

Shire of Perenjori

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

held in the Shire of Perenjori Council Chambers, Fowler Street, Perenjori on
Thursday 20th SEPTEMBER 2007, to commence at 1.30PM.

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7091 PRELIMINARIES

7091.1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Cr Baxter declared the meeting open at 1.33pm and welcomed Marg Hemsley and Peter Hoare from LGIS who were going to address Council.

7091.2 OPENING PRAYER

Cr Baxter led Council in the opening prayer.

7091.3 DISCLAIMER READING

Nil

7091.4 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

President: Cr Baxter

Deputy President Cr King

Cr Cunningham

Cr Butler

Cr Reid

Cr Benton

Cr Hirsch

Cr Bensdorp

CEO S Scott

Deputy CEO D Orlando

Works Supervisor K Markham

Minute Taker D Peaker

Observer J Wood

7091.5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

The success of LGIS is a testament to the value of Local Governments working together. Not only is LGIS cheaper than alternatives, but profits are ultimately returned to member councils.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:

That Council consider a presentation by Peter Hoare and Margaret Hemsley from LGIS.

Peter Hoare and Marg Hemsley addressed Council and presented a chq for \$5500 which is a dividend to members from the collective self insurance arrangements.

Cr Baxter thanked Mr Hoare and Ms Hemsley for their presentation to Council.

Mr Hoare and Ms Hemsley left the Chambers at 2.07pm

Moved: Cr Hirsch

Seconded: Cr Cunningham

That Council resume standing orders.

CARRIED 8/0

7091.7 NOTATIONS OF INTEREST

Financial Interest – Local Government Act s 5.60A

Proximity Interest – Local Government Act s 5.60B

Interest Affecting Impartiality – Shire of Perenjori Code of Conduct.

7091.8 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved: Cr Reid

Seconded: Cr Bensdorp

That Cr West be granted a leave of absence for September meeting of Council.

CARRIED 8/0

7091.9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Cr Benton

Seconded: Cr Bensdorp

That the minutes of Council meeting held 16th August with a correction to the vote count on item 7087.9 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED 8/0

7091.10 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

7091.11 MATTERS FOR WHICH MEETING MAY GO BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil

7092 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT**7092.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

APPLICANT:	SHIRE OF PERENJORI
FILE:	0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	0
AUTHOR:	PHIL CLEAVER - EDO _____
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PHIL CLEAVER - EDO _____
REPORT DATE:	12 September 2007
ATTACHMENTS	Fuel supplies x Perenjori

Executive Summary:

A Report on Economic Development Projects.

Applicants Submission:

Detailed below are progress reports on current and prospective projects:

- Negotiations with Mobile Gull –Fuel Distributors WA.
- Potential local land development project with commercial partners.

Gull Australia Limited

Cr King declared an interest in this item and left the chambers at 2.13pm

Moved: Cr Hirsch Seconded: Cr Benton

That Cr King be allowed to re-enter the Chambers to be involved in discussion without a vote.

CARRIED 7/0

Cr King re-entered Chambers at 2.15pm

As the Shire is aware protracted negotiations have been taking place with Mobile Australia and Gull Petroleum. Result is appended at end of report showing best costs available after enquiring with all other suppliers. Fuel Distributors of WA Pty. Limited. (FDOWA)

Have committed to sight inspection in October to identify potential site for the mid west fuel farm to be located at Perenjori of substantial storage capacity

The EDO and board of Gull and FDOWA have met and had ongoing discussions for some time. Commercial and viable opportunities appear to exist for the mutual benefit of the Community its businesses and mining companies.

Significant stocks held in town also allow ADF to sign off on other matters relating to the shire discussed in previous meetings.

Other benefit of a relationship with Gull is its stated position and existing marketing of Bio Diesel in Australia and soon E10-E20 at Petrol pumps Gull has indicated that when Ethanol production from Wheat waste is proven and flowing from the Shire they would be very receptive to long term supply contracts and bring to the table existing infrastructure and maturing systems management as well as an existing distribution chain.

