



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING

OF COUNCIL

HELD

TUESDAY 26 JUNE 2012

AT

6.00 pm

Council Chambers Civic Centre
Stuart Highway, Katherine

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT
THE KATHERINE CIVIC CENTRE TUESDAY 26 JUNE 2012 AT 6.00 PM**

1. **OPENING PRAYER**

2. **PRESENT**

Mayor Fay Miller
Alderman Lis Clark
Alderman Kate Ganley
Alderman Steven Rose
Alderman Rob Phillips

IN ATTENDANCE Mr David Laughner – Chief Executive Officer
Mr Warwick Jack – Works Manager
Mrs Sophie Henderson – Administration Manager
Mrs Alice Anastacio – Finance Manager
12 x Members of the Katherine Community
1 x Media Representative from the Katherine Times

3. **APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Elected Members Leave of Absence
and Apologies

MOVED: Clark / Phillips

That the apology of Alderman Higgins and Alderman Creighton be accepted.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

4. **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Confirmation of Previous Minutes

MOVED: Clark / Phillips

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 22 May 2012 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

That the Confidential Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 22 May 2012 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

5. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Elected Member Disclosure of Interest and Declared Interest

Mayor Miller advised with respect to Item 11.4 – Festival Grants – Acceptance of Successful Grant Applications – that she is a member of the Never Never Ladies Beefsteak & Burgundy Club. It was noted that there was no potential for a perceived conflict of interest under the Act and therefore Mayor Miller would not need to excuse herself from the meeting prior to consideration of this item.

Mayor Miller advised with respect to Item 13.2 – Municipal Plan 2012 to 2017 – that she is a Board member of the Katherine Regional Cultural Precinct Interim Board of Management. It was noted that there was no potential for a perceived conflict of interest under the Act and therefore Mayor Miller would not need to excuse herself from the meeting prior to consideration of this item.

Alderman Ganley advised with respect to Item 11.4 – Festival Grants – Acceptance of Successful Grant Applications – that she is a member of the Never Never Ladies Beefsteak & Burgundy Club. It was noted that there was no potential for a perceived conflict of interest under the Act and therefore Alderman Ganley would not need to excuse herself from the meeting prior to consideration of this item.

Alderman Clark advised with respect to Item 13.2 – Municipal Plan 2012 to 2017 – that she is a member of the Katherine Historical Society. It was noted that there was no potential for a perceived conflict of interest under the Act and therefore Alderman Clark would not need to excuse herself from the meeting prior to consideration of this item.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

7. MAYORAL BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Mayoral Business to be considered

The Mayor raised the following issues:

- 3 Day Governance Training in Darwin – early May 2012.
- Australian Local Government Association Conference – early June 2012.
- White Ribbon Breakfast – Violence Against Women – early June 2012.

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS TO BE TABLED

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Correspondence and Documents Tabled

Nil

9. **QUESTIONS**

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Questions

9.1 **With Notice**

Nil

9.2 **Without Notice**

Nil

10. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

REPORT OF OFFICERS

11.1 **MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2012**

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Chief Executive Officer Reports

MOVED: Clark / Rose

That the report of the Chief Executive Officer for the month of May 2012 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

Chief Executive Officer advised of the following amendments:

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Service & Indigenous Affairs Accessible Communities Program funding of \$100,000 was incorrectly entered twice.

The Proceeds of Crime funding of \$58,836.00 should now show as a successful application.

11.2 **MONTHLY REPORT OF THE WORKS MANAGER FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2012**

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Works Manager Reports

MOVED: Phillips / Rose

That the report of the Works Manager for the month of May 2012 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

Alderman Phillips noted that the weed eradication program was progressing and thanked Council staff for all their efforts. However, would suggest that the program commence earlier in order to ensure complete success.

Alderman Ganley requested an update on the construction of gates between courts 5 & 6 and the BMX area. The Works Manager advised that the construction and installation had been completed.

Alderman Rose queried the ever increasing costs associated with vandalism and the reasons behind this. The Mayor advised that vandalism would always be an issue unless Council decided not to continue to water areas around the municipality.

The Chief Executive Officer noted that recently RAAF Tindal had held an exercise program on the new walking/bike track. As part of this exercise program the RAAF had had the entire path swept and Council would like to express their appreciation of this.

