



Western Australia

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Murchison Shire Council,
held in the Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,
On Thursday **23rd August 2018**, commencing at 12 Noon.

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The meeting was declared open by the President at 12 noon.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

R Foulkes-Taylor – President
 A Whitmarsh – Deputy President
 Cr E Foulkes-Taylor
 Cr Q Fowler
 Cr G Mead

Apologies
 Cr P Squires

Staff
 Peter Dittrich - CEO
 Rose Jones – DCEO
 William Herold – Acting Works Supervisor

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 Standing Orders

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor E Foulkes-Taylor	Seconded: Councillor G Mead	
That the following Local Law-Standing Orders 2001 be stood down:		
8.2 Limitation on the number of speeches		
8.3 Duration of speeches		
Carried	For: 5	Against: 0

5. NEXT MEETING

27 September 2018

Discussion amongst Councillors regarding their unavailability on 27th September as a result of the Landor Races that are being held that weekend

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor A Whitmarsh	Seconded: Councillor G Mead	
That the Ordinary Council meeting for September 2018 be held on Tuesday 25th September at 12 noon.		
Carried	For: 5	Against: 0

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

7. NOTICE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**8.1 Ordinary Council Meeting – 26th July 2018****Background:**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council have previously been circulated to all Councillors.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 26 July 2018 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor R Foulkes-Taylor	Seconded: Councillor A Whitmarsh	
That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting of 26 July 2018 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.		
Carried/Lost	For: 5	Against: 0

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

10. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

Nil

11. ACTION LIST

No	Item	Action	Status
1	Community Project Officer	Still sitting on the table. Meeting held 11 th March 2016 and recommendations presented to Council at the April OCM – the item was left to lay on the table while Council explored other options.	Working Group have identified potential projects and some of the issues relating to the appointment of a Project Officer.
2	Cemetery and Remembrance Walk	Completion of the cemetery and names for the remembrance walk. Community to be contacted to suggest names for inclusion. Community Advisory Group to advise Council on these projects. Invitation sent to CAG to meet on Friday 3 June. A surveyor will be at the Murchison Settlement shortly to survey the tip, so will plan to have the Cemetery done as well.	Following the discussions at the Budget Workshop further work on this project is to be undertaken in 2018/19.
3	Review of Road Network	Council to conduct a whole of shire road review. Establish roads to be closed/position of roads etc. and work with Landgate and surrounding shires. The status (ie a road defined by description; a dedicated road; a gazetted road; a closed road) of roads no longer maintained needs to be identified before the Shire can progress with this.	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions has provided a map showing gazetted roads.

Recommendation:

That the Action List be accepted.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:**Moved: Councillor Q Fowler****Seconded: Councillor E Foulkes-Taylor**

That the Action List be accepted.

Carried/Lost**For: 5****Against: 0****12. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Nil

13. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**13.1 Monthly Plant Report – Works Supervisor**

	Plant Description	Year	Rego	Total Costs	Recovery	Plant Hours YTD
P001	JD 770G Grader	2011	MU1063	5,062.53	13,335.00	190.5
P004	Ford New Holland Tractor	2006	MU 380	188.33	0.00	0.0
P005	Dolly	2001	MU 2003	151.55	0.00	0.0
P007	UD Nissan Prime Mover Truck	2009	000 MU	8,296.84	2,452.50	54.5
P008	Dolly	2000	MU 2009	130.14	1,135.00	113.5
P009	Iveco Prime Mover	2003	MU1065	1,490.84	7,470.00	166.0
P010	Iveco Tipper 2004	2004	MU 00	2,593.19	0.00	0.0
P011	Komatsu D85A BullDozer	1997		5,286.00	14,170.00	130.0
P013	Low Loader Float	2008	MU 663	1,604.69	1,320.00	22.0
P014	Low Loader Float	2001	MU 2004	2,500.32	0.00	0.0
P017	Trailer - Evertrans Side Tipper	2001	MU 662	629.68	1,548.50	81.5
P018	Trailer - Side Tipping Roadwest	2001	MU2010	379.91	1,928.50	101.5
P024	Water Tanker Trailer	2005	MU 2024	704.83	2,783.50	146.5
P027	Volvo L110E Loader	2006	MU 65	5,407.32	2,665.00	41.0
P028	LV Isuzu D-Max 4x4	2009	MU 300	575.65	0.00	0.0
P032	Genset - Construction			2,088.19	0.00	0.0
P033	Genset - Maintenance 13 KVA			1,303.33	0.00	0.0
P034	Genset Perkins On Mechanic Truck			409.09	0.00	0.0
P035	Genset Power House	2011		25,674.52	0.00	0.0
P041	Loader CAT 938 GII	2004	MU 193	5,510.00	292.50	4.5
P043	BOMAG Roller (Rubber)	2012	MU1027	1,966.47	1,900.00	47.5
P048	Howard Porter Flat Trailer - Construction Gen	1979	MU 2026	67.80	0.00	0.0
P049	Howard Porter Fuel Trailer	1972	MU 2005	90.89	0.00	0.0
P055	Toyota Prado 3.0I T/D 5 door Wgn	2012	MU1011	917.06	0.00	0.0
P057	Great Wall 2012 Gardeners Ute	2012	MU 167	749.69	0.00	0.0
P059	Trailer - 45ft Flat top	1978	MU2044	1,616.64	475.00	25.0
P060	Patient Transfer- Mercedes Sprinter	2004	MU 1009	589.98	0.00	0.0
P061	Kenworth T604 Prime Mover	2004	MU 000	18,196.97	4,162.50	92.5

