



Victoria Daly
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 28 JUNE 2022
AT 9:00 AM**

AT THE REGIONAL OFFICE - KATHERINE
29 Crawford Street, Katherine East NT 0850



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Russell Anderson
Chief Executive Officer



The Ordinary Council Meeting will be chaired by Deputy Mayor Shirley Garlett.

The meeting opened the time being 10:03 am.

1. Present

Elected Members Present

	Name
Mayor (Chair)	Brian Pedwell (via Teams)
Deputy Mayor	Shirley Garlett
Councillor	Yvette Williams
Councillor	Andrew McTaggart
Councillor	Georgina Macleod

Staff Present

Chief Executive Officer	Russell Anderson
Director of Corporate Services	Trudy Braun
Governance Manager	Janelle Iszlaub
Manager of Executive Services (minute taker)	Michelle Will (via Teams)

Guests

Member for Daly	Dheran Young
Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet	Amanda Haigh (via Teams)
Australian Bureau of Statistics	Sharon Hewitt (via Teams)
Homelands Service Group	Jacob Peggie (via Teams)
Keogh Bay	Jonathon Price
Keogh Bay	Rae Samuel

2. Apologies

Apologies: Nil

Leave of Absence: Nil

3. Presentations - Deputations - Petitions

Nil

4. Public Question Time

Nil



5. Disclosure of Interest - Councillors and Staff

Deputy Mayor Shirley Garlett declared a conflict of interest regarding agenda item 16.2.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1. Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 May 2022

Motion

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 May 2022 be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Mover: Cr Georgina Macleod

Seconder: Cr Andrew
McTaggart

Resolution:OCM-2022/75: Carried 5 / 0

7. Call for Items of General Business

Nil

8. Mayoral Report

Mayor Brian Pedwell provided a verbal update at the meeting.

- CEO, Director of Operations and Mayor met with DIPL regarding VDRC roads. A consequence of the roads update lengths/listing includes a reduction of funding.
- Mayor, CEO and Councillor Williams attended ALGA Conference in Canberra in June.
 - 1000 delegates attended
 - Delegates were pleased that there is now a Minister for Local Government.
 - Theme of the conference was '*Partners In Progress*'
 - Mayor Pedwell, along with others met with Indigenous Affairs Minister regarding
 - Telecommunications
 - Water security
 - Homelands
 - Land tenure, among other things
- Mayor and CEO met with CouncilBIZ. At present Council is awaiting a letter of approval from the Minister for Local Government to exit CouncilBIZ.

Motion: The Mayor will circulate a Mayoral report at the meeting and provide a verbal update.

Mover: Cr Andrew McTaggart



Seconder: Cr Georgina
Macleod

Resolution:OCM-2022/76: Carried 5 / 0

9. CEO Update

The Chief Executive Officer provided a verbal update to Council.

- CEO provided an updated on the trip to attend ALGA conference in Canberra.
- CEO spoke on the meeting with the Minister for Indigenous Affairs which took place in Canberra and mentioned further discussions are required.
- CEO opened to questions from Elected Members.

Motion

That the CEO report (verbal) is received and noted.

Mover: Cr Andrew McTaggart

Seconder: Cr Georgina
Macleod

Resolution:OCM-2022/77: Carried 5 / 0

Guest - Member for Day Mr. Dheran Young entered the meeting, the time being 10:00am

Mr. Young proceeded to address Council.

- Two sport and recreation/engagement positions which will soon be available in the region (more details TBC).
- Discussions ensued regarding Homelands. Mr. Young recommended Councillors arrange a meeting with Senator McCarthy to discuss Homelands. Discussions to take place regarding the allocation of available funding (i.e. via NTG or directly to Homelands Service providers).
- Lot 2 Nauiyu. Lot 2 is on Crown Land. NTG is waiting for advice from Green River Aboriginal Corporation (GRAC).
- Mr. Young expressed there are small funding opportunities for community events and to contact him with any requests.

Mr. Dheran Young left the meeting, the time being 10:52am

The meeting adjourned for a short break, the time being 10:52am

The meeting resumed, the time be 11:05am

The meeting moved into confidential at 11:07am to discuss Confidential item 16.6.

Moved: Councillor McTaggart

Seconded: Councillor Macleod

The open session resumed, the time being 11:51am.

Moved: Councillor Macleod

Seconded: Councillor McTaggart



10. Reports to Council

10.1. Reports for Council Decision

10.1.1. Regional Plan and Budget 2022-23

Motion

- A. That the Regional Plan and Budget 2022-23 report is received and noted
- B. That Council receives and accepts the Chief Executive Officer certification of the assessment record of all rateable land within the Victoria Daly Region.
- C. That Council declare the Rates as per page 62-63 of Regional Plan pursuant to Part 11.5 of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
- D. That Council resolves to adopt the 2022-23 Elected Member Allowances in line with Guideline 2A provided by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.
- E. That Council adopts the 2022-23 budget pursuant to section 203(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
- F. That Council adopts the 2022-23 Regional Plan pursuant to Section 35(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
- G. That Council approves the submission of the Victoria Daly Regional Council 2022-23 Regional Plan to the Agency pursuant to Section 35(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

Mover: Cr Andrew McTaggart

Seconders: Cr Georgina
Macleod

Resolution:OCM-2022/78: Carried 5 / 0

10.1.2. Gamba Legal Requirements Leaflet

Motion

- A. That the Gamba Legal Requirements Leaflet report is received and noted
- B. That Council approves the attached gamba grass communications leaflet, produced by the Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security, to be distributed with rates notices.
- C. That Council additionally approves the bushfires notice provided to CEO Russell Anderson be distributed with the rates notice.