11.3 MINUTES OF ART AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17 MAY 2012

File: Community Relations / Committees / Art and Cultural Committee / 2012

MOVED: Clark / Ganley

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17 May 2012 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

Alderman Clark noted that the Festival program was coming along with only a few minor changes.

11.4 FESTIVAL GRANTS – ACCEPTANCE OF SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS

File: Grant Funding / Katherine Festival / KTC Festival Grants / KTC Festival Grant 2012

MOVED: Rose / Phillips

That Council approve the awarding of the following grants as per the recommendations of the Festival Grants Assessment Committee minutes of Tuesday 29 May 2012.

Individual/Community Group (Up to \$500)

Organisation	Project	Amount
Katherine Regional Arts Inc.	Maharaja's Garden - A Bollywood feast of Indian traditional dance, cuisine and entertainment.	\$500
Motor Vehicle Enthusiasts Club Inc.	Show & Shine Event - Car show with vehicles ranging from vintage Holden's to today's latest hot rods.	\$500
Katherine Rotary Club	000 Concert - Live performance variety show performed by local emergency, medical and community people.	\$500
Territory Craft Katherine Inc.	Art Workshop at Art in the Park - A variety of artists and their genre on display giving the community a chance to interact and see the artists in action. Many art/craft activities available for people to try.	\$500
Sue Jones Production	Main Event Production - Funds will assist with production and staging of the live performance.	\$500
Never Never Ladies Beefsteak & Burgundy	Never Never Ladies Beefsteak & Burgundy Dinner - Local live entertainment and social networking dinner	\$500
Katherine Museum Inc.	Teddy Bear's Picnic and Family Fun Day - Family event with many activities and opportunities for the youngest in our community to enjoy.	\$500
Total		\$3,500

Alderman Clark queried the low number of applications. The Chief Executive Officer advised that there were no other applicants.

Alderman Ganley also expressed her disappointment in the number of applicants and noted that perhaps the left over funding could be reallocated to other Festival events.

Alderman Rose also expressed his disappointment in the number of applicants and suggested that Council look at revamping the current guidelines.

MOVED: Ganley / Rose

To include an amendment to the Katherine Regional Arts application to reflect that the Maharaja's Garden project has been cancelled and therefore an amended project to include a Fist Full of Films, a photographic exhibition and also to be used in conjunction with the schools doing banners to display in the Main Street.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

11.5 LEASE OF THE KATHERINE CIVIL AIRPORT

File: Lease / Katherine Civil Airport Lease

MOVED: Phillips / Clark

That Council:

1. Directs the Chief Executive Officer to commence negotiations for renewal of a lease to operate the Katherine Civil Airport.
2. Directs the Chief Executive Officer to investigate options for the future operation of the airport prior to any decision being made to commit Council; and
3. Require a full report be brought back for consideration prior to Council making any decision to commit to a new lease.

Alderman Phillips expressed his amazement that the previous Council were thinking of not renewing the lease. Noted that Katherine is considered the 'Crossroads of the North' and this included aircraft from a variety of locations using the facility.

Alderman Ganley supported Alderman Phillips comments and noted that the airport can be used as a way of developing the municipality and the regional economy.

Alderman Rose also supported Alderman Phillips comments and noted that it would be remiss of the current Council to not explore the lease renewal.

Alderman Clark also supported Alderman Phillips comments and noted some of the reasons for not pursuing the lease renewal were due to a lack of funding and support from the other local Shires.

MOVED: Rose / Phillips

That in addition to the above Council also seeks formal support and participation from both the Roper Gulf Shire and the Vic Daly Shire.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

11.6 KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL'S CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2012/13

File: Local Governance / Media Relations / Administration

MOVED: Rose / Phillips

That it be recommended to Council:

1. It is proposed that the meeting cycle for December 2012 and January 2013 be as follows:

December 2012

Workshop

Monday 10th December 2012

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 11th December 2012

January 2013

Workshop

Monday 21st January 2013

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 22nd January 2013

2. That the Council offices be closed as follows:

Civic Centre and Depot	24 th December 2012 until the 1 January 2013 inclusive
Library	24 th December 2012 until the 1 January 2013 inclusive
Visitor Information Centre	25 th and 26 th December 2012 and 1 st January 2013
Waste Management Station	25 th December 2012

