

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 31 MAY 2013 HELD IN SANDERSVILLE HALL, HEILBRON ON FRIDAY AT 11:00

26 as per attendance register

PRESENT:
COUNCILLORS:

ABSENT:
COUNCILLORS:

Cllr. TL Vandisi
Cllr. DI Spence
Cllr. PJ La Cock
Cllr. RJ Molotsane
Cllr. AP Swart
Cllr. ML Mofokeng
Cllr. PS Choni
Cllr. MC Ranthako
Cllr. LR Mehlo
Cllr. AM Oliphant
Cllr. ML Hlapanane
Cllr. MJ Mafuma
Cllr. MJ Masooa
Cllr. EC Sothoane

OFFICIALS ON DUTY:

Municipal Manager, ADV T Mokoena
CFO, Mr. OL Leeuw
Director Corporate Services, Me LM Bopalamo
Director Community Services, Mr. LD Kamolane
Committee Clerk, Mr. S Dabi

A. OPENING

The Chairperson, Cllr. PR Ndayi opened the meeting officially by welcoming everyone present.
Late start of the meeting was condoned because there was a Special Executive Committee meeting.

B. APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Written apologies were received from:

† Cllr. EC Sothoane
† Cllr. AM Oliphant
† Cllr. MC Ranthako
† Cllr. PJ La Cock
† Cllr. PS Choni
† Cllr. AP Swart
† Cllr. TL Vandisi



- † Cllr. DI Spence
 - † Director Technical Services, Mr. T Malebane.
- Cllr. PP Van Der Merwe requested to be excused from the meeting because of other commitments (the time being 12:35).

C. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † The speaker informed Council that a letter was received from IEC which informs the Municipality about the replacement of Mr. Mokhatla John Maruma with Mr. Ntutu Alfred Sehume as a DA Councillor in Ngwathe Local Municipality. Mr. Ntutu Alfred Sehume was welcomed by Council as the new Councillor of Ngwathe Local Municipality.
- † There was a stakeholder's forum in which all Speakers of the Municipalities are part of and the forum resolved that all speakers must have a program of action on registration for social grants and ID campaigns. The campaigns will be funded by budget in the office of the Speaker. All municipalities should establish their forums which must include CDWs and Ward Committee Chairpersons. Department of Home Affairs, SASSA, IEC & Department of Education will be part of the program. The program will be launched officially on the 12 June 2013 in Parys, on the 27 June 2013 in Heilbron, on the 05 August 2013 in Edenville, on the 03 September 2013 in Vrededorp and the Speaker will meet with Councillors of Kopjes on when the program will be done in their town. The program will be circulated to all Councillors.
- † There will be a public hearing by Department of Public Works and Department of Water Affairs & Rural Development on the 04 June 2013 in Parys and Councillors will be provided with notices.
- † Officials were informed that ward committees must get their stipends because it is legislated for and not a favour.
- † Council requested progress report on projects that were advertised and progress reports on existing projects from the past financial year be submitted in the next meeting.
- † Officials were informed that Councilor's pension fund contributions are not paid in even though deductions being made on their salaries.

D. REPORTS OF THE SPEAKER IN TERMS OF RULES 10 (1) AND 86 (4)

None.

E. APPLICATION AND APPEALS FROM COUNCILLORS IN TERMS OF RULES 9 (1), 71 AND 76

None.

F. REPORTS RECEIVED FROM THE SPEAKER

None.

G. MOTIONS OF SYMPATHY AND CONGRATULATION BY THE SPEAKER

- † The Speaker congratulated Kaizer Chiefs FC for winning ABSA Premiership and Nedbank Cups.
- † The Speaker also congratulated Mr. Ntutu Alfred Sehume for being appointed as the new Councillor of Ngwathe Local Municipality.

H. MOTIONS OF SYMPATHY AND CONGRATULATIONS BY OTHER COUNCILLORS

- † A moment of silence was observed on the passing on of:
 - ✱ Mr. Vuyo Mbuli (SABC 2 news reader of morning live).
 - ✱ Mr. Jabu Khumalo (former administrator of Free State Stars FC & Councillor of Maluti a Phofung).
 - ✱ Moghaka Councillor who lost his father.
- † Council congratulated Manager in the office of the Mayor, Mr. G Nketu for being appointed as the speaker of Fezile Dabi District Municipality.
- † ANC in the Free State held a successful elective Conference in Phakisa, Welkom in which the Mayor of Ngwathe Municipality was elected as PEC & PWC member and Mr. Sizwe Mbalo was also elected as a PEC member.
- † Cllr. C Serfontein and Cllr. A Schoonwinkel were congratulated for being appointed as Deputy Chair of Fezile Dabi constituency and a member of PEC of DA respectively.

