



Minutes

Statutory Council Meeting held at 6.00 PM on Monday 11 November in the Stawell Entertainment Centre, 59-69 Main Street, Stawell.

Present

Cr Kevin Erwin
Cr Tony Driscoll
Cr Murray Emerson
Cr Jason Hosemans
Cr Merrilee Reid

Mr Vaughan Williams, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Affirmation

We recognise the traditional owners of the land.
We are inspired by the early pioneers and by those who gave their lives for our country.
We now ask God's blessing on our deliberations
and on our commitment to build a better lifestyle and environment.

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council on Monday 2 December 2019.

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1. Declare Open the Meeting

The Acting Chief Executive Officer, Vaughan Williams, declared the meeting open.

The Acting Chief Executive Officer advised that for the first part of the meeting he will act as Chairperson while several formal procedures are completed.

2. The Affirmation

The Chairperson, Vaughan Williams, asked all present to rise to observe the Affirmation.

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The Chairperson, Vaughan Williams, asked all present to resume their seats.

3. Apologies and Requests for Leave of Absence

The Chairperson, Vaughan Williams, called for advice of apologies or requests for leave of absence.

The Chairperson advised the meeting that apologies had been received from Crs Karen Hyslop and Robert Haswell, Members of Parliament Dan Tehan, Anne Webster, Emma Kealy and Louise Staley and Lynn Jenz, Council's Audit Committee member.

4. Election of Mayor

The Chairperson, Vaughan Williams, explained that according to Council's *Meeting Procedure Local Law 1/2009*, a Councillor elected by a simple majority of the Councillors present will be the temporary Chairperson to deal with the election of the Mayor.

The Chairperson, Vaughan Williams, called for nominations for the position of temporary chairperson to deal with :

- (a) the receipt of nominations for the election of Mayor; and
- (b) the election of the Mayor

Cr Murray Emerson nominated Cr Jason Hosemans to the position of temporary chairperson.

The Chairperson, Vaughan Williams, called for further nominations.

The Chairperson, Vaughan Williams, declared that as there are no further nominations, Cr Hosemans is duly elected as temporary chairperson. Cr Hosemans assumed the Chair.

The Chairperson, Cr Hosemans, called for nominations for the Election of the Mayor.

Council's Meeting Procedure Local Law 1/2009 excerpt:

(5) In determining the election of the Mayor, the following will apply:

(a) candidates for office must be nominated by another Councillor, seconded by another Councillor and accepted by the nominee;

(b) where only one nomination is received, that Councillor must be declared elected;

(c) where two or more nominations are received, the Councillor with an absolute majority of votes cast will be declared elected;

(d) where there are two or more nominations and all votes cast are equally divided between two or more nominees, the election must be determined by lot;

(e) where there are more than two nominations received and the result has not been determined under paragraphs (c) or (d) the nominee with the fewest number of votes cast must be eliminated (and if more than one of them, the nominee determined by lot) and the names of the remaining nominees must be put to the vote again.

(f) the procedure in paragraph (e) must be repeated until the circumstances in paragraph (c) apply or until there are only two nominees remaining in which case a further vote must be taken and the nominee with a majority will be declared elected or, if there is an equal division of votes, the election must be determined by lot.

Cr Merrilee Reid nominated Cr Murray Emerson for the position of Mayor for 2019/2020. Cr Tony Driscoll seconded the nomination.

Cr Emerson accepted the nomination.

The Chairperson declared Cr Murray Emerson duly elected as Mayor of the Northern Grampians Shire Council for 2019/2020.

The Chairperson vacated the Chair and the Mayor assumed the Chair.

The Mayor called for a motion to suspend Standing Orders to allow for a number of formal presentations.

RESOLUTION

That Standing Orders be suspended to allow for a number of formal presentations.

Moved: Cr Tony Driscoll

Seconded: Cr Jason Hosemans

Carried

Cr Kevin Erwin presented the Mayor with a new gavel and base and congratulated him on his appointment on behalf of the citizens of the shire.

Cr Driscoll presented Cr Kevin Erwin with the gavel and base presented to him at the start of his Mayoral term for 2018/2019 as a personal keepsake, as a token of the esteem and thanks and as a memento of his year in office. In addition to the gavel and base, a small token of gratitude for his service to the shire was also presented.

Cr Kevin Erwin responded briefly.

Cr Merrilee Reid presented Mrs Wendy Emerson with a gift as a gesture to recognise the esteem in which the position of the Mayor's partner is held and in recognition of the support that has been given and will be forthcoming for the Mayor over the next year.

Cr Merrilee Reid presented Mrs Julie Erwin with a gift as a thank you for her support to Cr Erwin during his term as Mayor.

The Mayor called for a motion to resume Standing Orders.

RESOLUTION

That Standing Orders be resumed.

Moved: Cr Tony Driscoll

Seconded: Cr Jason Hosemans

Carried

5. Close

The Mayor declared the meeting closed and invited those present to join Councillors for light refreshments.