CARRIED: 5 / 0

11.7 TENDER 12/04 – MOWING OF KATHERINE NORTH AND SOUTH PARKS

File: Tenders / Works / Cleaning of Council Facilities – Various Locations

MOVED: Phillips / Rose

That it be recommended to Council:

- 1 That the allocated amount in the 2012/13 draft budget for the mowing of Katherine North and South parks of \$16,740.00 be increased to \$23,281.82 to cover the shortfall of \$6,541.82.
- 2 That Renfree Pastoral Company be awarded Tender 12/04 *Mowing of Katherine North and South parks* for the amount of \$23,281.82 excluding GST.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

Alderman Clark noted her surprise in the variance in quoted costs.

11.8 TENDER 12/05 – MOWING OF KATHERINE EAST PARKS

File: Tenders / Works / Cleaning of Council Facilities – Various Locations

MOVED: Clark / Rose

That it be recommended to Council:

- 1 That Renfree Pastoral Company be awarded Tender 12/05 *Mowing of Katherine East parks* for the amount of \$12,350.00 excluding GST.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

Chief Executive Officer advised of the following amendment:

The quoted cost in the agenda item of \$212,350.00 was entered incorrectly and should reflect the amount of \$12,350.00 excluding GST.

11.9 TENDER 12/07 – CLEANING OF COUNCIL FACILITIES – VARIOUS LOCATIONS

File: Tenders / Works / Cleaning of Council Facilities – Various Locations

MOVED: Phillips / Rose

That it be recommended to Council:

- 1 That Compass Cleaning be awarded Tender 12/07 *Cleaning of Council Facilities – Various Locations* for the amount of \$52,345.55 excluding GST.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

Alderman Clark queried why the Ryan Park and Visitor Information Centre automatic toilets are not included. The Works Manager advised that both of these facilities are not included as they are separate contracts.

11.10 MINUTES OF SPORTS PRECINCT NETWORK ADVISORY GROUP MEETING – 13 JUNE 2012

File: Community Relations / Committees – Sportsgrounds Advisory Committee 2012

MOVED: Phillips / Ganley

That it be recommended to Council:

- 1 That the Minutes of the Sport Precinct Network Advisory Group Meeting held on 13 June 2012 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

11.11 MINUTES OF SHOWGROUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – 14 JUNE 2012

File: Community Relations / Committees – Showgrounds Advisory Committee 2012

MOVED: Phillips / Rose

That it be recommended to Council:

1. That the Minutes of the Showgrounds Advisory Committee Meeting held on 14 June 2012 be received and noted.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

Alderman Phillips noted the long running issues relating to power during the Katherine Show. A plan of all electrical works has been completed which will hopefully assist in correcting power issues during this period.

Alderman Phillips also noted that the Model Aero Club will be holding a demonstration and competition at the end of June 2012 that would be of great interest to many members of the public.

12. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

File: Community Relations / Committees / Elected Member Representatives on Committees

The following meetings/activities were attended by the Elected Members:

Alderman Kate Ganley

Festival Grants Committee Meeting
Ordinary Council Meeting
Elected Member Workshop
Opal Fuel Briefing
Ryan Park Community Market – Alderman Stall
Alcohol Plan of Management Public Meeting
World No Tobacco Day
Somerville Garden Party

Alderman Lis Clark

YMCA Committee Meeting
Alcohol Plan of Management Public Meeting
Ordinary Council Meeting
Elected Member Workshop
Opal Fuel Briefing
Biggest Morning Tea Event
Ryan Park Community Market – Alderman Stall
Great NT Hat Yak Competition
3 Day Governance Training

Alderman Steven Rose

Ryan Park Community Market – Alderman Stall
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Festival Grants Committee Meeting
World No Tobacco Day
Somerville Garden Party
Development Consent Authority Meeting
Development Review Committee Meeting
Katherine Chamber of Commerce Committee Meeting
Big River Hawks Welcome to Country

Alderman Donald (Henry) Higgins

3 Day Governance Training
LGANT Meeting
Katherine Counter Disaster Meeting
Great NT Hat Yak Competition
Ordinary Council Meeting
Elected Member Workshop
Biggest Morning Tea Event
Alcohol Plan of Management Public Meeting

Alderman Rob Phillips

Ordinary Council Meeting
Elected Member Workshop
Opal Fuel Briefing
Katherine Showgrounds Advisory Committee Meeting
Ryan Park Community Market – Alderman Stall

13. **LATE AGENDA**

13.1 **MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT – MAY 2012**

File: Local Governance / Council Meetings / Finance Manager Reports

MOVED: Rose / Phillips

That the Finance Report for the month of May 2012 prepared by the Finance Manager as at 19 June 2012 be received and adopted.

