



# **MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday 26 October 2021**

Michael Urquhart  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT  
THE WALGETT SHIRE CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2021 AT 11:08AM**

**OPEN FORUM****Public Presentations:**

*Nil*

*The Mayor declared the meeting open at 11:08AM*

**PRESENT**

Clr Ian Woodcock (Mayor)  
 Clr Manuel Martinez (Deputy Mayor)  
 Clr Bill Murray  
 Clr Michael Taylor  
 Clr Jane Keir  
 Michael Urquhart (General Manager)  
 Tony Hughes (Acting Chief Financial Officer)  
 Kobus Nieuwoudt (Director Environmental Services)  
 Bob Stephen (Acting Director Engineering/Technical Services)  
 Bronte Kerr (Minute Secretary)

**ABSENT**

Clr Kelly Smith  
 Clr Lawrence Walford  
 Clr Robert Turnbull

**10/2021/1 Leave of Absence**

**Resolved:**

That the leave of absence received from Clr Kelly Smith, Clr Lawrence Walford and Clr Robert Turnbull is accepted and leave of absence granted.

**Moved: Clr Taylor**  
**Seconded: Clr Martinez**  
**CARRIED**

**Declaration of Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Councillor	Item No.	Report title/ Subject matter	Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary	Reason
Clr Keir	11.3.1	Monthly Maintenance Grading Report	Pecuniary	Family Business interest

**10/2021/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 28 September 2021**

**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held 28 September 2021, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings on the meeting.

**Moved: Clr Keir**  
**Seconded: Clr Martinez**  
**CARRIED**

**10/2021/3 Mayoral Report****Resolved:**

That the Mayor report for September/October 2021 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

**10/2021/4 Council's Decision Action Report****Resolved:**

That the Resolution Register as at October 2021 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Murray

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

**10/2021/5 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government****Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circular 21-27 to 21-32 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Murray

**Seconded:** Clr Taylor

**CARRIED**

**10/2021/6 Important Dates For Councillors - Upcoming Meetings & Events****Resolved:**

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

**Moved:** Clr Keir

**Seconded:** Clr Murray

**CARRIED**

**10/2021/7 Closedown of Council Administration Offices over Festive Season 2021/2022****Resolved:**

1. Council operations close from 17th December 2021 to 4th January 2022 and the General Manager make satisfactory arrangements for the maintenance of essential services and provision of emergency call out services.

2. The closedown be effectively notified to residents along with details of essential service and emergency call out arrangements.

3. Note a separate shutdown period will be put in place for all Outdoor Staff only in accordance with the award.

**Moved:** Clr Martinez  
**Seconded:** Clr Taylor  
**CARRIED**

#### **10/2021/8 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report**

**Resolved:**

That the 30 September 2021 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Keir  
**Seconded:** Clr Murray  
**CARRIED**

#### **10/2021/9 Cash and Investment Report as at 30 September 2021**

**Resolved:**

That the Investment report be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Taylor  
**Seconded:** Clr Martinez  
**CARRIED**

#### **10/2021/10 Tenders for the renovation of Rowena Hall RFT21/012**

**Resolved:**

1. That council declines to accept the tender received; and
2. That fresh tenders be invited in accordance with sections 167, 168 or 169 of part 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 [NSW]

**Moved:** Clr Taylor  
**Seconded:** Clr Keir  
**CARRIED**

*Clr Keir declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting room at 11:21am. The Monthly Maintenance Grading Report for September 2021 will be deferred to the November Council meeting as no quorum was present in the meeting room.*

#### **10/2021/11 Monthly Progress Report as at 30 September 2021**

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly works progress report as at 30 September 2021.

**Moved:** Clr Murray  
**Seconded:** Clr Taylor  
**CARRIED**

**10/2021/12 Flood Restoration Works - Update****Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the flood restoration works report as at 30 September 2021.

**Moved:** Cllr Murray  
**Seconded:** Cllr Martinez  
**CARRIED**

**10/2021/13 Development Approvals September 2021****Resolved:**

That Council note the information contained within this report.

**Moved:** Cllr Keir  
**Seconded:** Cllr Murray  
**CARRIED**

**10/2021/14 Local Heritage Fund Grants – Year 2021-2022****Resolved:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to disperse \$13,900 from the Walgett Shire Council Local Heritage Fund 2021-2022 in accordance with the recommendations of Council's Heritage Advisor.