	Plant Description	Year	Rego	Total Costs	Recovery	Plant Hours YTD
P064	Isuzu FRR500 5-Tonne Truck	2013	MU 140	3,556.99	7,410.00	95.0
P065	Generator 9 KVA Kuboto Machine	2013		138.97	0.00	0.0
P067	Trailer - Side Tipper Roadwest	2013	MU2042	724.17	1,928.50	101.5
P068	BOMAG Padfoot Roller BW211PD-4 - Yellow	2013	MU1071	4,842.89	3,340.00	83.5
P072	Isuzu Fire Truck	2013	MU1068	1,388.03	0.00	0.0
P073	Toyota Fire - Fast Attack	2014	MU1069	922.80	0.00	0.0
P077	Kubota U25-3 Mini Excavator & Attachments			273.12	800.00	16.0
P080	Fuso Canter	2017	MU120	2,074.58	3,003.00	38.5
P081	John Deere 670G Motor Grader	2017	MU105	5,608.11	13,195.00	188.5
P082	Isuzu/Dmax Sx - Works Supervisors Vehicle	2017	01 MU	3,751.62	435.00	29.0
P086	Maxitrans Tandem axle Dolly	2012	1TNW068	0.00	895.00	89.5
P15003	Grader John Deere 672G Six Wheel Drive	2012	MU121	4,772.69	12,985.00	185.5
P15006	Truck - Isuzu NPR 65/45	2015	MU1018	2,238.82	3,003.00	38.5
P16063	Toyota Prado	2016	MU 0	1,833.22	0.00	0.0
P16075	Kubota Tractor B2301 HD with mower deck	2016		111.15	143.50	10.3

13.2 Works Report – Acting Works Supervisor

Construction Crew

The crew is well into the resurfacing of the sections down at the wreath flowers. The carting of gravel for this section should be just about done. They have had a few hold ups due to the weather; however, seem to be making up some of the time lost at the start of the job.

New seats have been installed in the Kenworth and Iveco Prime Movers, as well as the Volvo Loader.

Glen and Julian will start moving some of the box culverts from Mileura in readiness for the next job. Yuin won the quote for throwing of two concrete slabs which will be completed shortly.

Maintenance Crew

They have completed the Erong and Innouendy Roads as well as the Beringarra Byro Road. They are heading up the Carnarvon Mullewa Road to the north boundary.

The start of the flood damage works will determine their future direction. Roads graded 165 kms.

The President and I had an onsite meeting with Peter Swaan from MRWA and have hopefully ironed out the remaining issues with regard to the river and creek crossings. The pegs are still in place should any of the Councillors wish to inspect.

Recommendation:

That the Acting Work's Supervisor's report be accepted.

Discussion: Acting Works Supervisor clarified the type of concrete slab required for box culverts

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:**Moved: Councillor E Foulkes-Taylor****Seconded: Councillor A Whitmarsh**

That the Acting Work's Supervisor's report be accepted.