CARRIED: 5 / 0

Alderman Phillips queried the Katherine Town Council Social Club payment. The Finance Manager advised that this is the employee payroll deduction for social club membership.

Alderman Higgins arrived at the Ordinary Council Meeting at this point and joined the meeting.

13.2 **MUNICIPAL PLAN 2012 TO 2017**

File: Local Governance / Compliance / Municipal Plan

MOVED: Rose / Ganley

That it be recommended to Council:

SUBMISSIONS

That Council considers on an individual basis the following recommendations with respect to submissions from the community:

1. That Council notes the submission from Ms Cathy Bowdler – Director of Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre – Katherine Regional Cultural Precinct and determines to use either of the suggested options noted above.
2. That Council notes the submission from Mr John MacNamara – President of the Katherine Museum and determines to discuss and confirm Council's commitment to the construction of the Welcome Area and housing of the Clyde Fenton Gypsy Moth.
3. Ms Kerryn Taylor - Katherine Museum Manager on behalf of the Historical Society of Katherine and determines to discuss and confirm Council's commitment to the construction of the Welcome Area and housing of the Clyde Fenton Gypsy Moth.
4. That Council notes the submission from Ms Toni Tapp Coutts - Executive Officer of Katherine Regional Arts and determines to use one of the suggested options noted above.
5. Mr Greg Dowling – Resident of Katherine and determines to use either of the suggested options noted above.
6. Ms Kerryn Taylor – Resident of Katherine and determines to use either of the suggested options noted above.

MUNICIPAL PLAN

That Council adopts the Municipal Plan 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2017 including the 2012/2013 Budget, 10 Year Financial Plan, Revenue Policy and Fees and Charges subject to the submissions and amendments determined above.

Submission 1

Alderman Clark noted that it is difficult for Council to fund and support a facility owned by the Northern Territory Government and that the funding received is conditional on Katherine Town Council providing additional financial and in-kind support.

Alderman Rose supports option number two.

Alderman Phillips noted that he would prefer option number four but noted that option number two would provide a better outcome. Alderman Phillips also noted that the Northern Territory Government should be providing more financial support.

Alderman Higgins would prefer option four but noted that the Northern Territory Government was underhanded in inserting the clause that affects a third party without consultation.

Alderman Ganley noted that the Cultural Precinct is of importance and that it is a shame that the Northern Territory Government could withhold financial support without the clause for additional financial and in-kind support from Katherine Town Council. Alderman Ganley supports option number two with an amendment to include information pertaining to other Cultural Precincts in the Northern Territory and the government funding that they receive.

Mayor commented on the fact that she is a Board Member of the Katherine Regional Cultural Precinct Interim Board of Management and had attended two meetings since taking on the role and the clause in the funding agreement had not been put to the Board. Katherine Town Council was also not consulted on this clause. The Mayor noted her support of the Cultural Precinct but noted that there seems to have been a massive breakdown in communication.

MOVED: Ganley / Higgins

That Katherine Town Council propose to hold discussions with the Katherine Regional Cultural Precinct to determine where alternative funds might be sourced from and to provide additional information pertaining to the other Northern Territory Cultural Precincts and their current government funding.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

Submission 2

MOVED: Rose / Phillips

Katherine Town Council to organise a meeting between Katherine Museum representatives and Council to clarify and confirm Council's commitment to the construction of the Welcome Area and housing of the Clyde Fenton Gypsy Moth.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

Submission 3

MOVED: Higgins / Clark

Katherine Town Council to organise a meeting between the Historical Society of Katherine representatives and Council to clarify and confirm Council's commitment to the construction of the Welcome Area and housing of the Clyde Fenton Gypsy Moth.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

Submission 4

MOVED: Rose / Phillips

Katherine Town Council proposes to hold discussions with the Katherine Regional Arts to determine where alternative funds might be sourced from.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

Submission 5

Alderman Phillips sought clarification of the current status of the toilet facilities at the Old Youth Club in Second Street. The Works Manager advised that the toilet facilities were in a reasonable condition.

Alderman Higgins noted that the toilet facilities did not currently provide adequate disabled access nor did the submission include discussion with current users or note which youth based organisations would be involved.

Alderman Ganley noted that the YMCA is currently investigating a youth friendly space within the municipality and suggested that Mr Greg Dowling discuss his concept with them.

MOVED: Rose / Phillips

All users of the Old Youth Club in Second Street be required to apply using the standard provisions of Council's Fees and Charges Structure.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

Submission 6

MOVED: Higgins / Clark

That the following responses were made with regard to the comments received from Ms Taylor:

Point 1 - Katherine Town Council can provide the more detailed budget papers that include expenditure detail with yearly comparisons to any members of the public who requests them, however has chosen not to as this has proven to be too confusing for many people in the past.

Points 2 and 5 – Perceptions of disparity between funding allocations to the sporting facilities and reallocate funding to art and cultural facilities is a matter that Council is aware of and considers in its deliberations.

Point 3 – Katherine Museum is included in Council’s infrastructure.

Point 4 – Council will include the budget contribution for the construction of the Welcome Area and housing of the Clyde Fenton Gypsy Moth in more detail in the Municipal Plan.

Point 6 - An increase in the Elected Member Allowances & Expenses was overdue and remains well within the statutory standards set by government for these payments.

Point 7 – An explanation on the increase in rate revenue is found in the financial provisions of the budget, and is consistent with meeting community expectations on outcomes of the Municipal Plan.

Point 8 – An explanation on the reasoning behind the amount allocated for financially supporting the Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Cultural Centre was the subject of a separate submission, however the determination was consistent with previous forward estimates. The Cultural Centre is wholly owned and operated by the Northern Territory Government. Financial subsidy from Council is a direct impost on ratepayers and needs to be carefully considered.

Point 9 - An increase in the cost of replacing the Mayoral vehicle recognizes both the cost replacement disparity associated with exceeding retention periods for vehicles, and a need to vary plant to reflect “fit for purpose” vehicles that have a better resale retention capability.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

13.3 DECLARATION OF RATES

File: Local Finance / Rates / Declarations

MOVED: Higgins / Rose

That it be recommended to Council:

That Council makes the following declaration in regard to Rates and Charges for 2012/13:

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Local Government Act 2008

KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL

DECLARATION OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR 2012/2013

Katherine Town Council (“Council”) makes the following declaration of rates pursuant to sections 155-157 of the Local Government Act (“Act”).

1. That pursuant to section 149 of the Act, Katherine Town Council ("Council") adopts as the basis of the assessed value of all rateable land within the Municipality, the Unimproved Capital Value as it appears on the Valuation Roll prepared by the Valuer-General in accordance with the *Valuation of Land Act*.
2. That pursuant to Section 155 of the Act, Council hereby declares:
 - (a) the amount it intends to raise for general purposes by rates is \$3,554,945.00.
 - (b) those rates will be raised by application of the following differential valuation based-charges ("differential rates") to the assessed value of the rateable land listed opposite to those rates, with the following differential minimum charges ("minimum amounts") payable in the application of the differential rates as follows:

DIFFERENTIAL RATES ALLOTMENTS TO WHICH RATES APPLY AND MINIMUM AMOUNTS

- i) 0.137746% of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone A (Agriculture) of the *NT Planning Scheme* and Pastoral Lease nos. 525, 735 & 801, the minimum amount being \$711.00 multiplied by:
 - (a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
 - (b) The number 1;whichever is the greater.
- ii) 0.154328% of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone WM (Water Management) of the *NT Planning Scheme*, the minimum amount being \$711.00 multiplied by:
 - (a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
 - (b) The number 1;whichever is the greater.
- iii) 0.275565% of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone R (Rural) of the *NT Planning Scheme*, the minimum amount being \$711.00 multiplied by:
 - (a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
 - (b) The number 1;whichever is the greater.

