



**MINUTES FOR THE
ORDINARY COUNCIL
MEETING**

Tuesday 22nd November 2022

Michael Urquhart
GENERAL MANAGER

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE
WALGETT SHIRE CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2022 AT 11:00AM**

OPEN FORUM**Public Presentations:***Nil**The Deputy Mayor declared the meeting open at 11:23AM***PRESENT**

Deputy Mayor Greg Rummery

Clr Alf Seaton

Clr Colin Hundy

Clr Ian Woodcock

Clr Jasen Ramien

Clr Daniel Walford

Clr Michael Cooke

Clr Sue Currey

Michael Urquhart (General Manager)

Kimley Talbert (Director Environmental Services)

Bob Stephen (Director Engineering/Technical Services)

Belinda Petersons (Minute Secretary)

Note:

Clr Sue Currey attended the meeting via telephone conferencing, which was noted and accepted by all Councillors present.

ABSET

Mayor Jane Keir OAM

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor	Item No.	Report title/ Subject matter	Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary	Reason
Clr Jasen Ramien	9.2.1	Monthly Maintenance Grading Report – as at 30 October 2022	Pecuniary	Family Business interest
Clr Jasen Ramien	9.3.1	Development Approvals October 2022	Pecuniary	Family Business interest

13/2022/1 Leave of Absence**Resolved:**

That the leave of absence received from Mayor Jane Keir OAM is accepted and leave of absence granted.

Moved: Clr Ramien**Seconded: Clr Walford****CARRIED**

13/2022/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 27 October 2022**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 27 October 2022, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings on the meeting.

Moved: Clr Seaton
Seconded: Clr Cooke
CARRIED

13/2022/3 Monthly Mayoral Report**Resolved:**

That the Mayoral report for November 2022 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Ramien
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

13/2022/4 Council's Decision Action Report – November 2022**Resolved:**

That the Resolution Register for November 2022 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Hundy
Seconded: Clr Woodcock
CARRIED

13/2022/5 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Department circulars 22-30 through to 22-35, from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Woodcock
Seconded: Clr Ramien
CARRIED

13/2022/6 Important Dates for Councillors – Upcoming Meetings & Events**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the list of upcoming meetings and events.

Moved: Clr Woodcock
Seconded: Clr Currey
CARRIED

It was noted that the Traffic Committee Meeting is also taking place on 7th December 2022.

13/2022/7 Council Policy and Procedure Review**Resolved:**

That:

1. The General Managers report be received;
2. Council adopts the revised policies and procedures as presented:
 1. Sustainable Procurement, Contracts and Disposal
 2. Manual Handling
 3. Entering Council Depots
 4. Council Building Workplace Emergency Response
 5. Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Workplace Surveillance
 6. Records Management for Councillors
 7. Records Management
 8. Requests for Assistance (S.356 Financial Assistance)
 9. Use of Internet and Email
 10. Media
 11. Community Consultations
 12. Complaints Management
 13. Customer Service
 14. Advertising
 15. Affixing of Council's Seal
 16. Community Bus
 17. Financial Management and Control
 18. Chemical Spills
 19. Child Safety and Protection
 20. Multicultural Engagement and Services
 21. Pesticide Use and Notification Plan
 22. Noise and Hearing Loss
 23. Minor Claim Compensation
 24. Work Health and Safety Manual

Moved: Clr Woodcock**Seconded: Clr Hundy****CARRIED****13/2022/8 First Quarter Operational Plan 2022/2023****Resolved:**

1. That the General Manager's report be received.
2. That Council accept the progress made on the 2022/2023 Operational Plan as at 30th September 2022

Moved: Clr Seaton**Seconded: Clr Hundy****CARRIED**

Item 9.1.6 - 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements and Audit Report was deferred, to discuss later in the meeting, as Brett Hanger (Nexia – Council’s auditor) and Manuel Moncado (NSW Auditor General’s Office) will be presenting the audit results via Teams video link at 12pm.

13/2022/9 Matters Generally For Brief Mention or Information from the General Manager

Resolved:

That the Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only from the General Manager be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Ramien
Seconded: Clr Hundy
CARRIED

13/2022/10 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report as at 31 October 2022

Resolved:

That the 31 October 2022 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Hundy
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

13/2022/11 Cash and Investment Report as at 31 October 2022

Resolved:

That the Investment report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Woodcock
Seconded: Clr Cooke

At 11:55am Clr Jasen Ramien declared a pecuniary interest and exited the Chamber.

13/2022/12 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report – October 2022

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the monthly maintenance grading works report for October 2022.

Moved: Clr Woodcock
Seconded: Clr Hundy
CARRIED

It was noted that future reports will have the actual spend year to date and break down expenditure into Council work and contracted work.

