

SHIRE OF KOJONUP



Special Council Meeting Minutes

25th July 2006

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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES– 25th JULY 2006

NOTICE WAS GIVEN UNDER THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO CONSIDER

An amendment to the adopted fees and charges;

Any budget amendment arising from the refuse charge level; and

The Fire Break Order

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF GUESTS

The President declared the meeting open at 2:00pm and alerted those present of the procedures for emergencies including evacuation, designated exits and muster points.

2. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Jill Mathwin Shire President

Cr Jane Trethowan Deputy Shire President

Cr John Benn

Cr Pat Bunny

Cr Will Carrington-Jones

Cr Ernie Graham

Cr Rosie Hewson

Cr Greg Marsh

Cr Frank Pritchard

Cr Geoff Thorn

Mr Stephen Gash Chief Executive Officer

Mr Kim Dolzadelli Manager Corporate Services

Mrs Heather Marland Senior Finance Officer

APOLOGIES

Nil

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS by the Presiding Member without discussion

Nil

6. PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

8. BUSINESS TO CONSIDER

1. RUBBISH / REFUSE/ SANITATION CHARGES

AUTHOR: Stephen Gash -Chief Executive Officer

DATE: 22nd July 2006

FILE NO: Budget 2006/2007

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

SUMMARY

To consider the level of rubbish/ sanitation charges and amend the adopted fees and charges, for 2006/2007, and the adopted budget for 2006/2007, as required.

BACKGROUND

Council adopted the 2006/2007 budget on 18th July 2006 and resolved that the rubbish charge for a 240 Litre bin service be set at \$240. The detail of the rubbish/sanitation charges, the previous level of these charges, and contribution to revenue was included as item 5.2.1 to the budget document and reflected charges discussed with Council in a budget workshop on 6th July 2006.

A discrepancy has been identified where the amount documented in the "Fees and Charges" section of the 2006/2007 budget did not reflect the updated refuse charge.

COMMENT

For clarity, Council is being asked to consider an amendment to the Fees and Charges for 2006/2007 to reflect the refuse charges agreed in the budget. These charges reflected a move towards better cost recovery of the services.

Previously pensioners received a 50% discount on the rubbish collection charge. The cost to the Council is on a per service basis, therefore other ratepayers were subsidising the service to pensioners by \$90 per service. This is in addition to the subsidy of the service to town residents by rural ratepayers because it was not charged on a cost recovery basis.

The rubbish collection charge for 2006/2007 was resolved on 18 July 2006 to be \$240 for a 240L bin and weekly service. The pensioner rate was proposed in section 5.2.1 of the budget to be \$190, which represents a 20% or \$50 discount. This level was required for better cost recovery but represents as \$60 increase to the standard charge, and an increase of \$100 for pensioners.

Options will be examined in 2006/2007 for better consideration of volume of waste generated, which is likely to benefit pensioners charge level in the future.

CONSULTATION

No external consultation has been conducted. Council considered the issue of refuse charges and the service costs at a budget workshop on 6th July 2006 and in adopting the budget on 18th July 2006.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Section 6.16 (3)(b) allows for fees and charges to be amended with an absolute majority.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no known Shire of Kojonup policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications if the officers recommendation is supported as the revenue from these charges are incorporated in the adopted 2006/2007 budget.

If Council wishes to make changes then there must be an amendment to the 2006/2007 budget to reflect the change in revenue within program/Schedule 10 of the income and expenditure, and section 5.2.1 – "Rubbish/ Refuse/ Sanitation Charges" of the adopted budget

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no strategic implications with the decision to amend the fees and charges to reflect the other budget schedules and decisions. The decision to increase refuse charges supports the strategic directives of better cost recovery and minimising cross

subsidies by different types of ratepayers for specific services.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS – ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council amend the rubbish collection/ refuse / sanitation section of the adopted Fees & Charges for 2006/2007 to be \$240 for each 240Litre bin service and \$190 for pensioners, to reflect the decisions in the 2006/2007 adopted budget.