Mover: Cr Andrew McTaggart

Seconders: Cr Georgina
Macleod

Resolution:OCM-2022/79: Carried 5 / 0

***The meeting adjourned for lunch, the time being 12:01pm
The meeting resumed, the time being 1:01pm***



**Senior Finance Accountant joined the meeting, the time being 1:01pm
Mayor Pedwell will not return to the meeting due to poor health.
Deputy Mayor continues in the role of Chairperson for the remainder of the meeting.**

10.2. Reports for Information

10.2.1. Financial Report month ended May 2022

Motion

A. That the report Financial Report month ended May 2022 is received and noted

Mover: Cr Andrew McTaggart

Seconded: Cr Georgina
Macleod

Resolution:OCM-2022/80: Carried 4 / 0

Senior Finance Accountant left the meeting, the time being 1:23pm

10.2.2. Progress Report on Grant Applications

Motion

A. That the report Progress Report on Grant Applications is received and noted

Mover: Cr Andrew McTaggart

Seconded: Cr Georgina
Macleod

Resolution:OCM-2022/81: Carried 4 / 0

Guest from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Sharon Hewitt, joined the meeting, the time being 1:30pm.

Ms. Hewitt requested attendance at the meeting to discuss the Intergenerational Health and Mental Health Survey.

- Two communities (Nitjpurru and Yarralin) have been included in the program (selected randomly).
- Lajamanu has also been selected, however Lajamanu does not exist within the VDRC footprint.
- Ms. Hewitt discussed the various surveys involved in the programs.
- No data provided to the ABS will be used to identify individuals.
- Communities will be asked for consent prior to proceeding with the program.
- No cost to individuals or households.

Deputy Mayor asked about the consultation process



- Engagement managers engage with Councils and communities, also via local authorities (either via meetings or direct).
- Main consent is sought from community leaders.
- ABS does not enter a community if the community is not willing.
- Service Providers will be utilised to assist getting the message out.
- Bio-medical samples are tested for cholesterol and glucose (no drug testing will take place).

Mrs. Hewitt asked if Council is in support of the surveys. Deputy Mayor confirmed support.

Sharon Hewitt left the meeting, the time being 1:55pm.

10.2.3. Corporate Services Quarterly Report

Motion

A. That the report Corporate Services Quarterly Report is received and noted

Mover: Cr Yvette Williams

Second: Cr Andrew
McTaggart

Resolution:OCM-2022/82: Carried 4 / 0

The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea, the time being 3:51pm

The meeting resumed, the time being 3:58pm

11. Action Sheet

11.1. Action Sheet

Motion

A. That the Action Sheet report is received and noted

Mover: Cr Georgina Macleod

Second: Deputy Mayor
Shirley Garlett

Resolution:OCM-2022/83: Carried 4 / 0

12. Correspondence In & Out

12.1. Incoming Correspondence

Motion



A. That the Incoming Correspondence is received and noted

Mover: Cr Andrew McTaggart

Seconded: Cr Yvette
Williams

Resolution:OCM-2022/84: Carried 4 / 0

12.2. Outgoing Correspondence

Motion

A. That the Outgoing Correspondence is received and noted

Mover: Cr Andrew McTaggart

Seconded: Cr Yvette
Williams

Resolution:OCM-2022/85: Carried 4 / 0

13. Notices of Motion

Nil

14. General Business

Councillor McTaggart requested an investigation on the annual fee membership for LGANT.

Action Item: Report to Council in July regarding LGANT fee and services

15. Supplementary Reports

Nil

16. Confidential

THAT pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and section 51(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

The meeting moved to Confidential, the time being 4:19pm

Moved: Councillor McTaggart

Seconded: Councillor Macleod

16.1. Confirmation of Minutes - 31 May 2022

Status 51(1)(c)(iv) - *This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, Information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: subject to subregulation (3) - prejudice the interests of the council or some other person*



16.2. Leave of Absence Request

Status 51(1)(a) - *This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.*

16.3. CEO Contract

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16.4. Lease Agreements - Pigeon Hole

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16.5. Nauiyu River Pump

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16.6. Homelands

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That the confidential session be closed, and the open session resumed, the time being 4:48pm.

Moved: Councillor McTaggart

Seconded: Councillor Macleod

17. Next Meeting

Deputy Mayor Shirley Garlett closed the meeting, the time being 4:49pm

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Victoria Daly Regional Council will be held 25 July 2022.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the meeting of Ordinary Council held on 28 June 2022.

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Mayor Brian Pedwell