Carried/Lost**For: 5****Against: 0****14. ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING MEETINGS ATTENDED****14.1 Shire President**

Rosco Foulkes-Taylor attended a meeting of the Mid West Development Commission (MWDC) in Geraldton on 30th July 2018. A report is submitted by email of that date and is detailed in CR E Foulkes-Taylor's report. He also attended the Local Government Convention and thanked Council for the opportunity to do so. President and CEO met with Joe Ostojich, Deputy Director General Policy Planning and Science of the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation on August 1st. The meeting was to raise concerns about the status of the relationship between CSIRO and the Murchison Community. On August 10th met with Acting Works Supervisor and Peter Swaan (MRWA) to inspect survey of proposed river crossings.

Today I joined William on-site to inspect proposed Main Roads construction plans for the TPS Murchison River crossing, the Boolardy house creek crossing, the Roderick crossing on the Kalli Rd and lastly the claypan crossing about 3 or 4 km north east of the Roderick crossing.

Peter Swaan from main Roads explained the centreline level pegs which surveyors have recently installed and talked us through the plans for the four different spots.

Overall I found the proposed works a quite practical solution to these potential trouble spots.

Murchison Crossing.

East bank – I think the levels were very good.

West side – also pretty good but Peter agreed that there was a 200m section between chainage 220 and 420 that should be lowered 250mm.

Just west of the main channel we thought there should be 3 by 450mm culverts instead of the planned 1

Bit further west we thought 2 by 450mm culverts would be better than the planned 1

Boolardy Creek

Levels looked good.

40 odd metres south of the main channel needs a couple of culverts (none currently planned)

Roderick crossing

Levels initially looked a little high to me but after further inspection I came to realise that the existing Shire control banks were higher than the planned finished level.

We talked through a couple of sensible bank adjustments which would really improve the area.

One 600mm by 1200mm box culvert is planned, -- we all agreed at least three and maybe four would be more sensible.

Claypan crossing

Levels looked fine.

Peter is going to follow up today's outcome with the Main Roads designers (he is confident these changes will be approved and drawn in).

Should these changes be followed up ok I would support these plans and feel the resulting road infrastructure would be a good long term asset to Murchison residents.

On 22nd August attended a community meeting between CSIRO and stakeholders from the Shire of Murchison and thanked those stakeholders for their attendance and input. The President thanked Council staff for catering for the event.

14.2 Councillors

Cr Emma Foulkes-Taylor

Attended meeting with Midwest Development Commission on 30th July with President, Deputy President, and CEO:

We (Rossco, Peter, Andrew and Emma) had quite a productive meeting with Gavin Treasure, CEO MWDC and Rob Smallwood Mid West Digital Economy Strategy Manager MWDC this morning.

We covered some of the issues we, as a shire and as individual pastoralists, are having regarding the SKA project and the limitations it puts on us.

The MWDC is keen to advocate for better outcomes and to push CSIRO to be better community and corporate citizens in the Murchison.

The issues are basically summed up as:

Pastoral/whole of district

- The ability to run our properties as we wish to now and in the future- electric fencing, virtual fencing, UHF repeaters, drones, solar pumps, remote water monitoring etc*
- Being better neighbours - fencing, dogs, fire control, straying cattle, access to the property, everyday neighbourly issues etc*
- Local work opportunities- mainly the lack thereof!*
- Lack of communication/inclusion around what is happening with the project*

Shire/Settlement

- Connectivity - mobile and internet access, alternatives to mobile phone - safety, tourism etc*
- Power and water - Looking for R&D/assistance to help with renewable energy and clean water at the Settlement.*
- Stop saying 'no' - stop telling us what we can't do and start giving us some solutions to get around the issues that having the SKA in our shire has created.*

The desperate need of a single point of communication through which to deal with all these issues - the current pathetically dysfunctional method of dealing with a multitude of departments is getting us nowhere.

Several more points were discussed and Gavin has a good list of our issues to take forward in advocating on our behalf.

Attended Local Government Convention and thanked Council for the opportunity to attend.