- iv) 0.321448% of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone RL (Rural Living) of the *NT Planning Scheme*, the minimum amount being \$711.00 multiplied by:
- (a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
 - (b) The number 1;
- whichever is the greater.
- v) 1.510769% of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone CL (Community Living), SK2 (Specific Use), SK3 (Specific Use) or CP (Community Purposes) of the *NT Planning Scheme*, the minimum amount being \$711.00 multiplied by:
- (a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
 - (b) The number 1;
- whichever is the greater.
- vi) 1.060677% of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone SD (Single Dwelling Residential), MD (Multiple Dwelling Residential), MR (Medium Density Residential) or SK1 (Specific Use) of the *NT Planning Scheme*, the minimum amount being \$711.00 multiplied by:
- (a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
 - (b) The number 1;
- whichever is the greater.
- vii) 1.797162% of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone CV (Caravan Parks) or TC (Tourist Commercial) of the *NT Planning Scheme*, the minimum amount being \$711.00 multiplied by:
- (a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
 - (b) The number 1;
- whichever is the greater.
- viii) 1.789389% of the assessed value of that part of the municipality comprising Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 58, 61, 64, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 270, 271, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 509, 512, 513, 514, 518, 1369, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 2017, 2577,

2918, 2921, 2951, 3046, 3047, 3133, 3134, 3158, 3166, 3167, 3174, 3175, 3208 and 3239 the minimum amount being \$711.00 multiplied by:

(a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or

(b) The number 1;

whichever is the greater.

ix) 2.182276% of the assessed value of that part of the municipality comprising Lots 2016, 2017, 3114, 3115, 3116 and 3117 the minimum being \$711.00 multiplied by:

(a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or

(b) The number 1;

whichever is the greater.

x) 1.354403% of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone C (Commercial) of the *NT Planning Scheme*, the minimum amount being \$711.00 multiplied by:

(a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or

(b) The number 1;

whichever is the greater.

xi) 3.154208% of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone SC (Service Commercial) of the *NT Planning Scheme*, the minimum amount being \$711.00 multiplied by:

(a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or

(b) The number 1;

whichever is the greater.

xii) 1.486743% of the assessed value of that part of the municipality comprising Lots 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 446, 447, 454, 519, 520, 521, 522, 529, 1342, 2419, 2517 and 2931, the minimum being \$711.00 multiplied by:

(a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or

- (b) The number 1;
whichever is the greater.
- xiii) 1.084349% of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone LI (Light industry) of the *NT Planning Scheme*, the minimum amount being \$711.00 multiplied by:
- (a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
- (b) The number 1;
whichever is the greater.
- xiv) 1.130690% of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone GI (General Industry) of the *NT Planning Scheme*, the minimum amount being \$711.00 multiplied by:
- (a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
- (b) The number 1;
whichever is the greater.
- xv) 1.033858% of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone FD (Future Development) or RW (Railway) of the *NT Planning Scheme*, the minimum amount being \$711.00 multiplied by:
- (a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
- (b) The number 1;
whichever is the greater.
- xvi) 1.568753% of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within that part of the municipality comprising Zone OR (Organised Recreation) of the *NT Planning Scheme*, the minimum amount being \$711.00 multiplied by:
- (a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
- (b) The number 1;
whichever is the greater.
- xvii) 0.137746% of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within the rest of Municipality (including the area not covered by the *NT Planning Scheme*), the minimum amount being \$711.00 multiplied by:

- (a) The number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to Section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
 - (b) The number 1;
- whichever is the greater.

3. Waste Management Charges

Pursuant to Section 157 of the Act Council declares the following charges in respect of the waste management service it provides for the benefit of all residential land within the municipality and the occupiers of such land.

For the purposes of interpretation:

- “residential dwelling” means a dwelling house, flat or other substantially self contained residential unit or building on residential land used or capable of being used for residential purposes and includes a unit within the meaning of the *Unit Titles Act*.
- “residential land” means land used or capable of being used for residential purposes.

- 3.1 A charge of \$229.00 per annum per residential dwelling in respect of the waste management service provided for the benefit of, or which Council is willing and able to provide for the benefit of, each residential dwelling within the municipality other than a residential dwelling as described in paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3 and the occupiers of such land.

The waste management service shall consist of:

- a roadside collection service of one garbage collection service per week with a maximum of one 240 litre mobile garbage bin per garbage collection visit; and
- unlimited access by the occupiers of residential land within the municipality to the Council’s Waste Management Facility (Dump) solely for the deposit of waste generated from such residential dwelling.

