

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, 7 August 2012

Held at Swan Hill Region
Information Centre
Commenced at 1:00 PM

COUNCIL:

Cr JN Katis – Mayor

Cr GW Norton

Cr YA Jennings

Cr LT McPhee

Cr JD Quayle

Cr WT Croft

Cr GI Cruickshank

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SECTION A – PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- **Open**

The Mayor, Councillor John Katis assumed the Chair and declared the meeting open at 1pm

- **Acknowledgement to Country**

The Mayor, Councillor John Katis read the Acknowledgement to Country

- **Prayer**

The Chief Executive Officer, Dennis Hovenden read the prayer

- **Apologies**

Councillor David Quayle
Councillor Yvonne Jennings
Councillor Gary Norton

74/12 Resolved

MOVED Councillor Cruickshank

That the apologies be accepted.

SECONDED Councillor Croft

The Motion was put and CARRIED

- **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

Nil

Confirmed 21 August 2012.....Chairperson.....

SECTION B – REPORTS

B.12.99 RECEIVE AND HEAR SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT 2012/13 ANNUAL BUDGET AND STRATEGIC RESOURCE PLAN 2012-13 TO 2016-17

Source: Procedural
Department: Corporate Services
File Number: 42-09-67

Summary

The purpose of this item is to enable Council to formally receive and hear submissions to the Draft 2012/13 Budget.

Council Plan Strategy Addressed

Responsible management of resources - Council will continually improve the management of its finances, assets, systems and technology to achieve and maintain Best Value in its operations

Recommendations

It is recommended that Council:

- 1. Enable any submitters to speak to their submission.**
- 2. Receive the submissions to the Draft 2012/13 Budget.**

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial and Resource Implications

Nil

Triple Bottom Line Impact

Nil

Background

Council advertised for submissions to its Draft 2012/13 Budget in the Swan Hill Guardian on Friday 6 July 2012 and the Robinvale Sentinel on Thursday 12 July 2012.

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The Statutory period for making submissions has now passed. As required under the Local Government Act Council is now in a position to formally receive any submissions and allow submitters to speak to any issues they have raised.

A meeting to consider the issues raised in the submissions and to adopt the Budget is scheduled for 1pm, Tuesday 14 August 2012.

Issues

Council can consider any issues raised in the submissions at the meeting scheduled for 14 August 2012.

Consultation

The submission process as a key element of the consultation process for the Budget.

Options

Nil

Conclusion

As part of the Local Government Act Council needs to receive and hear submissions to the Draft 2012/13 Budget.

Attachments

1 Submissions

The Chief Executive Officer, Dennis Hovenden noted that the submitter who requested to speak to their submission was unable to make the meeting and that they would be an apology.

Director Corporate Services, David Lenton also noted that although the submitter was not there to speak to the submission, questions in all submissions would be considered and answered in a report in next weeks Special Council Meeting including a response to this submission.

75/12 Resolved

MOVED Councillor Cruickshank

That Council:

- 1. Enable any submitters to speak to their submission.**
- 2. Receive the submissions to the Draft 2012/13 Budget.**

SECONDED Councillor Croft

The Motion was put and CARRIED

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 1.05pm.

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Dennis Hovenden
Chief Executive Officer
Swan Hill Rural City Council
45 Splatt Street
SWAN HILL VIC 3585

Dear Sir,

RE: NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF BUDGET FOR THE 2012/13 YEAR.

In terms of appendix A-Statutory disclosures in your preparation of budget for the 2012/13 financial I wish to make a submission for works to be completed in Swan Hill.

Gutters in Gummow Street on the southern end are urgently in need of repair. The gutter in front of [redacted] is broken and tilted up in the air which stops water flow which sees the water sit banked up and onto the road where it remains in a large puddle for weeks and months. It is not possible for a car to park here and the road will soon crumble from the constant water.

I have approached the council last year and was advised it was not included in the current budget.

I would be happy for you to come and view the position in person.

Please include these works in this year's budget.

Yours Faithfully

Swan Hill 3585

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Mr Dennis Hovenden S.H.R.C.C P.o Box 488 Swan Hill Vic 3585
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S.H.R.C.C 2012-2013 ANNUAL BUDGET

Dear Dennis

I am not satisfied with some your replies to my questions regarding Councils 2012-2013 budget and would like to make additional submissions.

Page 28, Organisational support, I am confused as to what exactly this item relates to?

Page 64, shows \$112,000 to be spent under Major Projects for Waste Management – “Operational daily cover” Why is Council paying twice to excavate earth at the Swan Hill Landfill?

Page 13 under Non-Current Liabilities, “Provisions” shows a 2011-2012 anticipated actual of \$1,471,000, what are the amounts attributed to each item within this section and why it was so far over budget?

Waste Management charges, the budget shows income of \$2,476,000 and expenses of \$2,064,000. The remaining \$412,000 is in excess to all other Waste expenses, why don't Council reduce the cost of this service?

Page 64, shows \$25,000 to be spent at the Robinvale Landfill on service roads and stormwater, Council has just spent \$150,000 at the site on these items, why is more money being spent especially as very few members of the public use the facility? This money would be better spent on the unsealed parking areas at the Robinvale Leisure Centre.

It is misleading of Council to claim that it is providing on going savings to the community through its renegotiated Waste Management contracts of 2010-2011, when the major factor for the reduction in the cost of the contracts was due to the (Former Swan Hill Recycling Centre) being downgraded to a transfer facility? A change which the previous contractor made and Council was not involved in.

I would request that I be able to speak to my submission at the special Council Meeting.