Attended by Teleconference on August 8th a meeting between MWDC and CSIRO regarding current concerns about uncertainty and communication failures (report from MWDC attached). Kevin Ferguson of CSIRO apologised for the level of disengagement currently existing. The report from the meeting follows:

SHIRE OF MURCHISON – CSIRO DISCUSSION

8 August 2018

1.00pm – 3.00pm

Mid West Development Commission – 20 Gregory Street, Geraldton

Notes and actions

Attendees

- Gavin Treasure – MWDC (Chair)*
- Robert Smallwood – MWDC*
- Rebecca Davidson – MWDC*
- Adam Murszewski – MWDC*
- Emma Foulkes Taylor (via video link)*
- Andrew Whitmarsh – Shire of Murchison*

- *Kevin Ferguson – CSIRO*
- *Anthony Schinckel – CSIRO*
- *Brett Hiscock – CSIRO (via phone)*
- *Geoffrey King – CSIRO*
- *Carol Wilson – CSIRO*
- *Howard D’Costa – CSIRO (via video link)*
- *Derek Perez – Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (via video link)*

Apologies

- *Rosco Foulkes Taylor*
- *Peter Dittrich – Shire of Murchison*

SHIRE ISSUES

1. *Pastoral Station Operations. Need to allow pastoralists and Shire operators to continue business as usual.*
 - *Confusion regarding what is permitted and prohibited within the radio quiet zone (RQZ) e.g. electric (including virtual) fencing, mobile telephone use, UHF radio usage, remote/sensor monitoring, drones, repeater access (for emergency / fire-fighting), etc.*
 - *Individual applications from pastoralists on an ‘issue by issue’ basis is not seen as practical/efficient. Seeking whole of Shire endorsement for core operational activities.*
 - *Need an efficient process for making applications for exemptions.*
2. *Murchison Settlement Development (Opportunities). Seek CSIRO support to use science related (R&D) learnings and experience from across the organisation to collectively identify innovative solution/s for the Shire.*
 - *Communications – internet, mobile phones and other communications devices to support Shire operations; community connectedness/access to digital services, etc; pastoral activities; resource sector activities; reduce barrier to tourism appeal; community and visitor safety, etc.*
 - *Energy (from diesel to renewables)*
 - *Water quality (purification)*
 - *Tourism/interpretation experiences*
3. *Responsible Neighbours*
 - *Pastoralists and Shire need orderly and efficient access to key Boolardy Station/MRO operators (on ground) as they would for any other Station owner.*
 - *Emergency management (vermin control, stray stock management, fire control, etc).*
 - *Need consistent/dedicated on site contacts with required decision making authority.*
 - *Contacts should be part of an established network of Murchison Pastoralists, key community stakeholder contacts, etc.*
4. *Client Management and Communications*
 - *Shire seeks a senior contact point within CSIRO that has the necessary availability/accountability to respond to all SKA related matters.*
 - *Relationship requires continuity and proactivity on both sides so issues and opportunities are raised and resolved expediently.*
 - *Important relationship/client management function is seen an integral by the Shire to the future effective running of the SKA project (construction and ongoing operations).*
 - *Murchison community members feel disengaged in relation to ongoing updates and achievements of the SKA project.*

MEETING DECISIONS / ACTIONS:

- *CSIRO unable to provide blanket approvals, but will provide a letter to the Shire confirming that existing pastoral activities are not interfering with the RQZ.*
- *CSIRO to avoid / minimise adverse impact on pastoral activities. If unavoidable, CSIRO to work with pastoralists to find a solution, preferably that doesn't impact pastoralists financially.*
- *Shire to advise CSIRO of any additional workloads / costs imposed as a result of CSIRO activities. Both parties to explore solutions collaboratively.*
- *CSIRO to provide an intuitive guide to the RQZ i.e.:*
 - *Green: Devices that aren't a concern*
 - *Amber: Devices that may be problematic. Locals should make contact with CSIRO to discuss*
 - *Red: Problematic – no point asking.*
- *CSIRO to annually update this guide as technologies change and new devices are developed.*
- *CSIRO to share this guide with pastoralists at a planned community meeting 22 August.*
- *CSIRO already supports a range of R&D initiatives in other sectors. Shire/MWDC to confirm R&D priorities and submit to CSIRO for input/consideration.*
- *MWDC to link the Shire of Murchison with the existing Mid West R&D Working Group (chaired by Rob Jefferies). May result in separate Shire R&D group being established.*
- *CSIRO reaffirmed that no SKA funds are budgeted for outreach activities.*
- *MWDC to provide the Shire with information about the energy solution developed for the new cashew farm near Eneabba.*
- *MWDC to continue working on the SKA regional benefits package and circulate to seek input/collaboration.*
- *CSIRO to confirm key contacts for:*
 - *Day to day operational activities e.g. stock control, fire management, fencing, etc*
 - *Strategic decisions/approvals/regulation, etc*
- *CSIRO to share work programs with Shire on a monthly basis to see if:*
 - *The Shire can use incoming contractors/services, etc*
 - *There are Shire contractors available to undertake pieces of work*
- *Shire / MWDC to provide SKA interpretative centre concept materials to CSIRO to shape discussions around expectations/input, etc.*

Cr G Mead

Attended the Local Government Convention and thanked Council for the opportunity to attend and to participate in topical workshops at the convention.