Cost comparisons:

Competitive quotes and tenders were canvassed from existing and said to be interested suppliers. It must be said that now that Reliance a Qld owned and operated company that has acquired the portfolio of Sovereign showed not only disinterest but a cavalier attitude towards the region. This may be a result of Eastern states perception. However, there is believed to be at a sales level in Geraldton some local awareness of matters in Perenjori.

Interesting that another company without such knowledge has not only been supportive but vigorous and most forthright in all dealings.

Recommendation:

- 1 That the shire forthwith changes its account and orders its fuel from this entity. Thus saving costs on normal fuel matters .**
- 2 Shire empowers EDO to continue negotiations under the oversight of the CEO with a view to Joint venture on Fuel farm**
- 3 EDO makes mining companies and community aware via Bush Telegraph and direct contact. Advise mining companies of above arrange liaison between gull marketing and end users to enable sound commercial decisions and cost mitigation to a community under cash flow distress due to drought conditions.**

Moved: Cr Baxter

Seconded: Cr Reid

That a representative from Gull be invited to the October meeting of Council to discuss their proposal.

CARRIED 8/0

Moved: Cr Baxter

Seconded: Cr Bendsdorp

That a meeting of the Economic Development Committee be held before the October meeting of Council.

CARRIED 8/0

Building

Recent visit by UWA and subsequent discussions between CEO, UWA and others. CEO to amplify results and recommendations at meeting of Shire.

Moved: Cr Bensdorp

Seconded: Cr Hirsch

That as soon as a date is set for when the Uni students come to Perenjori it be advertised within the community so they can attend their presentations.

CARRIED 8/0

AgricultureYulex

The “rubber trees” it appears have survived and Yulex is expected to visit and test in mid October . Yulex have stated that ours is one of only 2 survivors out of the ten trial sites in the Commonwealth. Mr Lakeman is to be commended for his commitment to the community and leading the way with his cheque book and efforts to the tune of not less than \$15000.00 in these difficult times in order to have as he says a plan B for the Shire in agriculture. Perhaps a letter or note of appreciation would be in order and is the EDO recommendation – Council may discuss the method wording in a less formal manner after the meeting.

EDO and Yulex have worked on various feasibility scenarios and Yulex have commented verbally and to a degree in writing that if tests go as well as the planting trials on the latex output then Perenjori shall receive funding for a production plant after an additional 4000 acres is planted and grows for 3 years output is then shipped to Asia for end product production and blending.

Yulex now agree that it makes even more sense to have a production nursery located here to supply the initial 4000 acres and any additional acreages deemed appropriate in the rest of the state. Senior Yulex executives from USA will address the Shire on this and other matters the EDO is informed.

Dry Season Matters

The EDO was approached by a senior departmental executive in response to an email criticising specific issues in response to efforts mitigating drought conditions in this area.

Also as follow up on fodder stocks and low interest loans or a better way to expend state funds on tackling drought.

After some rather candid land forthright discussions. It is suggested that various departments

Hire the EDO of the Shire (as a secondment and shire receives income). This will only be facilitated after Shire and EDO prepare wide ranging plans and solutions with recommendations for submission to the Ministers involved (it is multi jurisdictional and covers several portfolios state & fed) In effect is a defacto department of productivity.

It is said that if looks like worthy of further work then funds will be found to “second edo”

And task force formed and receive data from various areas. Similar to manner NAAC & Yarra Yarra are seen to be based at Perenjori. Although human and other assets extend from Kunnanurra to Esperance via Baron Hay Court & Adelaide Terrace.

Most of this effort is driven outside paid work hours.

New Web Site

Training has been completed and staff are now aware of the power and cost savings afforded by the adoption of the EDO's research and Council endorsement of the various options.

From the options presented Council selected Joomla.

The Deputy CEO has received training and is perhaps best equipped to give her impressions of what was undertaken.

It should be noted that a VAST amount of time of the admin staff is paper driven and cost of printing, postage etc can now be substantially reduced.

