



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD

TUESDAY 28 AUGUST 2012

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 28 AUGUST 2012 AT 6.00 PM**

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PRESENT

Mayor Fay Miller
Alderman Lis Clark
Alderman Kate Ganley
Alderman Steven Rose
Alderman Rob Phillips
Alderman Donald Higgins
Alderman Adrian Creighton

IN ATTENDANCE Mr David Laugher – Chief Executive Officer
 Mr Warwick Jack – Works Manager
 Mrs Sophie Henderson – Administration Manager
 Mrs Alice Anastacio – Finance Manager
 3 x Members of the Katherine Community

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: Clark / Rose

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 24 July 2012 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

That the Confidential Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 24 July 2012 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

- Northern Territory Legislative Assembly Election – Change of Government – Ensure Katherine Town Council Strategic Plan in place – will make arrangements to discuss strategic plan with new Minister for Local Government

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

Nil

REPORT OF OFFICERS

11.1 MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2012

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

MOVED: Higgins / Clark

That the report of the Chief Executive Officer for the month of July 2012 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

11.2 MONTHLY REPORT OF THE WORKS MANAGER FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2012

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Works Manager Reports

MOVED: Higgins / Creighton

That the report of the Works Manager for the month of July 2012 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

11.3 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT – JULY 2012

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Finance Manager Reports

MOVED: Higgins / Clark

That the Finance Report for the month of July 2012 prepared by the Finance Manager be received and adopted.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

11.4 MINUTES OF ART AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26 JULY 2012

File: Community Relations / Committees / Art and Cultural Committee / 2012

MOVED: Clark / Rose

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26 July 2012 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

11.5 DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE PROPERTY

File: Property Management / Disposal / Asset Disposal & Auctions

MOVED: Phillips / Creighton

That the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to dispose of the obsolete items as listed above.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

11.6 PASTORAL LEASES – CONDITIONALLY RATEABLE LAND 2012/13

File: Finance / Rates / Declarations

MOVED: Higgins / Rose

That it be recommended to Council:

That Council approve the amended rating of pastoral leases in 2012/13 as per the Minister's above recommendation.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

Alderman Higgins commented that his understanding of what Council budgeted for. The Chief Executive Officer advised that within the municipality there are only three (3) pastoral leases and in order to vary the arrangement Council would need to argue with the Minister for Local Government. Effect on Council's budget will be minimal.

11.7 MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE DIRECTOR – KATHERINE REGIONAL CULTURAL PRECINCT LTD

File: Community Relations / Committees / Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Art and Cultural Centre – Katherine Regional Cultural Precinct Limited

MOVED: Clark / Higgins

That Council:

1. Determines to appoint the Chief Executive Officer as its Member Representative Director to the Board of Katherine Regional Cultural Precinct Ltd.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

Alderman Ganley requested advice on the perceived conflict of interest and Council's funding to the Centre. The Chief Executive Officer advised how the real and perceived conflict of interest would reflect on Council's business and having an independent member on the committee and Council's best interest would cause conflict. The Mayor noted that as a company she would be required to be registered director and is not comfortable with this process and this therefore could cause a direct conflict of interest.

11.8 RENEWAL OF FUNDING AGREEMENT – VISITOR INFORMATION SERVICES

File: Finance / Grant Funding / Visitor Information Centre Operational Funding

MOVED: Higgins / Creighton

That Council:

1. Determines to approve the use of the Council seal and accept the funding agreement for Visitor Information Services for 2012-2013.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

The Mayor commented on the lack of change to this agreement. Alderman Higgins noted that no change or CPI increase has been added. Alderman Higgins asked what the possible consequences would be if Council did not confirm this agreement. The Chief Executive Officer advised that he is attempting to sit down with NT Tourism to discuss this agreement and future agreements.

11.9 LGANT EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

File: Government Relations / Legislation / Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Constitution

MOVED: Phillips / Higgins

That Council:

1. Determines a preferred voting hierarchy for:
 - a. President -
 - b. Vice President -
 - c. Vice President Shires -
 - d. Executive Members Shires (number to be elected will depend on the President and Vice President Shires); and -
 - e. Executive Members Municipal (number to be elected will depend on the President and Vice President Municipals) -

CARRIED:

MOVED: Rose / Clark

That the Mayor has the approval to decide on the representatives as she sees fit.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

11.10 COMMUNITY GRANTS – ACCEPTANCE OF SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS

File: Finance / Grant Funding / KTC Community Grants 2012

MOVED: Phillips / Rose

That it be recommended to Council:

1. That Council approve the awarding of the following grants as per the recommendations of the Community Grants Assessment Committee Minutes of Tuesday the 14 August 2012.

