



Minutes

Special Council Meeting

31st August 2022

Notice of Meeting

A Special Council Meeting was held Wednesday 31st August 2022 in the Council Chambers, 37 Gibbons Street, Yalgoo.



Ian Holland

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

30th August 2022

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Shire President welcomed those in attendance and declared the meeting open at 5:01pm.

2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Shire President	Cr G Payne
Deputy Shire President	Cr G Trenfield
	Cr G Simpson
	Cr R Valenzuela
	Cr S Willock
	Cr T Hodder
CEO	Ian Holland

APOLOGIES

NIL

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillors and Officers are reminded of the requirements of s5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995, to verbally disclose any interest during the meeting before the matter is discussed or to provide in writing the nature of the interest to the CEO before the meeting.

**4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
REPOSSES TO QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

NIL

QUESTIONS TAKEN WITHOUT NOTICE

NIL

5 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

NIL

6 NOTICE OF MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

NIL

7 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

8 BUSINESS AS NOTIFIED

Purpose of Meeting – To consider for adoption

8.1 FINANCIAL ACTIVITY STATEMENT AS AT 30th JUNE 2022

8.2 BUDGET EXTENSION APPLICATION

8.1 FINANCIAL ACTIVITY STATEMENT AS AT 30th JUNE 2022

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	30 August 2022
Reporting Officer:	Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Dominic Carbone
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	Statement of Comprehensive Income Financial Activity Statement Summary of Current Assets and Current Liabilities Statement of Current Financial Position Detailed Worksheet Supplementary Financial Reports – Reserve & Loan

SUMMARY

Adoption of the Monthly Financial Statements for the period 1st June 2022 to the 30th June 2022.

COMMENT

Local Governments are required to prepare monthly reports.

The Shire of Yalgoo is in the process of transitioning to ITVision Synergy Soft and Altus Payroll. The financial statements for June were delayed because the payroll system was not able to export information to the general ledger. This was a rollout issue and has been recently rectified.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995 - Section 6.4

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 - Regulation 34 Part 4

A statement of financial activity, and the accompanying documents referred to in subregulation (2), are to be —

- (a) presented at an ordinary meeting of the council within 2 months after the end of the month to which the statement relates; and
- (b) recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is presented.

POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLCATIONS

2.4 Material Variance

Provision of timely accounting information informs Council of the financial status and affairs of the local government

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VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

Cr S Willock left the meeting at 6:00pm and did not return.

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Financial Activity Statement for the period ended 30th June 2022.

Resolution

Moved Cr Gail Trenfield

Seconded Cr Raul Valenzuela

That Council adopts the Financial Activity Statement for the period ended 30th June 2022.

CARRIED: 5/0

8.2 BUDGET EXTENSION APPLICATION

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	30/08/2022
Reporting Officer:	Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	NIL

SUMMARY

That Council consider applying for an extension of time for the adoption of the 2022/23 Annual Budget.

COMMENT

All local governments are required to adopt an annual budget in accordance with Part 6, Division 2 of the Local Government Act 1995, Part 3 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Australian Accounting Standards (AASB) and the Australian Accounting Standards Board Interpretations (AASBI).

Section 6.2(1) of the Local Government Act 1995 requires a local government to prepare and adopt a budget for its municipal fund between 1 June in a financial year and 31 August in the next financial year, or such extended time as the Minister allows.

The Shire recently experienced some implementation issues for our new financial system and as such the finalization of the June Financial Statements was delayed.

The CEO has applied to the Minister for Local Government for an extension of time until the 16th September 2022. Council endorsement of this application is requested.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLCATIONS

NIL

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council apply for an extension of time for the adoption of the 2022/23 Annual Budget from the Minister in accordance with section 6.2(1) of the Local Government Act 1995 to the 16th September 2022.

Resolution

Moved Cr Raul Valenzuela

Seconded Cr Gail Trenfield

That Council adopts the Financial Activity Statement for the period ended 30th June 2022.

CARRIED: 5/0

9 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is due to be held in Yalgoo on Friday 30th September 2022 commencing at 10am.

10 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the Shire President declared the meeting closed at 6:30pm.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

The Shire of Yalgoo welcomes community participation during public question time of Council Meetings. The following is a summary of s5.24 of the Local Government Act 1995, the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 and Shire Policy, to provide a guide for public question time.

