



COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF MURGON

Minutes of the Special Meeting

Held on Wednesday 2nd May 2007

Meeting held in the Council Chambers
42 Stephens Street West
Murgon

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OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 10:13 am

ATTENDANCE***Councillors***

PW Angel, Mayor
RJ Dennis, Deputy Mayor
RJ Eisenmenger
CL Hatchett
GL Burgess
RQ O'Neill
BD Mobbs

Officers

Chief Executive Officer, Peter Hackshaw
Manager Works and Services, Steve Turner

1. Extracts from Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 27th March 2007.**1.1 *Medical Centre / Library***

Michael Dart Senior Advisor to the Minister for Local Government Planning Sport & Recreation advised on 20th April 2007 that Council's request for ministerial exemption was receiving attention, and advice would be provided as soon as possible.

7805

Moved Cr Eisenmenger seconded Cr O'Neill: *THAT Clause 3 of resolution number 7796 be removed and further that Clause 4 have the words and tenancy agreement removed. Resolution 7796 now reads*

THAT this report be received, the changes noted, and having taken all matters into account in relation to the sale / lease of the subject property, Council resolves to:

- 1. Seek Ministerial exemption under s492(1)(e) to allow Council to have in place prior to sale, a five (5) year lease with an option of an additional five (5) years to Banda Pty Ltd;***
- 2. That the lease agreement be based on an assessed rental gross commercial lease for the respective area + GST;***
- 3. (deliberately blank, previous clause removed);***
- 4. That public tenders be called for the sale of the Council owned premises with the above lease in place; and***
- 5. The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer being Delegated Authority to***

proceed with the calling of tenders as soon as possible to assist with Council's liquidity problems.

CARRIED

1.2 Yallakool Tourist Park

It was decided to research three (3) possible scenarios for the future of the Yallakool Tourist Park, and to prepare financial costings for each scenario.

- Scenario 1. Continue to operate the park but in very financially constrained environment;
- Scenario 2. Close the park, but maintain necessary security and grounds, pool and building maintenance; and
- Scenario 3. Contact the operators of the Monduran Dam Park for advice.

1.3 Worm Farm

Action needs to be taken with regard to the apparent continuation of activity at the worm farm. Officers to investigate remaining stock, removal of same, and finalise all operations.

1.4 Industrial Blocks

Is Council in a position to sell these.

1.5 Community Housing

This matter is awaiting further action.

1.6. Murgon Caravan Park

7806 Moved Cr Burgess seconded Cr O'Neill: *THAT Council move to rescind resolution 7799 "THAT Council close the Murgon Caravan Park"*.

CARRIED

1.7 Visitor Information Centre

The Deputy Mayor agreed to organise a meeting of Volunteers from the Visitor Information Centre and the Queensland Dairy and Heritage Museum with regard to their future assistance at these facilities.

1.8 Murgon Library

The Librarian has been advised that Council proposes to move the Library to the Visitor Information Centre. The Chief Executive Officer has contacted the State Library Service, who have conditions for buildings which house libraries, including disabled access, and minimum square meterage. This requires further investigation.

1.9 Queensland Dairy & Heritage Museum

The land upon which the Museum sits is State Land, and thus unable to be sold. Obviously this complicates the future process. A Friends of Murgon meeting has been scheduled for 10:00 am on Wednesday 9th May 2007, and all Councillors are invited to attend.

1.8 Saleyards

7807 Moved Cr Mobbs seconded Cr Dennis: *THAT subject to advice from the Department of Local Government Planning Sport & Recreation, Council offer the Murgon Saleyards for sale by tender, and immediately advise all agents of this decision.*

CARRIED

1.9 The Pulse

The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer met with the Manager of The Pulse who suggested that it may be best to keep the different Pulse user groups separate from the Sports Ground user groups when a meeting is organized. He feels that the requirements of each are different and nothing would be gained by having them altogether at a meeting.

A meeting has yet to be organized.

1.10 RLIP – Lamb Street, Streetscape

Because the Government will consider requests to reallocate this funding, Council will need to decide the projects to which it should be allocated.

1.11 Redundancies

Council considered advice from the Chief Executive Officer regarding the cost of making two (2) gardening staff redundant, and offered no objections to this course of action.

1.12 South Burnett Regional Tourism Development Program

7808 Moved Cr Eisenmenger seconded Cr Dennis: *THAT Council advise the Kingaroy Shire Council that it cannot justify paying \$945.00, being its share of the deficit of \$5,000, in view of the continuing drought and lack of water to support Strengthening the Food Industry Project.*

CARRIED

2. Submission to the Local Government Reform Commission

7809 Moved Cr Eisenmenger seconded Cr Hatchett: *THAT Council's preferred option, if it has to be amalgamated, would be a new local government comprised of, Kilkivan, Murgon and Wondai, however this preference has yet to be discussed with our neighbouring two (2) shires.*

CARRIED

Closure

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 1:05 pm

Peter Angel
Mayor