Community Group (Up to \$2,000)

Organization	Project	Amount
AFL Big Rivers Football League	All Ages Football Competition	\$2,000.00
Historical Society of Katherine	Concrete Seating for Gardens	\$2,000.00
Katherine Amateur Swimming Club	Shade Structure	\$2,000.00
Katherine Regional Arts (For Sue Jones)	Christmas Carols	\$2,000.00
St Joseph Parish Council	Mural Artwork Activity	\$2,000.00
St Paul's Anglican Church	Data Projector	\$2,000.00
	TOTAL	\$12,000.00

Major Event (Maximum \$5,000)

Organization	Event	Amount
Katherine & District Show Society	Katherine Show 2013	\$5,000.00
Historical society of Katherine	Reprint of Dr Clyde Fenton Book	\$5,000.00
Katherine Regional Arts	Katherine Fringe Festival 2013	\$5,000.00
	TOTAL	\$15,000.00

2. That Council consider the recommended changes to the Grant Guidelines for 2013/2014.

MOVED: 7 / 0

Alderman Higgins would like to see the Show Society ensure that Katherine Town Council's sponsorship of the Katherine Show be noted.

Alderman Rose would like to make one change in the Minutes to note a change of wording from will to may. The Chief Executive Officer advised that further discussion will need to take place in relation to the committee's recommendations.

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 Kate Ganley

Elected Member Workshop
Ordinary Council Meeting
Opening of Godinymayin Arts & Cultural Centre
Katherine Regional Arts Meeting

Alderman Steven Rose

Elected Member Workshop
Ordinary Council Meeting
Chamber of Commerce Meeting
Honourable Warren Snowden
Opening of Godinymayin Arts & Cultural Centre

Alderman Adrian Creighton

Elected Member Workshops
Ordinary Council Meeting
Katherine & District Show

Alderman Rob Phillips

Elected Member Workshops
Ordinary Council Meeting
Katherine & District Show

Alderman Donald (Henry) Higgins

Elected Member Workshops
Ordinary Council Meeting
Opening of Godinymayin Arts & Cultural Centre
Katherine Show – MC Main Ring Events
Katherine Town Council – Elected Member Staff at Community Markets

Alderman Lis Clark

Elected Member Workshops
Ordinary Council Meeting
YMCA Committee Meetings
Art & Cultural Committee Meeting

13. LATE AGENDA

13.1 TENDER 12/09 – SUPPLY AND CONSTRUCTION OF A STEEL FRAME BUILDING AT LOT 2922, KATHERINE MUSEUM

File: Tenders / Works / Katherine Museum

MOVED: Ganley / Higgins

That it be recommended to Council:

That AJL Holdings Pty Ltd be awarded Tender 12/09 *Supply and Construction of a Steel Frame Building at Lot 2922, Katherine Museum* at their submitted tender price of \$205,272.73 GST exclusive; which is Component One of the Museum Building Project – Stage One – Clyde Fenton Gypsy Moth Aircraft.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

13.2 TENDER 12/10 – SUPPLY AND CONSTRUCTION OF A CONCRETE FLOOR SLAB AND ASSOCIATED WORKS AT LOT 2922, KATHERINE MUSEUM

File: Tenders / Works / Katherine Museum

MOVED: Creighton / Clark

That it be recommended to Council:

That Katherine Plastering and Tiling be awarded Tender 12/10 *Supply and Construction of a Concrete Floor Slab and Associated Works at Lot 2922, Katherine Museum* at their submitted tender price of \$94,127.27 GST exclusive; which is Component Two of the Museum Building Project – Stage One – Clyde Fenton Gypsy Moth Aircraft.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

13.3 REVIEW OF DELEGATIONS - CEO

File: **Property Management / Disposal / Asset Disposal and Auctions**

MOVED: Higgins / Phillips

That Council:

1. Amends its delegations to the Chief Executive Officer to include authority to determine an appropriate commercial “reserve” price on disposal items up to a value of \$100,000.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

**13.4 TENDER 12/12 – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) 4WD AIR
CONDITIONED TRACTOR**

File: Tenders / Works / Plant & Machinery

MOVED: Ganley / Higgins

That it be recommended to Council:

1. That the submitted price by Carmac Pty Ltd T/As Top End Ag of \$50,467.32 GST exclusive for Tender 12/12 be accepted.
2. That the John Deer Tractor is sold by public tender and a reserved price set by the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED: 7 / 0

The Chief Executive Officer noted the reasoning of the above and the changes to the Chief Executive Officer delegations this enables it to come forward as an open agenda item. Therefore, the Confidential Item Listed as Item 16 can be deleted.

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

Alderman Clark expressed her thanks to Alderman Ganley and Higgins on their support and assistance at the Main Event at the Katherine Festival. Alderman Clark also commented on the lessening of rubbish within the river corridor after the introduction of the "Cash for Containers".

Alderman Rose noted his discussion and work relating to the road to Douglas Daly Region is coming along well.

The Mayor thanked outgoing staff member, Dallas Panoho on all her hard work over the previous eight years and to also write expressing Council's thanks and well wishes. The Mayor also thanked Eva Vosta on her assistance in helping with the Main Event at the Katherine Festival. The Mayor thanked all of the Elected Members on their participation and assistance at the Katherine Festival.

15. PETITIONS

Nil

16. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

17. MEETING CLOSED

The meeting was closed at 6.52pm.