The new web site test is up and running staff have been trained and allocated admin password access etc. Thus it is said we can go live as of today.

The cost of these powerful modules was at NO cost to the shire. Open source and cross platform.

The trainer also is the same person who set up same system for local govt in the Netherlands and Germany thus the Shire is now positioned to assist other Shires with state of the art facilities as a regional partner. There is much benefit in this yet to be realised as the learning curve flattens out

Background:

The EDO commenced a full time two year contract on 30 August 2006.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995 S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

Policy Implications: Nil

Financial Implications: Nil

Strategic Implications:

The fundamental premise of the EDO activity is diversification of the economic base of Perenjori through complementary activity that will reduce our reliance on agriculture and mining.

Consultation:

The EDO maintains contact with a wide range of potential stakeholders, investors or funding organisations.

Comment:

The EDO and CEO have developed a matrix of projects that have been identified and have now proven benefit. Further potential for development exists. Given the savings

generated and benefit to the operational costs of the shire the Edo cell has so far been almost cost neutral heading towards a profit centre

The EDO has worked on a community awareness program. This will help inform local residents as well as provide a promotional tool for external stakeholders and potential project partners. This will include a hard copy and on line newsletter as well as a revamp of the Shire website using expertise from UWA.

This has been achieved within budget and timeframe

The approach to economic development is focussed on developing opportunities that will:

- Diversify the local economy through attracting new industries or emerging technologies;
- Add value to existing agricultural industry through diversification or downstream processing
- Take advantage of existing intellectual capital within the district
- Encourage partnerships with external bodies and agencies
- Overcome barriers to growth such as lack of available land or housing;

Within the scope of these activities we will also:

- Seek funding opportunities to offset the costs and/or widen the scope of economic development activities
- Keep Council and the community informed of economic development activities;
- Seek Council endorsement of any activity that requires a long term commitment from the shire, or involves commitment of funds outside the existing budget.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:

That Council notes the Economic Development Report.

Moved: Cr Butler

Seconded: Cr Reid

That the Economic Report be noted.

Mr P Cleaver left the chambers at 2.45pm

7093 FINANCE

7093.1 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

APPLICANT: Deputy Ceo
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: Domenica Orlando
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Domenica Orlando
REPORT DATE: 13th September 2007
ATTACHMENTS: Monthly Statement of Financial Activity Reports

Executive Summary:

As required by the Local Government Act and Financial Management Regulations a Monthly Statement of Financial Activity is required to be presented to each monthly meeting. This statement is used with Councils adopted 10% variance or \$5000 figure which was adopted by Council at its March meeting. A report detailing the variances is also included.

Other Financial statements are also attached as per the Finance Committee preferences.

Statutory Environment: N/A
Policy Implications: N/A
Financial Implications: N/A
Strategic Implications: N/A
Consultation: N/A

UHF Haines Norton

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:

1. Statement of Financial Activity

That the Statement of Financial Activity for the period ended 31st August 2007 including report on variances be accepted as presented.

Moved: Cr Bendsorp Seconded: Cr Hirsch

That the Statement of Financial Activity for the period ended 31st August 2007 including report on variances be accepted as presented.

Carried 3/0

2. Finance Report

That the Finance Report for the period ended 31st August 2007 be accepted as presented.

Moved: Cr Hirsch

Seconded: Cr Bendsdorp

That the Finance Report for the period ended 31st August 2007 be accepted as presented.

Carried 3/0

3. Acquisition of Assets

That the Acquisition of Assets Report for the period ended 31st August 2007 with a balance of \$127263.66 as presented be received.

Moved: Cr Bendsdorp

Seconded: Cr Hirsch

That the Acquisition of Assets Report for the period ended 31st August 2007 with a balance of \$127263.66 as presented be received.

Carried 3/0

4. Reserves Report

That the Reserves Report for the period ended 31st August 2007 with a balance of \$1092242.00 as presented be received.