Cr A Whitmarsh

Attended a meeting with MWDC on 30th July 2018.

Attended meeting between CSIRO and MWDC on 8th August with Cr E Foulkes-Taylor. Cr Whitmarsh reported that Robert Smallwood (MWDC) discussed an agreement with Telstra in relation to radio telephones.

Attended Community meeting on 22nd August

Cr Q Fowler apologised for not attending the Community meeting due to another engagement.

15. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Nil

16. FINANCE

16.1 Accounts Paid during the period since the last list was adopted/endorsed by Council

File:	4.37.1
Author:	Rose Jones – Acting Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	17 August 2018
Attachments:	EFT & Cheque Details for July 2018

Matter for Consideration:

Endorsement of accounts paid during the month of July 2018.

Background:

If the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, then the CEO is to prepare a list of accounts paid by the CEO during the month to present to Council.

Comment:

A list of payments made during the month of July 2018 is attached.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

Regulation 13 states:

- (1) If the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month showing for each account paid since the last such list was prepared —
 - (a) the payee's name; and
 - (b) the amount of the payment; and
 - (c) the date of the payment; and
 - (d) sufficient information to identify the transaction.
- (2) A list of accounts for approval to be paid is to be prepared each month showing —
 - (a) for each account which requires council authorisation in that month —
 - (i) the payee's name; and
 - (ii) the amount of the payment; and
 - (iii) sufficient information to identify the transaction; and
 - (b) the date of the meeting of the council to which the list is to be presented
- (3) A list prepared under sub regulation (1) or (2) is to be —
 - (a) presented to the council at the next ordinary meeting of the council after the list is prepared; and
 - (b) recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

Strategic Implications:

None

Policy Implications:

None

Budget/Financial Implications:

Payment from the Municipal, Trust and Reserve Bank Accounts.

Sustainability Implications:

- **Environmental:**
There are no known significant environmental considerations
- **Economic:**
There are no known significant economic considerations
- **Social:**
There are no known significant considerations

Consultation:

Moore Stephens

Recommendation:

That the accounts for the month of July, as per the attached Schedule presented to this meeting totalling \$435,295.70 from Municipal Account and \$500.00 from Trust Account be endorsed by Council.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor A Whitmarsh

Seconded: Councillor E Foulkes-Taylor

That the accounts for the Month of July, as per the attached Schedule presented to this meeting totalling \$435,295.70 from Municipal Account and \$500.00 from Trust Account be endorsed by Council.

Carried

For: 5

Against: 0

16.2 2018-19 Budget Adoption

File:	2.4
Author:	Rose Jones - Acting Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	17 August 2018
Attachments:	Ministerial Approval for Differential Rates Statutory Budget 2018-19 Fees and Charges 2018-19 Budget Detail Schedules Capital Program 2018-19 Plant Replacement Program 2018-19

Matter for Consideration:

Council is to consider the Budget for the 2018-19 Financial Year and the Fees & Charges for 2018-19.

Background:

As part of the function of local government and its operations, under Section 6.2 of the Local Government Act 1995, during the period 1 June in a financial year to 31 August in the next financial year, each local government is to prepare and adopt its Annual budget in the prescribed format.

The 2018-2019 draft budget has been developed using the Strategic Resource Plan 2017-2032 and 10 year Plant Replacement Plan and is based on an increase in rates of 5%, salaries and wages increase of 2% and 2.9% in general operational costs. It was considered by council at workshops held on 28th June 2018 and 26th July 2018. The Statutory Budget presented today reflects the decisions that came from those workshops.

Comment:**Cash Backed Reserves**

A new reserve has been established for the purpose of maintaining a program of road sealing in future years. The Transaction Centre Reserve is to be closed and funds transferred to the Murchison Settlement Buildings and Facilities Reserve. Other transfers are as shown in Note 7.

