



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD

TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2014

AT

6.00 pm

**Council Chambers Civic Centre
Stuart Highway, Katherine**

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE KATHERINE CIVIC CENTRE TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2014 AT 6.20 PM

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PRESENT

Mayor Fay Miller
Alderman Lis Clark
Alderman Steven Rose
Alderman Donald Higgins
Alderman Rob Phillips

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr David Laughher – Chief Executive Officer
Mrs Neroli Dickens – Deputy Chief Executive Officer/Director Works & Services
Mr James Rowe – Director Corporate and Community Services
Mrs Sophie Henderson – Community Services Executive Manager
Mrs Alice Anastacio –Corporate Services Executive Manager
Mrs Naomi Hunter – Tourism and Marketing Manager

3 x members of the Katherine Community
1 x member of the media

Mrs Heather Kirk – Minute Taker

3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Elected Members Leave of Absence and Apologies

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Confirmation of Previous Minutes

MOVED: Clark/Phillips

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 28 January 2014 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED: 5/0

5. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Elected Member Disclosure of Interest and Declared Interest

- Alderman Higgins declared a Conflict of Interest with item 11.4. - Appointment Of Deputy Mayor as he stated option one would be a personal gain.
- Alderman Clark also declared a conflict for the same reason.
- The CEO advised the Local Government Act requires Council appoint a Deputy Mayor. A Council should appoint a Deputy Mayor for the duration of council or for a lesser period as determined by council. The decision will change remuneration levels and the act anticipates that while the decision is not a conflict of interest it does have a pecuniary interest. His advice is that it is a minor or insignificant item. The act requires the aldermen proceed to appoint in accordance with the Act. He would recommend that it is not a conflict of interest.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

7. MAYORAL BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Mayoral Business to be considered

Nil

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS TO BE TABLED

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Correspondence and Documents Tabled

Nil

9. QUESTIONS

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Questions

9.1 With Notice

Nil

9.2 Without Notice

Nil

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

11. REPORT OF OFFICERS

11.1 MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2014

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Chief Executive Officer Reports

MOVED: Higgins/Phillips

That the report of the Chief Executive Officer for the month of January 2014 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 5/0

11.2 MONTHLY WORKS AND SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2014

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Works and Services Department Reports

MOVED: Phillips/Clark

That the report of the Works and Services Department for the month of January 2014 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 5/0

- Alderman Rose noted that it is refreshing to see there has been no current vandalism to sprinklers.
- The Mayor commented that the report is very easy to follow. The pound statistics were good considering the amount of complaints Council receives.

11.3 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – JANUARY 2014

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Finance Manager Reports

MOVED: Clark/Higgins

That Council endorse the Financial Report for the month of January 2014.

CARRIED: 5/0

- The Mayor raised the animal infringements outstanding figures. This is a lot of fines which have not been paid.

11.4 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

File: Local Governance / Elections / Appointment of Deputy Mayor

- The Mayor commented that she feels there has been a period of instability for the past 2 years. As Mayor she would like to see Alderman Clark and Higgins do a 12 month stint each, up to the next election. Alderman Rose has no objection to this.

MOVED: Phillips/Rose

That Council:

1. Determines the appointment of a deputy principal member, and
2. Determines the term of any such appointment.

CARRIED: 5/0

It was moved that Alderman Clark would be appointed for 12 months commencing 1 April 2014 and Alderman Higgins would be appointed 1 April 2015.

11.5 PETITION TO REDUCE SPEED LIMIT IN CALLISTEMON DRIVE

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Petitions

- The Mayor advised the petition does not meet all legislative requirements. She advised that she is happy to move this and the alderman agreed. Alderman Higgins agreed to present the petition and advised that he would like a 50kph speed zone for the whole town be investigated.

MOVED: Higgins

That Council:

1. Be aware that a petition has been received, and that this petition may be presented to this Council by a Member; and
2. Determine that should the petition be so presented, that the petition be referred to an officer for consideration, and that a report be prepared for Council.

MOVED: Higgins/Rose

That the report and recommendation prepared by officers be referred back to the next Council meeting.

CARRIED: 5/0

12. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

File: Community Relations / Committees / Elected Member Representatives on Committees

The following meetings/activities were attended by the Elected Members:

Alderman Steven Rose

Elected Members Workshop
Council Meeting
DHA Public Forum on Housing
Transport Forum
Australia Day
Development Consent Authority Meeting
Chamber of Commerce

Alderman Rob Phillips

Elected Members Workshop
Council Meeting
Australia Day

Alderman Donald Higgins

Elected Members Workshop
Council Meeting
Transport Forum
Australia Day
Development Consent Authority Meeting

Alderman Lis Clark

Elected Members Workshop
Council Meeting
Australia Day
YMCA Meeting
Transport Forum

13. LATE AGENDA

Nil

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Alderman Rose asked if there were any results from the Telstra meeting. The Mayor advised that there was no money promised.

15. PETITIONS

Nil

16. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

MOVED: Phillips/Higgins

That standing orders be suspended to allow Council to consider a confidential matter in Committee.

Meeting closed to the public. All members of the public left the Chambers.

16.1 SALE OF PROPERTY – FOR UNPAID RATES

MOVED: Higgins/Clark

That it be recommended to Council:

That the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to arrange the disposal of a property.

CARRIED: 5/0

MOVED: Phillips/Higgins

That Council resume the meeting.

CARRIED: /0

17. MEETING CLOSED

The meeting was closed at 6.40pm.

Fay Miller
MAYOR OF KATHERINE