

MINUTES OF THE 2019/20 BUDGET MEETING OF THE BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 20th JUNE 2019

Attendance:

Councillors: Councillor Eric (Rick) Britton

Councillor Rebecka (Beck) Britton Councillor Sam Beauchamp Councillor Brook McGlinchey Councillor Jack Neilson

Officers: Ms Lynn Moore (Chief Executive Officer)

Mrs Kaylene Sloman (Manager of Corporate & Financial Services)

Mrs Nicole Tonkies (Executive Assistant)

Opening:

The Mayor opened the meeting at 1.36 pm.

The Mayor presented the 2019/2020 budget for adoption and acknowledged the efforts of all Council staff and Councillors contributing to Council being able to be in a positive financial position. In addition, Councillors wished to make a formal acknowledgement to the Mayor for his ongoing efforts in representing the Boulia Shire and the positive contributions this has resulted in for the Council/community.

2019/2020 BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

2019/B6.1 REVENUE STATEMENT

Moved: Councillor Neilson Seconded: Councillor Beauchamp

That in accordance with Section 169(2)(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the 2019/2020 Boulia Shire Revenue Statement be hereby adopted.

Carried

2019/B6.2 REVENUE POLICY

Moved: Councillor Rick Britton Seconded: Councillor Beck Britton

That in accordance with Section 169(2)(c) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the 2019/2020 Boulia Shire Council Revenue Policy - Policy 109 Revenue – 2019/20 be hereby adopted.

Carried

2019/B6.3 LONG TERM FINANCIAL FORECAST

Moved: Councillor McGlinchey Seconded: Councillor Neilson

That in accordance with Section 169(2)(a) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the 2019/2020 Boulia Shire Council Long Term Financial Forecast - 2019/29 be hereby adopted.

Carried

2019/B6.4 DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATE CATEGORIES

<u>Moved:</u> Councillor Rick Britton <u>Seconded:</u> Councillor Beauchamp

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 2019/2020 financial year as set out in Council's Revenue Statement 2019/2020.

Carried

2019/B6.5 UTILITY CHARGES - CLEANSING

Moved: Councillor McGlinchey Seconded: Councillor Beck Britton

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 2019/2020.

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

2019/B6.6 UTILITY CHARGES - SEWERAGE

Moved: Councillor Rick Britton Seconded: Councillor McGlinchey

That in accordance with s94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and s99 Local Government Regulations 2012 cleansing charges for the 2019/2020 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 2019/20.

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

2019/B6.7 UTILITY CHARGES - BOULIA AND URANDANGIE WATER SCHEMES

Moved: Councillor Beauchamp Seconded: Councillor Beck Britton

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 2019/2020 according to Council's Revenue Statement 2019/20.

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

2019/B6.8 INTEREST

Moved: Councillor Rick Britton Seconded: Councillor Neilson

That in accordance with s133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 a charge of 9.83 percent compounding interest calculated on daily rests be hereby made and levied on rates and charges that are 30 days overdue.

Carried

2019/B6.9 DISCOUNT

Moved: Councillor McGlinchey <u>Seconded:</u> Councillor Beck Britton

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

2019/B6.10 DROUGHT DECLARATION IN DISTRICT

Moved: Councillor Beauchamp Seconded: Councillor Neilson

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 23rd December and 23rd 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

2019/B6.11 COUNCIL PENSIONER RATE REMISSION

Moved: Councillor Neilson <u>Seconded:</u> Councillor McGlinchey

That in accordance with s121 & 122 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 Council not charge general rates to pensioners who reside in their own premises within the townships of Boulia and Urandangie and that Council offers a 30% subsidy on all services (excepting the fire levy) to pensioners who reside in their own premises within the townships of Boulia and Urandangie. 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

2019/B6.12 FEES AND CHARGES

Moved: Councillor Neilson Seconded: Councillor Rick Britton

That in accordance with s97 of the Local Government Act 2009, the 2019/2020 Fees and Charges as presented in the Boulia Shire Council Budget Papers 2019/2020 be hereby adopted.

Carried

Meeting Closure

The Mayor closed the meeting at 2.15 pm.

Confirmed:

Minutes confirmed 24th July 2019 Resolution No. 2019/7.5

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