At 11:59am Cllr Jasen Ramien returned to the Chamber.

Council returned to Item 9.1.6 - 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements and Audit Report.

13/2022/13 2021 – 2022 Audited Financial Statements and Audit Report

Resolved:

That Council receive and the Audited Financial Reports, together with the Auditor's Reports, for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

Moved: Cllr Cooke
Seconded: Cllr Seaton
CARRIED

13/2022/14 Service Progress Report as at 31 October 2022

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly works progress report for October 2022.

Moved: Cllr Woodcock
Seconded: Cllr Cooke
CARRIED

13/2022/15 Monthly Major Project Report - October 2022

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the Monthly Major Projects Report for October 2022.

Moved: Cllr Cooke
Seconded: Cllr Seaton
CARRIED

13/2022/16 Major Plant Replacement 2022

Resolved:

That Council approve the additional plant purchases as detailed in Table 6.0 and these be allocated to the long-term financial plan for the financial years as allotted in Table 6.0.

Moved: Cllr Ramien
Seconded: Cllr Hundy
CARRIED

13/2022/17 Matters Generally For Brief Mention or Information from the Director Engineering/Technical Services
Resolved:

That the matters generally for brief mention or information only from the Director Engineering/ Technical Services be received and noted.

Moved: **Clr Woodcock**
Seconded: **Clr Currey**
CARRIED

At 12:40pm Clr Jasen Ramien declared a pecuniary interest and exited the Chamber.

13/2022/18 Development Approvals October 2022
Resolved:

That Council receive and note the Development Approvals Report for October 2022.

Moved: **Clr Cooke**
Seconded: **Clr Walford**
CARRIED

At 12:41pm Clr Jasen Ramien returned to the Chamber.

13/2022/19 Development Application No. DA2022/55
Resolved:

1. That Council, as a whole, approve the building line encroachment of 1.55m and the use of solid panel front fencing, on Lot 21 DP:750313, 141-155 Fox Street, Walgett, as described in the Development Application DA2022/55, along with the conditions placed on such a development; and
2. Pursuant to 1 (above), Council now authorizes the Director of Environmental Services to approve Development Application No. DA2022/55, under delegated authority, subject to assessment, determination and conditioning under normal Council Policy and Procedures.

Moved: **Clr Cooke**
Seconded: **Clr Ramien**

Planning Division:**For**

Clr Alf Seaton
 Clr Colin Hundy
 Clr Michael Cooke
 Clr Ian Woodcock
 Clr Sue Currey
 Clr Daniel Walford
 Clr Jasen Ramien
 Deputy Mayor Rummery

Against**Absent**

Mayor Jane Keir *(apology for meeting)*

CARRIED

**13/2022/20 Matters Generally For Brief Mention or Information from the Director
Environmental Services**

Resolved:

That the matters generally for brief mention or information only from the Director Environmental Services be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Seaton
Seconded: Clr Woodcock
CARRIED

13/2022/21 Motion received from Mayor Jane Keir OAM, Dated 16 November 2022

Resolved:

That Walgett Shire Council joins with Local Government NSW and Country Mayors Association of NSW in declaring a State-wide Road Emergency.

Moved: Clr Woodcock
Seconded: Clr Cooke
CARRIED

13/2022/22 Move into Closed Session

Time: 12:50pm

That the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Sections 10A 92) (a) (c) & (d) of the Local Government Act 1993 on the basis that the items deal with:

- (a) Personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors);
- (c) That information that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting business (or proposed to conduct business); and
- (d) That the matter and information is commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Moved: Clr Ramien
Seconded: Clr Hundy
CARRIED

13/2022/23 CONFIDENTIAL – Tender for Walgett Splash Park**Resolved:**

That Council:

1. Accept the tender from Parkequip Pty Ltd, for the sum of \$1,073,899.00 (exclusive of GST);
2. Enter into a contract with Parkequip Pty Ltd for construction of a new Splash Park and the General Manager and Mayor be authorised to execute the contract and other relevant documents, on behalf of Council; and
3. The Council Seal be affixed to the contract.

Moved: Clr Ramien
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

13/2022/24 Return to open session**Time: 12:56pm****Resolved:**

That Council return to open session.

Moved: Clr Woodcock
Seconded: Clr Cooke
CARRIED

13/2022/25 Adoption of closed session reports**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports

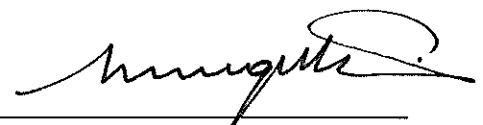
Moved: Clr Ramien
Seconded: Clr Cooke
CARRIED

Close of Meeting - The meeting closed at 12:59pm

To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.



Mayor



General Manager