



MINUTES  
COUNCIL  
EXTRAORDINARY  
MEETING

**Wednesday 3 July 2024**

Megan Dixon  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

**MEETING OPEN**

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:09 AM

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional owners of the lands within the Walgett Shire and acknowledged the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now reside within the Shire.

**INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS PRESENT****COUNCILLORS:**

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

**STAFF:**

Megan Dixon (General Manager)  
Ernest Mhnde (CFO)  
Seema Dutt (Finance Manager)  
John Van Gaalen (  
Kazi Mahmud (Director Infrastructure and Compliance)  
Sherisse Fensom (Executive Officer) Minute Secretary)

**08/2024/01 APOLOGIES**

**RESOLVED on MOTION** by Councillor **RUMMERY**; Seconded by Councillor **CURREY** That Council grant the leave of absences for Councillor KEIR for Wednesday 3 July 2024 Extraordinary Council Meeting.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY/NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

| Councillor | Item Number | Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary | Reason  |
|------------|-------------|-------------------------|---|
| Ramien     | 11.1.1      | Pecuniary               | Family-owned business submitted a contract pricing proposal for that job. |

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Pauline Kearl – Discussion on Item 9.1.1 - speaking on her submission on the budget

**08/2024/02**

**MOTION RAISED** by Councillor **HUNDY**; Second by Councillor **COOKE**; that we reinstate the 4<sup>th</sup> quarterly budget to be presented.

**ALL IN FAVOUR – MOTION CARRIED**

**08/2024/03 2024/25 ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN AND BUDGET**

**RESOLVED on MOTION** by Councillor **HUNDY**; Seconded by Councillor **COOKE**;

1. That Council having considered submissions from the community, up until 25 June 2024 adopts: a. the 2024/25 Operational Plan and budget b. the 2024/25 fees and charges, with the Council reserving the right to vary fees and charges of a commercial or legislative nature as circumstances may require and c. that Council endorses the long-term financial plan, as presented.
2. That Council formally thank those people and organisations that made submissions on the documents and advise them of the decisions of Council with regard to issues raised.

**An amendment was moved as follows:**

**RESOLVED on MOTION** by Councillor **RUMMERY**; Seconded by Councillor **CURREY**;

3. Staff to bring a detailed report to Council on the JS&JL Dowling Brown Water fees and charges.

The amendment being PUT to the MEETING was declared **CARRIED**

**08/2024/04 MAKING OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR 2024/2025**

**RESOLVED on MOTION** by Councillor **HUNDY**; Seconded by Councillor **COOKE**;

1. That Council adopt option B of the proposed rates structure of 2024/2025
2. That Council adopt all the recommended charges for water, sewer and waste

**CARRIED**

**08/2024/05 MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION**

**RESOLVED on MOTION** by Councillor **HUNDY** Seconded by Councillor **RUMMERY** at 10.34 am

That the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Sections 10A (1) (a) (b) & (2) (c) the Local Government Act 1993 on the basis that the items deal with:

1. A council, or a committee of the council of which all the members are councillors, may close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises--
  - a. the discussion of any of the matters listed in subclause (2), or
  - b. the receipt or discussion of any of the information so listed.
2. The matters and information are the following--
  - c. information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

**CRYON ROAD UPGRADE PROJECT: SELECTION OF CONTRACTOR**

**MOTION Put forward** by Councillor **RUMMERY**; Seconded by Councillor **COOKE**; That Council accept the preferred tenderer as the Contractor to deliver the Cryon Road Upgrade Project.

**An amendment was moved as follows:**

**08/2024/06 RESOLVED on MOTION** by Councillor **RUMMERY**; Seconded by Councillor **COOKE**; that Council decline all tenders and return the funding to the funder.

All in favour

The Amendment then became the Motion and on being put to the Vote was declared carried.

**07/2024/07 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**RESOLVED on MOTION** by Councillor **RUMMERY** Seconded by Councillor **COOKE**

That Council return to open session at 11.05 am

**07/2024/07 ADOPTION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS**

**RESOLVED on MOTION** by Councillor **RUMMERY** Seconded by Councillor **COOKE**

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports.

*Mayor Ramien returned to the meeting at 11:07am and resumed the chair.*

***With no further business the meeting was closed by Mayor Ramien at 11:08 am***

*Minutes to be confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 23 July 2024*

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**CHAIRPERSON**

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**GENERAL MANAGER**