald Saunders

Bush Fire Control Officers (continued):

Gerald Saunders
Murray Saunders
Bill Warren
Russell Ashley
Daryl Kilpatrick
Ross Eckersley
Barry Hardie
Brenton Hardie
Vern Gibson
Jon Rick
Keiran Quartermaine
David Walker
Alastair McDougall
Scott Baxter
Tim Shepherd
Lachlan White

Dual Registered Fire Control Officers:

Shire of Cuballing -
Robert Harris
Don Alexander
Shire of Wagin -
Ross Goldsmith
Chris Piesse
Shire of Wickiepin -
Rex Bergin
Lachlan White
Philip Russell
Shire of Williams -
Ross Major

CARRIED 7/0

9.A.322 QUOTE – SUPPLY OF NEW GRADER

Moved Cr Quartermaine

Seconded Cr Wiese

Council accepts the quote submitted by Hitachi Construction Machinery (Australia) Pty Ltd for the supply of a John Deere 670G Grader including the trade-in value for the Shire's 2000 Caterpillar 12H Grader.

CARRIED 7/0

9.A.323 ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT

Moved Cr Hardie

Seconded Cr Ballard

The Annual Report for the financial year ending 30th June, 2014 be adopted and the Annual Electors Meeting will be held on Thursday, 18th December, 2014 commencing at 9.00 a.m.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

Prior to discussion of the following item relating to the Merger Proposal, the Council recognised that this agenda item presented affects the organisation from all Elected Members and Staff in some manner. The interest is financial in some instances; however being an interest in common all Elected Members and Staff are allowed to remain and fully participate in the meeting.

Advice from the Department of Local Government and Communities indicated that Elected Members do not have to declare an interest with regard to resolving, or not, to submit a proposal to the Local Government Advisory Board (LGAB). The decision made by Council is simply submitting a proposal to the LGAB.

9.A.324 MERGER PROPOSAL

Moved Cr Wiese

Seconded Cr Borthwick

The Shire of Narrogin, being an affected local government within the meaning of Schedule 2.1 of the Local Government Act 1995 (LGA), resolves to submit a proposal to the Local Government Advisory Board, pursuant to clause 2(1) of Schedule 2.1 of the LGA, that orders be made by the Governor under Section 2.1 of the LGA which would abolish the district of the Shire of Narrogin and vary the boundary of the district of the Town of Narrogin so as to include within it the area of the former district of Shire of Narrogin in accordance with the attached plan illustrating the proposed changes.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/1

9.A.325 CLOSURE OF SHIRE OFFICE

Moved Cr Quartermaine

Seconded Cr Ballard

Council approves the closure of the Shire Office on Friday, 2nd January 2015 and that notification of the closure be advertised for public information.

CARRIED 7/0

LATE ITEM

2015 PREMIER'S ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AWARD

The Elected Members gave consideration to the nominations it had received and those held on record for the awarding of 2015 Premier's Active Citizenship Award to be presented at the Australia Day Function in 2015.

Moved Cr Ballard

Seconded Cr Sieber

That Mrs Sally Rogers be awarded the 2015 Premier's Active Citizenship Award for the Shire of Narrogin.

CARRIED 7/0

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE PRESIDENT THANKED COUNCILLORS FOR THEIR ATTENDANCE AND CLOSED THE MEETING AT 2.55 PM