To enable a prompt and detailed response to questions, members of the public are requested to lodge questions in writing to the Chief Executive Officer at least two days prior to a Council meeting. This can be done:

- a. In person at the Shire of Yalgoo Office, 37 Gibbons St, Yalgoo
- b. By emailing the Executive Support Officer pa@yalgoo.wa.gov.au
- c. By phoning the Executive Support Officer (08) 9962 8042

When registering a question members of the public will be required to provide the following for record keeping and response:

- a. Name, Address, Contact Number and Name of Organisation representing (if any)
- b. A written copy of the question to be asked at Public Question Time

It is recommended to arrive at the Council Meeting 15 minutes to commencement if you have not registered a question in advance.

The presiding Member will open Public Question Time where appropriate and, if necessary, provide a brief summary of the rules, regulations and procedures of Public Question Time.

1. The person asking the question is to state their name prior to asking the question.
2. Questions are to be directed through the chair, with the Presiding Member having the discretion of accepting or rejecting a question and the right to nominate a Councillor or Officer to answer.
3. In order to provide an opportunity for the greatest portion of the gallery to take advantage of question time, questions are to be as succinct as possible. Any preamble to questions should therefore be minimal and no debating of the issue between the Gallery, Councillors or Officers is permissible.
4. Where the Presiding Member rules that a member of the public is making a statement during public question time, then no answer is required to be given or recorded in response.
5. Questions which are considered inappropriate; offensive or otherwise not in good faith; duplicates or variations of earlier questions; relating to the personal affairs or actions of Council members or employees; will be refused by the Presiding Member as 'out of order' and will not be recorded in the minutes.

6. Questions from members of the public that do not comply with the Rules of Question Time or do not abide by a ruling from the Presiding Member, or where the member of the public behaves in a manner in which they are disrespectful of the Presiding Member or Council, or refuse to abide by any reasonable direction from the Presiding Member, will be ruled 'out of order' and the question will not be recorded in the minutes.
7. Answers to questions provided in good faith, however, unless reasonable prior written notice of the question is given, answers should not be relied upon as being totally comprehensive.
8. The priority for asking questions shall be firstly 'questions on which written notice has been given prior to the meeting' (that is, prior to 12 noon on the day immediately preceding the meeting) and secondly, 'questions from the floor'.
9. Public Question Time is set for a maximum period of 15 minutes, and will terminate earlier should no questions be forthcoming.
10. There are circumstances where it may be necessary to place limits on the asking of questions to enable all members of the public a fair and equitable opportunity to participate in Public Question Time. In these events the Presiding Member will apply the most appropriate limit for the circumstance. Generally each member of the public shall be provided a maximum two minutes time limit in the first instance, in which to ask a maximum of two questions (whether these are submitted 'in writing' or 'from the floor'). A question may include a request for the tabling of documents where these are relevant to an issue before Council.
11. Should there be time remaining on the initial period for Public Question Time (i.e. 15 minutes) after all members of the public have posed their initial allotment of two questions, the Presiding Member will then allow members of the public to sequentially (in accordance with the register) ask further questions (with necessary limits in place as discussed above if required) until the initial period for Public Question Time has expired.
12. Any extension to the initial period for Public Question Time is to be limited to a period that will allow sufficient time for any remaining members of the public to ask their initial allotment of two questions.
13. Where a question (compliant to these rules) is raised and is unable to be answered at the meeting, the question shall be 'taken on notice' with an answer being given at the next appropriate Council Meeting.
14. Where a member of the public submitting a question is not physically present at the meeting, those questions will be treated as an item of correspondence and will be answered in the normal course of business (and not be recorded in the minutes).

MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED- FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

Councillors are obliged to maintain the confidentiality of matters discussed when the meeting is closed.

The following legislative extracts were downloaded from www.legislation.wa.gov.au on 7 July 2021.

Local Government Act 1995

s5.23. Meetings generally open to the public

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), the following are to be open to members of the public —
 - (a) all council meetings; and
 - (b) all meetings of any committee to which a local government power or duty has been delegated.
- (2) If a meeting is being held by a council or by a committee referred to in subsection (1)(b), the council or committee may close to members of the public the meeting, or part of the meeting, if the meeting or the part of the meeting deals with any of the following —
 - (a) a matter affecting an employee or employees; and
 - (b) the personal affairs of any person; and
 - (c) a contract entered into, or which may be entered into, by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting; and
 - (d) legal advice obtained, or which may be obtained, by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting; and
 - (e) a matter that if disclosed, would reveal —
 - (i) a trade secret; or
 - (ii) information that has a commercial value to a person; or
 - (iii) information about the business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of a person,where the trade secret or information is held by, or is about, a person other than the local government; and
 - (f) a matter that if disclosed, could be reasonably expected to —