I. DEPUTATIONS AND INTERVIEWS

None.

J. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

K. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting were not adopted because it's a Special Council meeting not an Ordinary meeting.

† Matters arising.

None.

L. QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

None.

M. MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

None.

N. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Mayor, Cllr. J Mochela presented reports of Executive Committee.

1. ANNUAL BUDGET 2013/14

RESOLVED:

1. That the Draft Annual Budget as tabled be approved by Council subject to the following recommendations:

- a. that the municipality urgently replaces all faulty bridged electricity meters.
- b. that the municipality urgently unbridged all illegally bridged electricity meters.
- c. that the interim fixed tariff paid by consumers with legally bridged meters be increased in line with the increase in other electricity tariffs.
- d. that the sanitation and refuse removal tariffs for "no fee schools" be increased to be equal to those payable by government for other schools.
- e. that income budgeted from traffic fines be reduced to a realistically recoverable sum of R1.9 million.
- f. that income budgeted from interest on arrears be reduced to a realistically recoverable amount.
- g. that income budgeted from the sale of land be removed from the budget.
- h. that the thresholds applicable to the rates rebates for Child Headed Families, Pensioners and Person with a Disability be increased by 6%.
- i. that the provision in the budget for payment of overtime be reconsidered after a full report thereon has been submitted to the Finance Committee as a matter of extreme urgency.

2. That the tariffs for the levying of rates and services charges for the financial year be set and approved as per Annexure "A" hereto.

3. That the following Budget Related policies are approved and will be applied in their present format in the new financial year, namely

- a. Asset Management policy
- b. Budget Policy
- c. Subsistence and Travelling Policy
- d. Banking and investment policy
- e. Risk Management policy
- f. Borrowing policy
- g. Funding and reserve policy
- h. Fruitless and wasteful expenditure policy
- i. Bad debts policy
- j. Credit control and debt collection policy
- k. Indigent subsidy policy

1. Property Rates policy
- m. Tariff policy

2. DRAFT REVIEWED INTEGRATED PLAN 2013/14

RESOLVED:

1. That the projects implementation report be submitted on the monthly basis to Finance Committee.

2. That council takes note of the reviewed IDP 2013/14 and the annexures.
3. That council adopts the draft reviewed IDP 2013/14

Council informed officials that it is unacceptable that many addendums were submitted in the meeting and some Councillors did not receive the addendums and it is the last time whereby addendums will be dealt with.

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3. APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL ELECTORAL OFFICER FOR NGWATHE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

RESOLVED:

1. That the Council takes note of the report.
2. That Council recommend Director Community Services, Mr. LD Kamolane to be the Municipal Electoral Officer for Ngwathe Local Municipality.
3. That the Municipal Manager inform the Provincial Electoral Officer about the resolution of Council.

4. ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE FREE STATE MUNICIPAL PENSION

RESOLVED:

1. That the Council takes note of the memo from Du Randt and Louw Ing/Inc.
2. That Council appoint the following Councillors as representatives to the general committee of the Free State Municipal Pension:
+ Cllr. VE De Beer,
+ Cllr. IM Ramabetsa,
+ Cllr. MC Ranthako.
3. That the Municipal Manager inform the Du Randt and Louw Ing/Inc about the Council resolution.

5. SCHEDULE OF DATES AND TIMES FOR COUNCIL AND WARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS

RESOLVED:

1. That the Council takes note of the schedules submitted to COGTA.
2. That Council condone the action of the Municipal Manager for altering the existing schedule and also drafting the schedule for Ward Committee.
3. That Council approve both attached schedule.

6. LEGAL COSTS CLAIM

RESOLVED:

1. That the item be referred to the Finance Committee meeting because of financial implications.

The meeting closed at 13:10

APPROVED:

CHAIRPERSON: CLLR. RP NDAYI

DATE: