



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD

TUESDAY 24 JUNE 2014

AT

6.00 pm

**Council Chambers Civic Centre
Stuart Highway, Katherine**

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE KATHERINE CIVIC CENTRE TUESDAY 24 JUNE 2014 AT 6.05 PM

1. OPENING PRAYER

Mayor Fay Miller
Deputy Mayor Lis Clark
Alderman Steven Rose
Alderman Donald Higgins
Alderman Rob Phillips
Alderman Toni Tapp-Coutts
Alderman Peter Gazey

IN ATTENDANCE Mr David Laugher – Chief Executive Officer
Mrs Neroli Dickens – Deputy Chief Executive Officer/Director
Works & Services
Mrs Sophie Henderson – Community Services Executive
Manager

7 x members of the Katherine Community
2 x members of the Media

Mrs Heather Kirk – Minute Taker

Mayor Miller Welcomed Councillor Georgina McLeod from Vic Daly Regional Council.

3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Elected Members Leave of Absence
and Apologies

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Confirmation of Previous Minutes

MOVED: Phillips/Clark

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 27 May 2014 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED: 7/0

5. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Elected Member Disclosure of Interest and Declared Interest

Nil

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

7. MAYORAL BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Mayoral Business to be considered

- The Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove and Lady Cosgrove's visit last week was indeed a coup for Katherine. This was their first major regional tour since coming into office and the only location visited in the Northern Territory on their trip. Katherine Town Council, and especially myself, were privileged to host them as they visited various locations on their itinerary. These included Wurlu Wurlinjang, Kalano Aged Care, Kalano Vegetable Garden, Nitmiluk, Top Didj, Clontarf Academy at Katherine High School, Flinders Medical Centre, dinner at the Escarpment Restaurant, AFL Game and the Civic Reception at Godinymayin Yijards Rivers Arts and Culture Centre. There are many people to thank for ensuring the Governor-General and Lady Cosgrove had a memorable time in Katherine, but I especially want to thank the CEO David Laugher and Executive Support Officer Heather Kirk, Wing Commander Mark Larter RAAF Base Tindal and Commander Bruce Porter Northern Command for their efficient co-ordination of the 2 day visit.

I must include for the record the privilege that the Deputy CEO Neroli Dickens and I were afforded by the staff of the Governor-General's office with the offer of returning from Canberra to Tindal last Thursday on Airforce 1 with the Governor-General and Lady Cosgrove. It was indeed an experience that neither of us ever anticipated or expected, but one that I am sure neither of us will ever forget.

- Last Saturday night under the stars at the Katherine Museum grounds 9 couples were presented to the Member for Katherine The Hon Willem Westra van Holthe MLA, Mrs Jennie Westra van Holthe and myself at the Mayoral Debutante Ball for 2014.

The 9 couples have been practicing their dance movements for a couple of months under the guidance of Jo Jennings, Henry and Vicki Higgins, Sue Carson and Terry Ross who have willingly volunteered their time. I very much appreciate and thank them for their support and encouragement to the young people who were presented.

I also thank the CEO David Laugher, Deputy CEO Neroli Dickens and the staff who assisted in ensuring the grounds were prepared for the presentation ball. All in all the evening was a great success. Thank you to Alderman Higgins, Phillips, Rose and Gazey for helping with the clean up.

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS TO BE TABLED

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Correspondence and Documents Tabled

Nil

9. QUESTIONS

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Questions

9.1 With Notice

Nil

9.2 Without Notice

Nil

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

MOVED: Mayor/Rose

10.1 Fay Miller, Mayor of Katherine Town Council hereby gives notice of her intention to move a motion of rescission of a decision taken by Council in respect to Item 16.1 of the Confidential Agenda (Lease Negotiations Katherine Airport) held on 29 April 2014.

CARRIED: 7/0

10.2 LEASE NEGOTIATIONS – KATHERINE AIRPORT

File: Legal Documents/Lease/Airport – Subleases/Katherine Civil Airport Lease

MOVED: Phillips/Rose

That Council:

1. Rescind the decision of Council taken on 29 April 2014, and determine to participate in the review process with the Department of Transport before making a final determination on the future of the Katherine Airport.
2. Direct the CEO to advise the Department of Transport that the report must be presented back to Council within 4 months of this date, and that this report should not be a direct cost to Katherine Town Council.

CARRIED: 7/0

- The Mayor advised that information had been received from Clare Gardiner-Barnes which she read out. Copies of the email were circulated.
- Alderman Tapp-Coutts has no issues.
- Alderman Rose – good to see Council will get a financial outlook on the airport. Sorry it has taken this long. Would like to add to the motion a timeframe of 4 months so that it comes back to Council for a decision.
- CEO advised work hopes to be completed within 3 months.
- Alderman Phillips – no real issues.
- Alderman Higgins – has reserves over airport issue. The email received today is very bureaucratic.
- Deputy Mayor Clark agrees with Alderman Higgins. Cannot continue losing money with a facility that requires upgrading. Will be interested to find out what Department of Transport comes up with.
- Alderman Gazey agrees with Alderman Higgins comments. The email doesn't state who pays for work to be done.
- Mayor Miller advised that it may cost around \$30,000 and the Department have committed to do a business case study so Council can determine if the airport is viable to continue or not.
- CEO – understands caution of Aldermen. The email clearly states officers of Department will undertake the work. NT Government will undertake analysis. Liaising with Department of Defence on capital upgrade requirement. Already said they would do work and present it back to Council. There is a commitment by Department of Transport to carry out work so we can make an informed decision.
- Mayor Miller stated airport is making money, \$90,000 per year. Accumulation of this not enough to cover what needs to be done. It will be easier for us to determine how to progress once we see the business case study.
- Alderman Higgins – not against proposal or work but rather no clarity over costs. His reservations are purely to ensure Council does not foot the bill.
- Mayor Miller advised Clare Gardiner-Barnes knows where money is coming from. She will be happy when the facts are in front of us.
- CEO – advised there will be indirect cost – costs of running airport – consultancy staff resources of time.

11. REPORT OF OFFICERS

11.1 MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2014

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Chief Executive Officer Reports

MOVED: Clark/Phillips

That the report of the Chief Executive Officer for the month of May 2014 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7/0

- Alderman Higgins – VIC bookings gone up compared to last year while visitor numbers have not increased so much which means people are staying in town.
- Mayor Miller advised that direction has been given to VIC staff.
- Alderman Phillips – queried 5 animal attacks – page 9. Thinks publicity should be given from Council about these sort of animals. Mayor Miller asked what sort of animals were involved in the attacks.

- Deputy CEO took this on notice. Predominant issues are with dogs but by-laws allow us to infringe other animals which are a menace.
- Alderman Rose – queried meeting with Mario Boscani.
- Mayor Miller advised this was a courtesy call. He is happy with what is happening at Centro. The Mayor reminded him he was responsible for security at Centro. Covered car parking is not on their budget.

11.2 MONTHLY WORKS AND SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2014

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Works and Services Department Reports

MOVED: Phillips/Tapp-Coutts

That the report of the Works and Services Department for the month of May 2014 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7/0

- Alderman Gazey – page 17 – graph has no title – vandalising cost of sprinklers – can title be added.
- CEO advised that we had troubles formatting and printing because of the size of the document.
- Mayor Miller commented Ryan Park car park has been upgraded.

11.3 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – MAY 2014

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Finance Manager Reports

MOVED: Higgins/Tapp-Coutts

That Council endorse the Financial Report for the month of May 2014.

CARRIED: 7/0

- Alderman Rose – the cost of the Bi-Election - \$40,000 – reminder for future Alderman, they need to go the distance, otherwise Council has to spend money they could use on something else.

11.4 SUB-LEASE – SHELL COMPANY – KATHERINE CIVIL AIRPORT

File: Legal Documents / Lease / Airport – Subleases / Shell Australia

MOVED: Phillips/Tapp-Coutts

That Council:

Authorises the use of the Council Seal on the attached Deeds.

CARRIED: 7 /0

- CEO – Shell moved operations within company to separate division. Convolved process to shift around. Shell only operators at airport that have a sublease which require formal agreements which require use of seal.
- Deputy Mayor Clark – page 41 – clause 543 – if Council haven't decided which way they are going with airport can we make a decision on lease?
- CEO – Council simply agreeing for process to move forward for Shell to shift their arrangement from one section to another.

11.5 MINUTES OF THE KATHERINE SHOWGROUNDS NETWORK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – 10 APRIL 2014

File: Community Relations / Committees / Katherine Showgrounds Advisory Committee / 2014 Showgrounds Committee Meetings

MOVED: Tapp-Coutts /Clark

That it be recommended to Council:

That the Minutes of the Katherine Showgrounds Network Advisory Committee meeting held on 10 April 2014 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7/0

- Alderman Phillips – submitted minutes so everyone can see what is happening. Much depth is not given in Alderman reports.
- Deputy Mayor Clark – has another meeting been organised?
- Alderman Phillips advised that a meeting has just taken place. Only one plan has been received back. Struggling to get participation.

11.6 KATHERINE MUSEUM MINUTES – 9 APRIL AND 14 MAY 2014

File: Community Relations / Committees / Katherine Historical Society Committee

MOVED: Tapp-Coutts /Clark

That it be recommended to Council:

That the Minutes of the Katherine Museum Committee meeting held on 9 April and 14 May 2014 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7/0

11.7 SUBMISSIONS TO THE MUNICIPAL PLAN

File: Local Governance / Compliance / Municipal Plan

MOVED: Rose/Tapp-Coutts

That Council:

1. Receive the submissions to the Municipal Plan and Budget
2. Note the comments incorporated in these submissions
3. Note and endorse the change of address for the Auditor General
4. Determine not to make further changes to the Municipal Plan as proposed by the submitters.
5. Council will review the fees and charges policy during 2014/2015 financial year.

CARRIED: 7/0

- Alderman Gazey – page 79 second paragraph – underlined ‘entry fees’ would like clarification on this. CEO – this is related to a view that the Show Society were being treated as a commercial entity. Referred back to the definition of a commercial enterprise – taken from ATO – does not relate to what is known as a commercial enterprise – this confuses the issue. Question of whether or not entry fees are charged is irrelevant to definition.
- Alderman Phillips – finds it awkward to do anything as the Show Society and others are being treated as a sport similar to other sports. Other sports groups do not have a problem to pinpoint what they do and how they do it. Showgrounds – charging for things we own which he finds morally wrong. Believes it should be done as previous Councils ie a special fee – fair and equitable. Trying to fit in to all the systems is hard to understand. Alderman Phillips would like to reverse back to what has been done in the past. Council should realise that this is a not for profit organisation and support them.
- Alderman Higgins – spoke to Alderman Phillips – previous Council has also done this. It is becoming a user paid society so charges of some sort must be made. His question would be to the Show Society – 2 occasions they have been offered showgrounds to run as a business, they did not want to take up this lease agreement with Council.
- Alderman Tapp-Coutts – wants the recommendation to say that they hire the showgrounds for horse users as other user groups are charged. Would like this inserted into fees and charges.
- Alderman Rose – Show Society would prefer to have this before 1 July. Costs us over half a million dollars to maintain area. This is funded by ratepayers. Council do not receive any subsidies. Thinks \$3,000 is very small amount considering they have it for a month, this would not cover cost of watering and mowing lawn.
- Alderman Gazey – agrees with Alderman Rose re covering costs but costs being met by ratepayers. Additional costs should be recouped from users of facilities.
- Mayor Miller - not all the users live within Municipality.
- Alderman Tapp-Coutts – footballers pay even although not all of them live in town.
- Alderman Higgins – what do we currently charge for the campdraft event?
- CEO \$300 plus power.
- Alderman Higgins – everyone else has to pay camping fees.
- Ceo - \$1,600 received for camping at recent event.
- Alderman Higgins – did we offer set fee for them to recoup camping fees?
- CEO – yes but they rejected this.
- Alderman Higgins – asked Alderman Tapp-Coutts asked how she felt her offer would be any better since the campers would get free camping under the offer.
- Alderman Tapp-Coutts believes it was not equivalent.
- CEO – unpowered campers do not pay during the event.

- Deputy Mayor Clark – unpowered don't have to pay? Power is \$38/night. CEO agreed.
- The Mayor thinks that this discussion may have to be taken to a workshop. Asked CEO what implication on budget if we defer this decision.
- Deputy Mayor Clark thought they were paying per night.
- Alderman Phillips advised only competitors get free camping – not family or friends.
- Alderman Gazey – wants clarification on \$38 – this is for 2 adults. Cost will be the same no matter who charges - \$1,900.
- Alderman Phillips – Show Society was keen on Council running the grounds – discussed it last year. Were also interested for cost of running the area and are waiting on a cost for this.
- CEO – suggested concerns are in relation to \$3,000 hire charge for Show Society and a maximum \$2,000 for Stock Horse Group – max \$5,000 – will not change budget – raises broader issue – this will require reviews to fees and charges policy. Budget can be passed and workshop fees and charges policy framework later.
- Alderman Tapp-Coutts – no agreement had been made before so this is why she has made submission. If Council happy to review it and give it fair hearing, then this is fine.

11.8 MUNICIPAL PLAN 2014/2015

File: Local Governance / Compliance / Municipal Plan

MOVED: Clark/Gazey

That it be recommended:

1. Council adopts the Municipal Plan 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 including the 2014/2015 Budget, Revenue Policy, Long Term Financial Plan and Fees and Charges Structure subject to any changes endorsed in respect to the submissions and amendments determined above.
2. Council directs the Chief Executive Officer to make all necessary changes to the final document set (in accordance with the determinations made at this meeting) prior to publishing the final result on the Council website.

CARRIED: 7/0

- Deputy Mayor Clark – would like to change page 88 – phone number – 8972 2180. Page 112 – graph same as the page before. Library – page 127 – agreement expires on 30 June. Do we have another agreement?
- CEO advised negotiations are happening.
- Deputy Mayor – page 144 – is this the low level bridge. CEO advised this was the walking path. Page 123 – fees and charges estimates – why is there a drop from last year? Same for roads to recovery. CEO advised there was no increases and this is the reason. Why does waste management go up and down. CEO advised we had been forecasting a higher rate which was higher than actual. Columns show actuals and estimates. The Mayor commented that the VIC will not be as generous as what we would anticipate.
- Alderman Rose – page 184 – cash equivalent difference? CEO advised this reflects projected expenditure. Some of the cash equivalent will be used to ensure we stay in budget.
- Alderman Rose – duplicated page 159-160.
- CEO page 160 correction in typo which has been replaced but not come out.
- Alderman Phillips – page 167 – infringement parking – queried parking in parking bays? CEO advised that we will check the regulations.

- Alderman Phillips – policy on use of dog traps is same as cat traps – page 165 – are people who take dog traps not helping Council. Mayor advised that they do not return traps. Fee is for deposit and delivery.
- Alderman Tapp-Coutts – page 88 – email address is wrong should be a hyphen and not an underscore.
- Alderman Gazey – page 88 – not correct number – 8972 2601.
- Alderman Rose – why are the security screens necessary on the CEO house when there is already a high fence. Director Works & Services – replacement of inadequate screening – more protection of asset as well as safety of resident. Split systems are coming to end of their lifecycle.
- CEO advised there is no reference to airport currently. Appendices are headed, one excluding and one including airport as this changes the budget and long term financial plan. Wants to make sure everyone very clear everyone adopting Municipal Plan including airport and budget and financial statements relating to those inclusions.
- On pages 242-248 – points of clarification which have been reformatted. No changes have been made other than formatting to original document which went for public consultation.

11.9 DECLARATION OF RATES

File: Finance / Rates / Declarations

MOVED: Rose/Clark

That it be recommended:

That Council makes the following declaration in regard to Rates and Charges for 2014/15:

Local Government Act 2008

KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL DECLARATION OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR 2014/2015

Katherine Town Council (“Council”) makes the following declaration of rates pursuant to sections 155-157 of the *Local Government Act* (“Act”).

1. That pursuant to section 149 of the Act, Katherine Town Council (“Council”) adopts as the basis of the assessed value of allotments within the Municipality, the Unimproved Capital Value as it appears on the Valuation Roll prepared by the Valuer-General in accordance with the *Valuation of Land Act*.

The methodology used for Council's 2014/2015 rates are set each year with regard to a number of factors including the cost of providing services, proposed capital works and increases in service levels or other Council initiatives. Council also considers statistical indicators such as the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the Local Government Price Index. Council aims to keep the increase in rates to a minimum in order to lessen any impact on ratepayers, however, at the same time generate enough income to provide adequate levels of service and to achieve its objectives.

2. That pursuant to Section 155 of the Act, Council hereby declares:
 - a) the amount it intends to raise for general purposes by rates is \$4,743,008.

- b) those rates will be raised by application of the following differential valuation-based charges (“differential rates”) to the assessed value of the rateable land listed opposite to those rates, with the following differential minimum charges (“minimum [fixed] amounts”) payable in the application of the differential rates as follows:

DIFFERENTIAL RATES	ALLOTMENTS TO WHICH RATES APPLY AND MINIMUM [FIXED] AMOUNTS
0.000291%	of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising a Pastoral Lease as defined in the <i>Pastoral Land Act</i> , being Pastoral Lease nos 525, 735 & 801, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$359.65.
0.000001%	of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Binjari Community , with the minimum [fixed] amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$810.00 multiplied by the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land.
0.000001%	of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising RAAF Base Tindal , with the minimum [fixed] amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$810.00 multiplied by the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land.
NIL	Land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone Non Rateable (including Utilities) of the NT Planning Scheme, nil rates.
0.150143%	<p>of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone A (Agriculture) of the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$810.00 multiplied by:</p> <p>(a) the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or</p> <p>(b) the number 1;</p> <p>whichever is the greater.</p>

0.168218%	<p>of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone WM (Water Management) of the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$810.00 multiplied by:</p> <p>(a) the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or</p> <p>(b) the number 1;</p> <p>whichever is the greater.</p>
0.300366%	<p>of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone R (Rural) of the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$810.00 multiplied by:</p> <p>(a) the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or</p> <p>(b) the number 1;</p> <p>whichever is the greater.</p>
0.350378%	<p>of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone RL (Rural Living) of the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$810.00 multiplied by:</p> <p>(a) the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or</p> <p>(b) the number 1;</p> <p>whichever is the greater.</p>
1.646738%	<p>of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone CL (Community Living), SK2 (Specific Use), SK3 (Specific Use) or CP (Community Purposes) of the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$810.00 multiplied by:</p>

	<p>(a) the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or</p> <p>(b) the number 1;</p> <p>whichever is the greater.</p>
1.156138%	<p>of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone SD (Single Dwelling Residential), MD (Multiple Dwelling Residential), MR (Medium Density Residential) or SK1 (Specific Use) of the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$810.00 multiplied by:</p> <p>(a) the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or</p> <p>(b) the number 1;</p> <p>whichever is the greater.</p>
1.958907%	<p>of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone CV (Caravan Parks) or TC (Tourist Commercial) of the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$810.00 multiplied by:</p> <p>(a) the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or</p> <p>(b) the number 1;</p> <p>whichever is the greater.</p>
1.950434%	<p>of the assessed value of that part of the municipality comprising Zone CB1 (Central Business) as it relates to Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 58, 61, 64, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 270, 271, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 509, 512, 513, 514, 518, 1369, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 2017, 2577, 2918, 2921, 2951, 3046, 3047, 3133, 3134, 3158, 3166, 3167, 3174, 3175, 3208 and 3239 with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential</p>

	<p>rate being \$810.00 multiplied by:</p> <p>(a) the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or</p> <p>(b) the number 1;</p> <p>whichever is the greater.</p>
<p>2.378681%</p>	<p>of the assessed value of that part of the municipality comprising Zone CB2 (Central Business) as it relates to Lots 2016, 2017, 3114, 3115, 3116 and 3117 with the minimum payable in the application of that differential rate being \$810.00 multiplied by:</p> <p>(a) the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or</p> <p>(b) the number 1;</p> <p>whichever is the greater.</p>
<p>1.476299%</p>	<p>of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone C (Commercial) of the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$810.00 multiplied by:</p> <p>(a) the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or</p> <p>(b) the number 1;</p> <p>whichever is the greater.</p>
<p>3.438087%</p>	<p>of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone SC (Service Commercial) of the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$810.00 multiplied by:</p> <p>(a) the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or</p> <p>(b) the number 1;</p> <p>whichever is the greater.</p>

1.62055%	<p>of the assessed value of that part of the municipality comprising Zone CB3 (Central Business) as it relates to Lots 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 446, 447, 454, 519, 520, 521, 522, 529, 1342, 2419, 2517 and 2931, with the minimum payable in the application of that differential rate being \$810.00 multiplied by:</p> <p>(a) the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or</p> <p>(b) the number 1;</p> <p>whichever is the greater.</p>
1.18194%	<p>of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone LI (Light Industry) of the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$810.00 multiplied by:</p> <p>(a) the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or</p> <p>(b) the number 1;</p> <p>whichever is the greater.</p>
1.232452%	<p>of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone GI (General Industry) of the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$810.00 multiplied by:</p> <p>(a) the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or</p> <p>(b) the number 1;</p> <p>whichever is the greater.</p>
1.459052%	<p>of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone FD (Future</p>

	<p>Development) or RW (Railway) of the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$810.00 multiplied by:</p> <p>(a) the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or</p> <p>(b) the number 1;</p> <p>whichever is the greater.</p>
1.705768%	<p>of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone OR (Organised Recreation) of the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$810.00 multiplied by:</p> <p>(a) the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or</p> <p>(b) the number 1;</p> <p>whichever is the greater.</p>
0.150143%	<p>of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within the rest of Municipality (including the area not covered by the NT Planning Scheme), with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$810.00 multiplied by:</p> <p>(a) the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or</p> <p>(b) the number 1;</p> <p>whichever is the greater.</p>

3. Waste Management Charges

Council declares that the amount it intends to raise in respect of the waste management collection services it provides for the benefit of all residential land within the municipality and the occupiers of such land is \$910,639.

Pursuant to Section 157 of the Act Council declares the following charges in respect of the waste management service it provides for the benefit of all residential land within the municipality and the occupiers of such land.

For the purposes of interpretation of this paragraph 3:

“residential dwelling” means a dwelling house, flat or other substantially self-contained residential unit or building on residential land used or capable of being used for residential purposes and includes a unit within the meaning of the Unit Titles Act and the Unit Titles Schemes Act.

“residential land” means land used or capable of being used for residential purposes.

The following charges are declared:

- 3.1 A charge of \$262.00 per annum per residential dwelling in respect of the waste management service provided for the benefit of, or which Council is willing and able to provide for the benefit of, each residential dwelling within the municipality other than a residential dwelling as described in paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3 and the occupiers of such land.

The waste management service shall consist of:

- a) a roadside collection service of one garbage collection service per week with a maximum of one 240 litre mobile garbage bin per garbage collection visit; and
- b) unlimited access by the occupiers of residential land within the municipality to the Council’s Waste Management Facility (Dump) solely for the deposit of waste generated from such residential dwelling.

- 3.2 For each allotment of land within the Municipality, being residential land on which Council is advised in writing by the property owner and it is confirmed that there is no residential dwelling and to which Council is willing and able to provide a weekly roadside collection service and is not a commercial enterprise, a charge of \$92.00 per allotment of land in respect of the waste management service provided for the benefit of such residential land and the occupiers of such land.

The waste management service shall consist of unlimited access to Council’s Waste Management Facility (Dump) solely for the deposit of waste generated from such residential land.

- 3.3 For each allotment of land within the Municipality being residential land to which Council is either not willing or not able to provide a weekly roadside collection service and is not a business enterprise, a charge of \$92.00 per allotment of land in respect of the waste management service provided for the benefit of such residential land and the occupiers of such land.

The waste management service shall consist of unlimited access to Council’s Waste Management Facility (Dump) solely for the deposit of waste generated from such residential land.

4. Instalments

That pursuant to Section 161 of the Act the Council determines that rates and charges shall, for the financial year ending 30 June 2015, be due and payable by four approximately equal instalments on 30/09/14, 30/11/14, 31/01/15, 31/03/15 and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 11 of the Act.