- (i) impair the effectiveness of any lawful method or procedure for preventing, detecting, investigating or dealing with any contravention or possible contravention of the law; or
 - (ii) endanger the security of the local government's property; or
 - (iii) prejudice the maintenance or enforcement of a lawful measure for protecting public safety;
- and
- (g) information which is the subject of a direction given under section 23(1a) of the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1971; and
 - (h) such other matters as may be prescribed.
- (3) A decision to close a meeting or part of a meeting and the reason for the decision are to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

s5.92 Access to information by council, committee members

- (1) A person who is a council member or a committee member can have access to any information held by the local government that is relevant to the performance by the person of any of his or her functions under this Act or under any other written law.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), a council member can have access to —
 - (a) all written contracts entered into by the local government; and
 - (b) all documents relating to written contracts proposed to be entered into by the local government.

s5.93. Improper use of information

A person who is a council member, a committee member or an employee must not make improper use of any information acquired in the performance by the person of any of his or her functions under this Act or any other written law —

- (a) to gain directly or indirectly an advantage for the person or any other person; or
- (b) to cause detriment to the local government or any other person. Penalty: \$10 000 or imprisonment for 2 years.

Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations

2021 s.21 Disclosure of Information

(1) In this clause —

closed meeting means a council or committee meeting, or a part of a council or committee meeting, that is closed to members of the public under section 5.23(2) of the Act;

confidential document means a document marked by the CEO, or by a person authorised by the CEO, to clearly show that the information in the document is not to be disclosed;

document includes a part of a document;

non-confidential document means a document that is not a confidential document.

(2) A council member must not disclose information that the council member —

(a) derived from a confidential document; or

(b) acquired at a closed meeting other than information derived from a non-confidential document.

(3) Subclause (2) does not prevent a council member from disclosing information —

(a) at a closed meeting; or

(b) to the extent specified by the council and subject to such other conditions as the council determines; or

(c) that is already in the public domain; or

(d) to an officer of the Department; or

(e) to the Minister; or

(f) to a legal practitioner for the purpose of obtaining legal advice; or

(g) if the disclosure is required or permitted by law.

ATTENDANCE - FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

Local Government Act 1995

S2.25 Disqualification for failure to attend meetings

- (1) A council may, by resolution, grant leave of absence, to a member.
- (2) Leave is not to be granted to a member in respect of more than 6 consecutive ordinary meetings of the council without the approval of the Minister, unless all of the meetings are within a period of 3 months.
- (3A) Leave is not to be granted in respect of —
 - (a) a meeting that has concluded; or
 - (b) the part of a meeting before the granting of leave.
- (3) The granting of the leave, or refusal to grant the leave and reasons for that refusal, is to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
- (4) A member who is absent, without obtaining leave of the council, throughout 3 consecutive ordinary meetings of the council is disqualified from continuing his or her membership of the council, unless all of the meetings are within a 2 month period.
- (5A) If a council holds 3 or more ordinary meetings within a 2 month period, and a member is absent without leave throughout each of those meetings, the member is disqualified if he or she is absent without leave throughout the ordinary meeting of the council immediately following the end of that period.
- (5) The non attendance of a member at the time and place appointed for an ordinary meeting of the council does not constitute absence from an ordinary meeting of the council —
 - (a) if no meeting of the council at which a quorum is present is actually held on that day; or
 - (b) if the non attendance occurs —
 - (i) while the member has ceased to act as a member after written notice has been given to the member under section 2.27(3) and before written notice has been given to the member under section 2.27(5); or
 - (ii) while proceedings in connection with the disqualification of the member have been commenced and are pending; or
 - (iiia) while the member is suspended under section 5.117(1)(a)(iv) or Part 8; or
 - (iii) while the election of the member is disputed and proceedings relating to the disputed election have been commenced and are pending.
- (6) A member who before the commencement of the Local Government Amendment Act 2009 section 5 was granted leave during an ordinary meeting of the council from which

the member was absent is to be taken to have first obtained leave for the remainder of that meeting.

Urgent Business

General business will not be admitted to Council. In cases of urgency or other special circumstances, where a matter cannot or should not be deferred until the next meeting, urgent items may, with the consent of a majority of Elected Members present, be heard and dealt with. Any such business shall be in the form of a clear motion, and the President may require such a motion to be written and signed by the Councillor or officer proposing the motion or recommendation.

Deputations

Persons wishing to appear before Council or a Committee as a deputation should apply to the CEO at least one week before the date of the meeting, specifying the purpose of the deputation and the number of persons in the deputation. Deputations may be permitted at the discretion of the Presiding Member or by a resolution of the Council or Committee (as the case may not be). Not more than two members of a deputation may address the Council or Committee, except to answer questions from members of the Council or Committee.