



**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING
OF THE BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD ON FRIDAY 3RD JULY 2020
COMMENCING AT 1 PM**

Attendance:

Councillors: Councillor Eric (Rick) Britton
Councillor Sam Beauchamp
Councillor Timothy Edgar
Councillor Jack Neilson (via teleconference)
Councillor Jan Norton

Officers: Ms Lynn Moore (Chief Executive Officer)
Mr Raymond Geraghty (Acting Chief Executive Officer)
Mr Harin Karra (Director of Works and Operations)
Mrs Kaylene Sloman (Director of Corporate Services)
Mrs Nicole Tonkies (Executive Assistant)

Opening:

The Mayor opened the meeting at 1.08 pm.

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional carers of the land on which Council meets, the 'Pitta Pitta' people, and paid Council's respects to the elders past and present.

The Mayor also acknowledged past and present service personnel.

The Mayor presented the 2020/2021 budget for adoption and acknowledged the efforts of the CEO, Director of Corporate Services and Council staff in the successful collation of the Budget and the excellent results achieved in Council's transition over to the new financial operating system.

In addition, the Mayor also acknowledged the positive works being able to be achieved thanks to Council's numerous regional partnerships.

2020/B7.1 MAYOR'S BUDGET MEETING REPORT 2020-2021

Moved: Councillor Neilson Seconded: Councillor Norton

That the Mayor's Budget Meeting Report 2020-2021 be received.

Carried

2020/B7.2 REVENUE STATEMENT

Moved: Councillor Edgar **Seconded: Councillor Beauchamp**

That in accordance with Section 169(2)(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the 2020/2021 Boulia Shire Revenue Statement be hereby adopted.

Carried

2020/B7.3 REVENUE POLICY

Moved: Councillor Britton **Seconded: Councillor Neilson**

That in accordance with Section 169(2)(c) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the 2020/2021 Boulia Shire Council Revenue Policy - Policy 109 Revenue – 2020/21 be hereby adopted.

Carried

2020/B7.4 POLICY RENEWAL

Moved: Councillor Beauchamp **Seconded: Councillor Edgar**

That:

- Policy 101 - Purchasing and Acquisition Policy
- Policy 102 - Advertising Spending Policy
- Policy 110 - Internal Audit Policy
- Policy 111 - Councillor Expenses Re-imbusement Policy
- Policy 119 - Investment Policy
- Policy 121 - Confidentiality (Use of Information) Procedure Policy
- Policy 122 - Councillor Interaction Policy (Acceptable Request Guidelines)
- Policy 127 - Complaints Management Policy and Process
- Policy 129 - Councillor Code of Conduct
- Policy 130 - Dealing with a complaint involving a Public official (CEO)
- Policy 139 - Related Party Disclosure Policy
- Policy 145 - Community Facilities Hire

as presented at the Budget Meeting on 3rd July 2020, be adopted by Council.

Carried

2020/B7.5 LONG TERM FINANCIAL FORECAST

Moved: Councillor Britton **Seconded: Councillor Norton**

That in accordance with Section 169(2)(a) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the 2020/2021 Boulia Shire Council Long Term Financial Forecast - 2020/30 be hereby adopted.

Carried

2020/B7.6 DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATE CATEGORIES

Moved: Councillor Neilson **Seconded: Councillor Edgar**

That pursuant to s80 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Boulia Shire Council hereby levies Differential General Rates and sets Minimum General Rates for each category, in accordance with s77 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 for the 2020/2021 financial year as set out in Council's Revenue Statement 2020/2021.

Carried

2020/B7.7 UTILITY CHARGES - CLEANSING

Moved: Councillor Britton Seconded: Councillor Beauchamp

In accordance with s99 Local Government Regulations 2012, Council resolves to levy a commercial waste collection and disposal charge according to Council's Revenue Statement 2020/2021.

The cleansing charge shall be \$379.00 per annum.

Where a service is provided for only part of the year cleansing charges will be levied on a pro rata time basis.

Charges for the collection of industrial and bulk waste will be based on type of waste, volume and frequency of collection. Charges will be determined on a cost recovery basis as required.

Carried

2020/B7.8 UTILITY CHARGES - SEWERAGE

Moved: Councillor Edgar Seconded: Councillor Britton

That in accordance with s94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and s99 Local Government Regulations 2012 cleansing charges for the 2020/2021 year are made and will be levied for the purposes of providing for the removal of refuse from all occupied premises (domestic and commercial) according to Council's Revenue Statement 2020/2021.

The residential house block sewerage charge shall be \$482.00 per annum.

The vacant land sewerage charge shall be \$194.00 per annum.