Fees and Charges

All fees and charges have been reviewed considering the cost to Council and by comparing the proposed Fee or Charge to that charged by alternative suppliers in a similar situation.

Differential Rates

In accordance with the requirements of section 6.36 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, a statement of intended differential rates and minimum payments was advertised. The advertisement contained details of each differential general rate and minimum payment endorsed by Council and invited submissions from electors or ratepayers in respect of the proposed differential general rate or minimum payment and any related matters within 21 days. Three submissions were received and considered by Council before the proposed differential rates were referred to the Minister to seek Ministerial Approval. This approval was sought immediately following the June 2018 meeting and approval was granted on 27 July 2018.

(Correspondence attached)

2018-19 Operational Budget

The budgeted deficit is as a result of the surplus carried forward from 2017-18 of \$3,794,404 and anticipates a balanced budget with no surplus remaining at the end of the year. It should also be noted that both Operating Revenue and Operating Expenditure comprise amounts of around \$15m being provision for flood damage restitution works and the corresponding reimbursement from WANDRRA.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995

Section 6.2 of the Local Government Act 1995 refers.

Section 6.2(2) of the Act requires that in preparing its annual budget the Council is to have regard to the contents of its plan for the future prepared in accordance with section 5.56. Under the Integrated Planning Framework for Local Government, that is the Community Strategic Plan. This section requires that Council must prepare detailed estimates of:

- (a) Expenditure;
- (b) Revenue and income, independent of general rates
- (c) The amount required to make up the 'deficiency' if any shown by comparing the estimated expenditure with the estimated revenue and income.

Section 6.2(3) requires that all expenditure, revenue and income must be taken in account unless otherwise prescribed. Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 32 prescribes amounts that may be excluded in calculating the 'budget deficiency'

Section 6.2(4) requires the annual budget to incorporate:

- (a) Particulars of estimated expenditure proposed;
- (b) Detailed information relating to the rates and service charges which will apply, including:
 - (a) Amount estimated to be yielded by the general rate
 - (b) Rate of interest to be charged on unpaid rates and service charges;
 - (c) Fees and charges;
 - (d) Borrowings and other financial accommodations proposed;
 - (e) Reserve account allocations and uses;
 - (f) Any proposed land transactions or trading undertakings per section 3.59

Strategic Implications:

The Budget has been informed by the Shire's Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan with the view to achieving the community's vision and Shire's strategic goals.

Sustainability Implications

- **Environmental:**
There are no known significant environmental considerations
- **Economic:**
There are no known significant economic considerations
- **Social:**
There are no known significant social considerations

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

The 2018-19 budget will guide the activities of the Shire for the financial year.

Consultation:

N/A

Recommendation:

PART A - MUNICIPAL FUND BUDGET FOR 2018/19

That Council, pursuant to the provisions of section 6.2 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Part 3 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, adopt the Municipal Fund Budget as contained in the Statutory Annual Budget attachment of this agenda for the Shire of Murchison for the 2018-19 financial year, including the following:

- Statement of Comprehensive Income by Program and by Nature and Type (pages 2 & 4) showing a Net Result for that year of (\$2,564,607).

- Statement of Cash Flows on page 6 indicating a reduction in cash of \$6,038,689.
- Rate Setting Statement on page 7 determines that the amount required to be raised from rates is \$420,292.
- Other Notes and Schedules as required

Recommendation – Absolute Majority Required

PART B – DIFFERENTIAL AND MINIMUM RATES, INSTALMENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

1. That Council, for the purpose of yielding the deficiency disclosed by the Municipal Fund Budget adopted at Part A above, pursuant to sections 6.32, 6.33, 6.34 and 6.35 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, impose the following differential and minimum rates on Unimproved Values.
 - 1.1 Differential Rates

Pastoral (UV)	3.1200 cents in the dollar
Mining (UV)	29.4000 cents in the dollar
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 - 1.2 Minimum Rates

Pastoral (UV)	\$291
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2. That Council, pursuant to section 6.45 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and regulation 64 (2) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, offers a one and a four instalment payment option, and nominates the following due dates for payment in full or by instalments:
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3. That Council, pursuant to section 6.45 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and regulation 67 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, adopts an instalment administration charge where the owner has elected to pay rates (and service charges) through an instalment option of \$11 for each instalment after the initial instalment is paid.
4. That Council, pursuant to section 6.45 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and regulation 68 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, adopts an interest rate of 0.0% where the owner has elected to pay rates and service charges through an instalment option.
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Recommendation – Absolute Majority Required

PART C – GENERAL FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2018/19

That Council, pursuant to section 6.16 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, adopts the fees and charges 2018-19 as attached to this agenda.