**Moved:** Cllr Martinez  
**Seconded:** Cllr Keir  
**CARRIED**

**10/2021/15 Move into Closed Session**

**Time: 11:26am**

That the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Sections 10A (2) (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)
- (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:** Cllr Taylor  
**Seconded:** Cllr Murray  
**CARRIED**

**10/2021/16 Sale of Properties****Resolved:**

- a) The General Managers report be received.
- b) The General Manager negotiate with the potential purchasers for the sale of the following vacant allotments being, and report back to Council.  
 Lot 5 DP 846336 Pandora Street Lightning Ridge.  
 Lot 156 DP 882747 Duff Street Walgett.  
 Lot 157 DP 882747 Duff Street Walgett.

**Moved:        Clr Keir**  
**Seconded:    Clr Taylor**  
**CARRIED**

**10/2021/17 Purchase of Financial Reporting Software****Resolved:**

That Council resolve to purchase the Magiq Performance financial reporting software for \$74,276, plus an allowance of \$10,000 for travel and accommodation if necessary, to be funded by \$60,000 from reserves and the remaining from General Revenue.

**Moved:        Clr Keir**  
**Seconded:    Clr Murray**  
**CARRIED**

**10/2021/18 RFT/AB21-001 – Fixing Country Bridges - Western Group of Councils 6 Bridges Project for Warrumbungle Shire Council, Walgett Shire Council, Mid-Western Regional Council and Lithgow City Council****Resolved:**

1. That council receive and note the report.
2. Council accept Central Industries tender submission for the Hollywood Creek Bridge Project and enter into a contract with Central Industries.
3. That the General Manager and Mayor be authorised to execute the necessary documents and affix the Council seal.

**Moved:        Clr Keir**  
**Seconded:    Clr Murray**  
**CARRIED**

**10/2021/19 RFT 21/010 – Replacement 6x4 Automated Rear Discharge Bitumen Patching/sealing Truck**

**Resolved:**

That Council accepts the tender of TRACSERVE P/L in the amount of \$411,569.60 for the supply & delivery of one (1) New Isuzu FXY 240/350-Flocon Patching /Sealing Truck

**Moved:** Clr Taylor  
**Seconded:** Clr Murray  
**CARRIED**

**10/2021/20 RFT 21/009 – Replacement 12t Front End Loader**

**Resolved:**

That Council accepts the tender of WESTRAC P/L in the amount of \$254,531.26 ex GST for the supply & delivery of one (1) New Caterpillar 924K Front End Loader

**Moved:** Clr Keir  
**Seconded:** Clr Murray  
**CARRIED**

**10/2021/21 RFT 20/015 – Replacement 6x4 Heavy Rigid Truck and Crane**

**Recommendation:**

That Council accepts the tender of TRACSERV P/L in the amount of \$271,242.00 ex gst for the supply & delivery of one (1) New Isuzu FXY 240/350 Heavy Rigid Truck and Crane

**Moved:** Clr Taylor  
**Seconded:** Clr Martinez  
**CARRIED**

**10/2021/22 RFT 20/014 – Replacement 6x4 Heavy Rigid Tipper Truck**

**Resolved:**

That Council accepts the tender of TRACSERV P/L in the amount of \$220,613.00 ex GST for the supply & delivery of one (1) New Isuzu FXY 240/350 Heavy Rigid Tipper Truck

**Moved:** Clr Keir  
**Seconded:** Clr Murray  
**CARRIED**

**10/2021/23 Goangra Bridge Claim - Murray Constructions**

**Resolved:**

The General Managers reported be received

The General Manager be authorised to execute the joint “Deed of Release” between Walgett Shire Council, Murray Constructions Pty Ltd, and Statewide Mutual

Council and Statewide will pay the Agreed Sum in their proportions as set out in clause 2.2 of the Deed of Release within 28 days after the receipt by Council's solicitors of the original Deed of Release, which has been duly executed.

**Moved:** Cllr Martinez  
**Seconded:** Cllr Murray  
**CARRIED**

**10/2021/24 Return to open session**

**Time: 11:40am**

**Resolved:**

That Council return to open session.

**Moved:** Cllr Taylor  
**Seconded:** Cllr Keir  
**CARRIED**

**10/2021/25 Adoption of closed session reports**

**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports.

**Moved:** Cllr Murray  
**Seconded:** Cllr Keir  
**CARRIED**

**Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 11:45am

To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.



Mayor



General Manager