- 3.2 For each allotment of land within the Municipality, being residential land on which there is no residential dwelling and to which Council is willing and able to provide a weekly roadside collection service and is not a business enterprise, a charge of \$81.00 per allotment of land in respect of the waste management service provided for the benefit of such residential land and the occupiers of such land.

The waste management service shall consist of unlimited access to Council’s Waste Management Facility (Dump) solely for the deposit of waste generated from such residential land.

- 3.3 For each allotment of land within the Municipality being residential land to which Council is either not willing or not able to provide a weekly roadside collection service and is not a business enterprise, a charge of \$81.00 per allotment of land in respect of the waste management service provided for the benefit of such residential land and the occupiers of such land.

The waste management service shall consist of unlimited access to Council's Waste Management Facility (Dump) solely for the deposit of waste generated from such residential land.

4. Instalments

That pursuant to Section 161 of the Act the Council determines that rates and charges shall, for the financial year ending 30 June 2013, be due and payable by four approximately equal instalments on 30/09/12, 30/11/12, 31/01/13, 31/03/13 and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 11 of the Act.

5. Interest on unpaid rates

- (a) That pursuant to Section 162 of the Act, if rates and charges are not paid by the due date, interest accrues on the amount of the outstanding instalment on a daily basis from the date on which the missed instalment is due and payable, until the date payment is made in full, and the amount of the instalment together with any interest shall be rounded to the nearest dollar.
- (b) That pursuant to Section 162(3) of the Act, Council determines that the relevant interest rate is fixed at 17.00% per annum.

6. Recovery of Outstanding Rates and Charges

A ratepayer who fails to pay rates and charges on the due date for payment may be sued for recovery of the principal amount of the rates and charges, interest accrued on late payment and costs reasonably incurred by Council in recovering or attempting to recover the rates and charges.

7. Prompt Payment Draw

That pursuant to section 160 of the Act, Council determines that the benefit to be given for the prompt payment of rates and charges to encourage the early payment for the financial year ending 30 June 2013 shall be the conduct of an Early Bird Draw whereby Council shall refund to the ratepayer selected from the draw the amount paid on account of rates and charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2013 or \$500.00 whichever is the lesser, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) That the total amount of all rates and charges levied for the financial year ending 30 June 2013 in respect of any parcel of rateable land together with arrears (if any) be paid in full on or before 30 September 2012.
- (b) Government agencies, Council Elected Members and employees are excluded from the draw.
- (c) The results of the draw shall be published in the Katherine Times and the winning ratepayer shall be notified by post.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

Alderman Clark mentioned her concern in relation to the increase in rates but noted her understanding of the reasons for this as funding from both State and Federal Government has been cut and she hopes the residents of Katherine understand.

Alderman Phillips supported Alderman Clark's comments and noted that an increase in standards require an increase in costs.

Alderman Rose supported Alderman Clark's comments and noted that Council will spend the additional funds wisely.

Alderman Ganley supported Alderman Clark's comments and noted that all Elected Members are ratepayers and will also be affected.

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

Alderman Rose noted that the approach to the Low Level on the Victoria Highway side has a number of cracks and potholes that require repairs prior to the next Wet Season.

15. PETITIONS

Nil

16. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

MOVED: Ganley / Higgins

That standing orders be suspended to allow Council to consider a confidential matter in Committee.

Meeting closed to the public. All members of the public left the Chambers.

16.1 OUTSTANDING RATES – REGISTRATION OF OVERRIDING STATUTORY CHARGE

MOVED: Phillips / Clark

That the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to affix the common seal on the Registration of Overriding Statutory Charge on the noted properties.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

16.2 SALE OF PROPERTY – FOR UNPAID RATES

MOVED: Phillips / Higgins

That the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to arrange the disposal of the property in accordance with the process laid down by Cridlandsmb and to determine the reserve price on the basis of an independent valuation.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

16.3 CEO PROBATION REPORT

MOVED: Clark / Higgins

That Council note the outcomes as per the Confidential Report.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

MOVED: Ganley / Rose

That Council resume the meeting.

CARRIED: 6 / 0

17. MEETING CLOSED

The meeting was closed at 7.49pm.

Fay Miller
MAYOR OF KATHERINE