Moved: Cr Hirsch

Seconded: Cr Bendsdorp

That the Reserves Report for the period ended 31st August 2007 with a balance of \$1092242.00 as presented be received.

Carried 3/0

5. Net Current Assets

That the Net Current Assets report for the period ended 31st August 2007 as presented be received.

Moved: Cr Bendsdorp

Seconded: Cr Hirsch

That the Net Current Assets report for the period ended 31st August 2007 as presented be received.

Carried 3/0

6. Bank Reconciliation's

That the balances of the Municipal Fund of \$241662.99, the Term Deposit of \$74104.53 and the Trust Fund of \$96647.81 as at 31st August 2007 as presented be received.

Moved: Cr Hirsch

Seconded: Cr Bendsdorp

That the balances of the Municipal Fund of \$241662.99, the Term Deposit of \$74104.53 and the Trust Fund of \$96647.81 as at 31st August 2007 as presented be received.

Carried 3/0

7. Sundry Creditors Report

That the Sundry Creditors Report for the period ended 31st August 2007 with a balance of \$29616.61 as presented be received.

Moved: Cr Bendsdorp

Seconded: Cr Hirsch

That the Sundry Creditors Report for the period ended 31st August 2007 with a balance of \$29616.61 as presented be received.

Carried 3/0

8. Sundry Debtors Report

That the Sundry Debtors Report for the period ended 31st August 2007 with a balance of \$_____ as presented be received.

Moved: Cr Bendsdorp

Seconded: Cr Hirsch

That the Sundry Debtors Report for the period ended 31st August 2007 with a balance of \$26642.52 as presented be received.

Carried 3/0

9. Accounts for Payment

That the Accounts for payment for the Municipal Account consisting of Cheque Numbers 15865 to 15939 and EFT Numbers 156 to 175 for \$412244.29 and the Trust Account consisting of EFT number 13038817 and for \$100.00 for the period ended 31st August 2007 as presented be accepted.

Moved: Cr Hirsch

Seconded: Cr Bendsdorp

That the Accounts for payment for the Municipal Account consisting of Cheque Numbers 15865 to 15939 and EFT Numbers 156 to 175 for \$412244.29 and the Trust Account consisting of EFT number 13038817 and for \$100.00 for the period ended 31st August 2007 as presented be accepted.

Carried 3/0

10. Rates Outstanding

That the Rates Outstanding Report for the period ended 31st August 2007 with an outstanding balance of \$1419254.15 as presented be received.

Moved: Cr Bendsdorp

Seconded: Cr Hirsch

That the Rates Outstanding Report for the period ended 31st August 2007 with an outstanding balance of \$1419254.15 as presented be received.

Carried 3/0

Moved: Cr Hirsch**Seconded: Cr Butler**

That Items 1-10 relating to the Statement of Financial Activity for period ended 31st August 2007 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED 8/0

7094 HEALTH BUILDING & PLANNING

7094.1 SEPTEMBER 2007 - INFORMATION BULLETIN

1. RECYCLED OIL COLLECTION

Council has recycled oil depositories at Perenjori and Latham. They were installed as a government initiative to recycle local used oil free of charge.

Due to recent used oil storage and collection problems Wren Oil has advised of its inability to maintain a free regular and reliable collection service consequently is forced to introduce a fee – see attached letter.

Wren Oil will now be charging \$0.15cpl to collect waste oil from Perenjori and Latham to cover its costs of collection as well as costs for compliance with the DEP'S Controlled Waste Tracking System.

2. SUBDIVISION UPDATE – 900 JOHN STREET.**WATER CORPORATION:**

Advice from the Water Corporation on the 27 August 2007 was that the WAPC had approved the subdivision conditionally upon the Shire satisfying conditions relating to Water Corporation services under the Water Agencies Powers Act 1984.

Those conditions being:

- works, land and general matters required;
- plans of lots to be serviced (Schedule 1);
- financial contributions (Schedule 2); and
- completion of a Clearance Checklist and return to Water Corp.

Council is informed that all of the above has been addressed including the financial contribution of \$60,786.60.