Recommendation – Simple Majority Required

PART D – OTHER STATUTORY FEES FOR 2018/19

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ICT Expenses Allowance \$1,165

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Recommendation - Simple Majority Required

Voting Requirements:

As Above

Discussion – The President thanked Rose Jones for acting as CEO in Peter's absence. DCEO stated that the budget had been prepared in accordance with the budget workshops.

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor A Whitmarsh

Seconded: Councillor Q Fowler

PART A - MUNICIPAL FUND BUDGET FOR 2018/19

That Council, pursuant to the provisions of section 6.2 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Part 3 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, adopt the Municipal Fund Budget as contained in the Statutory Annual Budget attachment of this agenda for the Shire of Murchison for the 2018-19 financial year, including the following:

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PART A - MUNICIPAL FUND BUDGET FOR 2018/19 Continued

- Statement of Cash Flows on page 6 indicating a reduction in cash of \$6,038,689
- Rate Setting Statement on page 7 determines that the amount required to be raised from rates is \$420,292.
- Other Notes and Schedules as required

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Recommendation - Simple Majority Required

Carried by Absolute Majority

For: 5

Against: 0

PART G – RESERVE FUNDS – NEW RESERVE AND RESERVE CLOSURE

Pursuant to Section 6.11 of the *Local Government Act 1995* a Road Sealing Reserve is to be established. The purpose of this reserve is to sustain a program of road sealing and resealing in future years. The Transaction Centre Reserve is no longer required and funds from this Reserve are to be transferred to the Murchison Settlement Buildings and Facilities Reserve.

Recommendation - Absolute Majority Required

Carried by Absolute Majority For: 5 Against: 0

The Recommendation differs from the original recommendation because a determination about Reserve Funds (Part G) was omitted in error.

17. DEVELOPMENT

Nil

18. ADMINISTRATION

Nil

19. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

20. CEO ACTIVITY REPORT

Date	Activity
31.07.2018 - 03.08.2018	Attendance at Local Government Week Convention
06.08.2018 - 17.08.2018	Annual Leave

Recommendation:

That the CEO’s Activity Report be accepted.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor E Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Councillor G Mead

That the CEO’s Activity report be accepted

Carried For: 5 Against: 0

21. URGENT BUSINESS

Motion to consider an item of an Urgent Nature

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor A Whitmarsh	Seconded: Councillor G Mead	
That Council resolves to accept an item of Urgent Business		
Carried	For: 5	Against: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm

The meeting was reconvened at 1:39 pm

22. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

That the item to be discussed pursuant to LGA S5.23 (c) and (e) – Assessment of Tender 1 – 2018-19 Provision of Freight Service.

Recommendation

That the meeting move behind closed doors, pursuant to LGA S5.23 (c) and (e), to discuss the assessment of Tender 1 – 2018-19, Provision of Freight Service.

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor A Whitmarsh	Seconded: Councillor Q Fowler	
That the meeting move behind closed doors, pursuant to LGA S5.23 (c) and (e), to discuss the assessment of Tender 1: 2018-19 Provision of Freight Service.		
Carried	For: 5	Against: 0

Motion to open the meeting to the Public

Recommendation

That the meeting move out from behind closed doors

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor G Mead	Seconded: Councillor A Whitmarsh	
That the meeting move out from behind closed doors.		
Carried	For: 5	Against: 0

Meeting reopened to the Public at 1.39 pm

22.1 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – Assessment of Tender 1-2018-19 for the Provision of Freight Services.

Recommendation

That RFT 1: 2018-19 Provision of Freight Services be awarded to (TBA)

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor E Foulkes-Taylor	Seconded: Councillor Q Fowler	
That RFT 1-2018-19 Provision of Freight Services be awarded to Midwest Freight Services and that the number of pick-up points be as listed in the Tender document		
Carried	For: 5	Against: 0

The resolution was amended to clarify a discrepancy in the Tender document between the word fourteen and the number of points listed.

23. MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 1:41pm