



MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE DARWIN ON WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 9:00AM

Mayor Wilson declared the meeting opened at 9:45am and welcomed all in attendance.

PRESENT

John Wilson	Mayor
Terry Sams	Deputy Mayor
Wally Minjin	Councillor
Ralph Narburup	Councillor
Mark Martin	Councillor
Mark Tunmuck-Smith	Councillor

Staff

Steve Horton	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Rebecca Purser	Manager Corporate
Ramesh Pudasaini	Senior Financial Consultant (CouncilBiz)
Troy Pollard	Acting Community Services Manager

Guests

Peter Gamlin	Local Government and Community Development, DCM
John Young	Principal, Our Lady Sacred Heart College Thamarrurr
Anna Young	Teacher, Our Lady Sacred Heart College Thamarrurr

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil apologies. All Elected Members in attendance.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – COUNCILLORS AND STAFF

There were no declarations of interest at this Council Meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 August 2020

125/2020 **Motion:**

That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

Moved: Cr. Tunmuck-Smith
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams
Resolution: Unanimously

CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

Late Items:

1. Ratification of Change in Tender Committee Panel Members – Confidential Matter (Steve Horton)
2. Tender Committee Recommendations - Confidential Matter (Steve Horton):–
 - a. Wadeye/Peppimenarti Road Works; and
 - b. Peppimenarti Football Oval Irrigation
3. CEO Recruitment Advertising fees – Confidential Matter (Rebecca Purser)

REPORTS

10:50pm – John Young and Anna Young joined the meeting

1) John Young - Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Thamarrurr Catholic College

John Young presented the Council with the following proposal:

- The School would take on the total management of the pool for the period 2021-2023 (2 years);
- The School would commit to opening the pool for community use 280 days of the year;
- The school would carry out all maintenance, cleaning, grounds work and rubbish (including pool maintenance);
- School would staff the facility;
- School would install CCTV and have security cover 24-7;
- WDRC to pay the school \$70,000 per annum;
- WDRC to provide housing free of charge for the pool staff.

Council discussed the matter and their options in confidence.

Council has faced substantial financial loss due to a number of contributing factors in managing the pool and Councillors are staunch in their previous decision to relinquish the pool. With this in mind, they wish to do so in good faith to the community and hence, the following motion was passed unanimously.

126/2020 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council continue with the installation of the security fence as committed;**
- 2. That Council replace the ablution blocks as previously committed;**
- 3. That Council ensure that the pool is fit for use i.e.: clean and free of debris;**
- 4. That Council relinquish the s.19 Lease and pay the remainder of the lease as advised by NLC.**

Moved: Cr. Minjin
Seconded: Cr. Narburup
Resolution: Unanimously

2) Acting Chief Executive Report

127/2020 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council receives and notes the Acting Chief Executive Officer Report.**
- 2. That Council approves the disposal of the surplus equipment listed below through Gray's Auction.**

- **Road Sweeper – registration number – CE-02-UC, and**
- **Quad Bike – registration number - 966719**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams
Seconded: Cr. Narburup
Resolution: Unanimously

3) Financial Report - August 2020

128/2020 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council receives and notes the Financial Report – August 2020.**

Moved: Cr. Minjin
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams
Resolution: Unanimously

4) Human Resources Report

129/2020 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council receives and notes the Human Resources update.**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams
Seconded: Cr. Martin
Resolution: Unanimously

5) NLC COVID-19 Homeland Assistance Program

130/2020 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council accepts the grant funding and approves the use of the common seal on COVID-19 Homeland Assistance Project Services Agreement between the Northern Land Council and West Daly Regional Council.**

Moved: Cr. Martin
Seconded: Cr. Narburup
Resolution: Unanimously

6) 2020-21 Local Government Funding Levels

131/2020 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council accepts the 2020-21 Local Government funding levels from the Department of Local Government Housing and Community Development.**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams
Seconded: Cr. Narburup
Resolution: Unanimously

7) 2020/21 Deed of Variation 6 Municipal and Essential Services (MES), Housing Maintenance Services (HMS) and Homelands Jobs (HJ)

132/2020 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council accepts the 2020/21 MES, HMS and HJ funding and approves the use of the common seal to 2020/21 Deed of Variation 6 Municipal and Essential Services, Housing Maintenance Services and Homelands Jobs Funding.**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams

Seconded: Cr. Narburup

Resolution: Unanimously

8) Celebrating Aboriginal Culture (Australia Day) 2021

Suggested activities during discussions were:

- Colour Fun Run
- BBQ
- Traditional Dancers
- Live Music

133/2020 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council approves applications be submitted for both the Australia Day Council NT (\$20,000) and the Department of the Chief Minister (\$5,000) for the 2021 Australia Day celebrations.**

Moved: Cr. Minjin

Seconded: Cr. Martin

Resolution: Unanimously

9) Elected Members Attendance Records

134/2020 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council receives and notes the attendance records update.**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams

Seconded: Cr. Narburup

Resolution: Unanimously

10) Upcoming meetings and travel arrangements

135/2020 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council receives and notes the upcoming meetings.**
- 2. That Council approves the travel and accommodation expenses for the Mayor and Acting CEO to attend the LGANT Mayors and CEO's Forum and AGM.**

Moved: Cr. Martin

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams

Resolution: Unanimously

COMMUNITY REPORTS

11) Acting Community Service Managers Report

136/2020 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council receives and notes the Acting Community Services Manager's report for Wadeye**

Moved: Cr. Minjin
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams
Resolution: Unanimously

12) Community Night Patrol

137/2020 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council receives and notes the Community Night Patrol update.**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams
Seconded: Cr. Minjin
Resolution: Unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE IN & OUT

13) Correspondence Report

138/2020 **Motion:**

- 1. That Council accept the correspondence**

Moved: Cr. Narburup
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams
Resolution: Unanimously

GENERAL BUSINESS/LATE ITEMS

Late items will be dealt with under the confidential agenda.

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Wilson closed the meeting to the public and moved to the confidential agenda at 12:15pm.

RECOMMENDATION:

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 65(2) of the *Local Government Act* as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

- 14 Travel Allowance - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciii) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration)***

Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.

15 Late Confidential Items:

The reports will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ci) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.

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The meeting closed at 12:38pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 5 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Meeting of Council HELD ON Wednesday, 23 September 2020 AND CONFIRMED 21 October 2020.