5. Interest on unpaid rates

That pursuant to Section 162 of the Act, if rates and charges are not paid by the due date, interest accrues on the amount of the outstanding instalment on a daily basis from the date on which the missed instalment is due and payable, until the date payment is made in full, and the amount of the instalment together with any interest shall be rounded to the nearest dollar.

That pursuant to Section 162(3) of the Act, Council determines that the relevant interest rate is fixed at 17.00% per annum.

6. Recovery of Outstanding Rates and Charges

A ratepayer who fails to pay rates and charges on the due date for payment may be sued for recovery of the principal amount of the rates and charges, interest accrued on late payment and costs reasonably incurred by Council in recovering or attempting to recover the rates and charges. Under Division 4 of the Act, Council has the power to sell a ratepayer's property in order to recover outstanding rates.

7. Prompt Payment Draw

That pursuant to section 160 of the Act, Council determines that the benefit to be given for the prompt payment of rates and charges to encourage the early payment for the financial year ending 30 June 2015 shall be the conduct of an Early Bird Draw whereby Council shall refund to the ratepayer selected from the draw the amount of \$500.00, subject to the following conditions:

- a) That the total amount of all rates and charges levied for the financial year ending 30 June 2015 in respect of any parcel of rateable land together with arrears (if any) be paid in full on or before 30 September 2014.
- b) Government agencies, Council Elected Members and employees are excluded from the draw.

The winning ratepayer shall be notified by post.

CARRIED: 7/0

- Alderman Higgins – queried page 249 – unimproved capital value – increase of 4.5% total rate revenue – does this mean on last year.
- The CEO advised that this should read that the minimum rate revenue has increased by 4.5%. An amendment needs to be made.

12. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

File: Community Relations / Committees / Elected Member Representatives on Committees

The following meetings/activities were attended by the Elected Members:

Alderman Peter Gazey

Elected Members Workshops
Council Meeting
Special Council Meeting
Don't Frack Katherine Meeting

Alderman Steven Rose

Elected Members Workshops
Council Meeting
Development Consent Authority Meeting
Chamber of Commerce Meeting
Special Council Meeting
Joint Select Committee on Northern Australia
Budget Briefing

Alderman Toni Tapp-Coutts

Elected Members Workshops
Museum Meeting
Special Council Meeting

Alderman Rob Phillips

Elected Members Workshops
Council Meeting
Special Council Meeting
Katherine Historical Society Meeting

Alderman Donald Higgins

Elected Members Workshops
Council Meeting
Museum Dinner
Don't Frack Katherine Meeting
Special Council Meeting
Debutante Ball Training

Deputy Mayor Lis Clark

Elected Members Workshops
Council Meeting
YMCA Meetings – now resigned – don't require a Council representative
Don't Frack Katherine Meeting
Museum Auction Dinner
Centre of Excellence for recognition of Dr McConnel
Special Council meeting
Katherine Regional Mining and Exploration Conference

13. LATE AGENDA

Nil

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Alderman Higgins – Debutante Ball was fantastic – great night and weather was perfect.
- Alderman Tapp-Coutts advised that the junk festival was amazing with many entrants. They are not on exhibition.
- Alderman Rose thanked Council staff re hard work put into budget – one of the most important things Council do throughout the year. Looks forward to starting process again next month.
- Deputy Mayor Clark thanked the staff for all the hard work for the Governor-General’s visit.
- The Mayor thanked the staff for the extra work for the Debutante Ball and also the Governor-General’s visit, as a lot of work was done behind the scenes.
- The CEO advised that James Rowe finishes his employment with Council on Friday. In the process of recruiting for the position. Sophie Henderson will act in this role meantime. The Community Engagement Officer will commence around the second week of July.
- Mayor Miller thanked Annie Hesse from Katherine Times – all the very best in her new venture. Thanked her for her support and patience and the reporting she has done for KTC. Welcomed new Katherine Times staff member, Lyndon Keane.

15. PETITIONS

Nil

16. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

17. MEETING CLOSED

The meeting was closed at 7.41pm.

Fay Miller
MAYOR OF KATHERINE