COUNCIL DECISION

104/06 MOVED Cr Trethowan that Council amend the rubbish collection/ refuse / sanitation section of the adopted Fees & Charges for 2006/2007 to be \$240 for each 240Litre bin service and \$190 for pensioners, to reflect the decisions in the 2006/2007 adopted budget.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/1

Cr Graham voted against the motion.

2. FIREBREAK ORDER

AUTHOR: Stephen Gash -Chief Executive Officer

DATE: 22nd July 2006

FILE NO:

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

SUMMARY

To consider the Firebreak order for 2006/2007

BACKGROUND

Council issue a Firebreak order each year, under section 33 of the Bushfires Act 1954. The order requires certain things to be done with respect to fire hazard reduction/ fire prevention on land. The order is distributed with the rates notice and any other publication conducted as required by the Act.

COMMENT

The Senior Fire Control Officers (Zulus), The Town Fire Control Officer and the CEO of the Shire reviewed the 2005/2006 notice on 11th July 2006.

The following are the requested changes from 2005/2006 to 2006/2007:

1. Change the year.
2. Under section heading Burning Rules
 - Remove Rule No. 1
 - Add an additional rule, new No 6. Comply with all other conditions of a permit to burn."
3. Under section heading Harvesting
 - Replace requirement for "adjacent to paddock" with "located in the paddock"
4. Update the nominated Fire Control Officers for 2006/2007.

Due to the inability to schedule meetings with all key officers present, the annual general meeting is proposed for the 4th September 2006. The CEO has the delegated authority to appoint Fire Control Officers and these will be listed on the firebreak order following nomination from the individual brigades. These will be subject to endorsement by the Bushfire Advisory Committee and the completion of the required FCO training.

There has only been one nomination for each of the positions of Chief and Deputy Fire Control Officer. There has also been only one nomination for Zulu 3 (Senior Fire Control Officer). These will be included on the notice as subject to endorsement by Council, with Zulu 4 to be advised, following Stave Magini's retirement. The delegation for Tim Johnston to act as Chief Fire Control Officer remains current and there are no statutory implications.

CONSULTATION

Consultation has occurred with the Senior Fire Control Officers.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Section 33 of the Bushfires Act 1954.

Council have delegated authority (#93) to the Chief Executive Officer to appoint Fire Control Officers.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no known Shire of Kojonup policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS – SIMPLE MAJORITY

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That adopts the Firebreak order for 2006/2007 with the following changes from the 2005/2006 order:

1. The year is changed to 2006/2007 where required.
2. Under section heading Burning Rules
 - Rule No. 1 is removed
 - A new rule (to become No 6) is added. "Comply with all other conditions of a permit to burn."
3. Under section heading Harvesting
 - The requirement for "adjacent to paddock" is replaced with "located in the paddock"
4. The brigade contact information is update with the current nominations for 2006/2007 Fire Control Officers.
5. Under section heading Fire Attendance:
 - Minor grammatical corrections.

COUNCIL DECISION

105/06 MOVED Cr Carrington Jones that adopts the Firebreak order for 2006/2007 with the following changes from the 2005/2006 order:

1. **The year is changed to 2006/2007 where required.**
2. **Under section heading Burning Rules**
 - Rule No. 1 is removed**
 - A new rule (to become No 6) is added. "Comply with all other conditions of a permit to burn."**
3. **Under section heading Harvesting**
 - The requirement for "adjacent to paddock" is replaced with "located in the paddock"**
4. **The brigade contact information is update with the current nominations for 2006/2007 Fire Control Officers.**

5. **Under section heading Fire Attendance:**

- Minor grammatical corrections.

CARRIED 9/1

Cr Graham voted against the motion

1. **CLOSURE**

There being no further business to discuss, the President thanked the members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 2:20pm.

Presiding Member Date