Commercial properties shall be charged based on a comparison to a standard house block, dependant on its size, use and impact on these services.

Carried

2020/B7.9 UTILITY CHARGES - BOULIA AND URANDANGI WATER SCHEMES

Moved: Councillor Beauchamp Seconded: Councillor Neilson

That pursuant to s94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and s99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Boulia Shire Council hereby levies Water Charges for the Financial Year 2020/2021 according to Council's Revenue Statement 2020/2021.

The residential house blocks water service charge shall be \$683.00 per annum.

The vacant land water service charge shall be \$493.00 per annum.

Commercial properties shall be charged based on a comparison to a standard house block, dependant on its size, use and impact on these services.

Carried

2020/B7.10 INTEREST

Moved: Councillor Britton Seconded: Councillor Edgar

That in accordance with s133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 a charge of 8.53 percent compounding interest calculated on daily rests be hereby made and levied on rates and charges that are 30 days overdue.

Carried

2020/B7.11 DISCOUNT

Moved: Councillor Norton Seconded: Councillor Beauchamp

That in accordance with s130 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 a discount of 10% be allowed for all current Council residential rates & charges (excluding fire levy) if paid within 30 days of issue, and that such discount be calculated as a percentage of the gross rate/charges levied, and only be granted if all current and outstanding rates have been paid in full.

Carried

2020/B7.12 DROUGHT DECLARATION IN DISTRICT

Moved: Councillor Neilson Seconded: Councillor Britton

That in accordance with s130 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the discount of 10% be extended for all current Council rates & charges (excluding fire levy) if paid prior to 22nd December and 22nd June for all properties whilst the district is drought declared and that such discount be calculated as a percentage of the gross rate/charges levied, and only be granted if all current and outstanding rates have been paid in full.

Carried

2020/B7.13 COUNCIL PENSIONER RATE REMISSION

Moved: Councillor Norton Seconded: Councillor Britton

That in accordance with s121 & 122 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 Council will not charge general rates to pensioners who reside in their own premises within the townships of Boulia and Urandangi and that Council offers a 30% subsidy on all services (except the fire levy) to pensioners who reside in their own premises within the townships of Boulia and Urandangi. This subsidy is in addition to the 20% subsidy offered by the State Government with both subsidies capped at \$180.00 per annum each.

Carried

2020/B7.14 FEES AND CHARGES

Moved: Councillor Britton Seconded: Councillor Edgar

That in accordance with s97 of the Local Government Act 2009, the 2020/2021 Fees and Charges as presented at the Boulia Shire Council Budget Meeting 2020/2021 be hereby adopted.

Carried

2020/B7.15 ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET FOR 2020/2021

Moved: Councillor Edgar Seconded: Councillor Beauchamp

1. That in accordance with s174 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the Annual Operational Plan for the year ended 30th June 2021 as presented at the Boulia Shire Council Budget Meeting 2020/2021 be hereby adopted.
2. That the Council adopt the proposed 2020-2021 Budget.
3. That the Operational Plan 2020-2021 and the Annual Budget 2020-2021 be displayed on the Council website.
4. That the actions and deliverables from the 2020-2021 Operational Plan be reported to Council on a quarterly basis as per the Local Government Regulation 2012.
5. That the Budget be reviewed and reported on back to Council on a quarterly basis as per the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Carried

Councillor Neilson left the meeting at 2.54 pm.

2020/B7.16 RATES CAPPING

Moved: Councillor Britton Seconded: Councillor Edgar

That pursuant to section 116 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the amount of 6% capping on the general rate for rural properties be applied for the 2020/21 financial year.

Carried

2020/B7.17 DELEGATIONS TO CEO AND CEO TO STAFF REVIEW

PURPOSE:

Council as a Local Authority is required to undertake a wide range of powers and functions that are prescribed in legislation and necessary for the good governance of the Shire. Council is required to determine the functions of a Local Authority that are to be delegated to the CEO and to review those delegations on an annual basis.

Moved: Councillor Beauchamp Seconded: Councillor Edgar

1. That all the powers referred to in the document entitled "Register of Delegations – Council to CEO" attached to this report are hereby delegated by Council to the Chief Executive Officer of Council pursuant to section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009.
2. That Council note in the Register of Delegations current delegations from the CEO to other staff and contractors.
3. That all previous delegations be updated to reflect the changes, accepted by delegates and then published on the website.

Carried

Mrs Sloman left the meeting at 3.24 pm.

Meeting Closure

The Mayor closed the meeting at 3.39 pm.

Confirmed:

Minutes confirmed 21st July 2020
Resolution No. 2020/7.2

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