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Unconfirmed Minutes for the Plant Committee Meeting of the Murchison Shire Council,
held in the Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,
on 23 July 2009, commencing at 9.30 am.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The presiding member welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 9.40am

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MEMBERS

Cr M W Halleen,
Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor (Presiding Member)
Cr P R Squires

STAFF

Mr R J Adams, Chief Executive Officer

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

NIL

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

NIL

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

NIL

6. PLANT COMMITTEE BUSINESS

6.1 Budget 2009-10 Programmed Plant Replacement

File:
Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 22 July 2009
Attachments:

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

To determine the programmed plant replacement.

BACKGROUND

Road West Dolly

Purchased 2003	\$12,000
Written Down Value	\$0

Condition: Requires Overhaul, has had various quotes from \$3500 to \$9000 to refurbish dolly

Trade in Value: As quoted by TSE Equipment \$8,000

Cost of New Unit: TSE Dolly \$19,600

Caravan

Single Van-purchased unknown, not on asset register

This is the oldest van in the fleet and in the poorest condition.

The long term financial management plan and plant replacement plans list both items for replacement in the 2009-10 financial year.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Infrastructure

1.2 OBJECTIVE

Maintain a cost effective plant and equipment fleet that is fully optimised

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

An allowance on \$26000 for the dolly and \$50000 for the caravan has been placed in the Draft 2009-10 budgets.

CONSULTATION

COMMENT

None

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

COMMITTEE DECISION

PC090701 Replacement Dolly

Moved R.Adams, Seconded Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor

The Road west Dolly is not replaced in favour of refurbishment

Motion put and carried 3/1

PC090702 Major Plant Repair Reserve

Moved Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor, Seconded Cr M W Halleen

A major plant repair reserve is created for major repairs, to be included in the 2009-10 annual budgets.

Motion put and carried 4/0

PC090703 Replacement of Single Caravan

Moved Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor, Seconded Cr M W Halleen

The single caravan be replaced as allowed for the plant replacement schedule

Motion put and carried 4/0

6.2 Budget 2009-10 Sundry Items to be included in the Budget

File:
Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 22 July 2009
Attachments:

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

To determine sundry plant purchases.

BACKGROUND

Mosquito Fogger

Council has often borrowed a fogger from City of Geraldton and more recently Shire of Yalgoo

A fogger could be added to council's plant and be offered as a community service, to be hired or utilised.

Mig Welder

Council currently has a very old arc welder that is past its best days. By equipping the Depot with a Mig, then our mechanic can utilise this unit whilst repairing out equipment. Mig welders range from \$1000 to \$10,000. I will be suggesting a gasless unit to the value of \$1500. This has the ability to weld from panel work to 12mm (1/2").

Sundry Plant Purchases

Sundry Plant purchases cover items such as, pressure washers, small generators, pumps etc. These items are usually between \$2000 and \$5000, so require to be classified as assets. By having an allowance to replace these units allows the CEO to replace these items when they fail.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Infrastructure

1.2 OBJECTIVE

Maintain a cost effective plant and equipment fleet that is fully optimised

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

An allowance of \$15000 for sundry plant and \$4000 for the mosquito fogger has been placed in the Draft 2009-10 budgets.

CONSULTATION

COMMENT

None

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

COMMITTEE DECISION

PC090704 Sundry Plant Items

Moved Cr P R Squires, Seconded Cr M W Halleen

- 1. Include the purchase of a mosquito fogger in the 2009-10 budget**
- 2. Include a Mig welder to the value of \$3000 in the 2009-10 budget**

Motion put and carried 4/0

6.3 Budget 2009-10 Conversion of Bowl Tipper to Water Cart

File:
Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 22 July 2009
Attachments:

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

To recommend to conversion of bowl tipper to water cart

BACKGROUND

Council own a bowl tipper that we have been trying to sell. The best offer we have had for the unit is \$3500. It's written down value is currently \$13339.

The requirement for a second water cart has become evident in the last few construction contracts. Sometime we require an extra tanker for short periods, and due to mobilisation costs this is sometimes not economical.

To mount 2 x 13000 litres poly tanks on steel frames to our existing trailer base, would cost approximately \$29000, with an allowance of \$5000 for plumbing a dribble bar.

This tanker is not necessarily required to have a pump and motor on it, but could be fitted later if the need arises.

An allowance of \$45000 has been drafted in the 2009-10 budgets.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Infrastructure

1.2 OBJECTIVE

Maintain a cost effective plant and equipment fleet that is fully optimised

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

An allowance of \$45,000 for the conversion of the old bowl tipper to a water cart

CONSULTATION

COMMENT

None

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

COMMITTEE DECISION

PC090705 Water Cart

Moved Cr M W Halleen, Seconded Cr P R Squires

Either convert or purchase a used water cart to value of \$45,000

Motion put and carried 2/1

Cr P R Squires Declared an Interest during the item as he became aware that an interest should be declared as he owns a Water Cart that is sometimes hired by the Council.

10.15 Cr P R Squires left the meeting

10.25 Cr P R Squires entered the meeting

6.4 Budget 2009-10 Works Supervisor Vehicle

File:
Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 22 July 2009
Attachments:

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

To determine plant replacement of Works Supervisors Vehicle.

BACKGROUND

MU 167 Holden Rodeo Dual Cab Ute has done 70,000km.

MU300 Mazda Ute has done 40,000 km

The Mazda Ute is utilised by parks and gardens and does very little km per year. The works supervisor's utility is a high km used vehicle. If the current utility MU167 was moved to parks and gardens then the km will slow down extremely quickly. This vehicle could also be utilised by the Senior Admin person on weekends as an incentive to that package.

The Mazda could be traded in on a new vehicle for the works supervisor.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Infrastructure

1.2 OBJECTIVE

Maintain a cost effective plant and equipment fleet that is fully optimised

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

An allowance on \$35000 for the replacement of MU 167 has been placed in the draft Budget for 2009-10

CONSULTATION

COMMENT

None

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

COMMITTEE DECISION

PC090706 Works Foreman's Vehicle

Moved Cr M W Halleen, Seconded Cr P R Squires

Trade in MU300 Mazda Ute on a new 4WD Dual Cab tray back

Motion put and carried 4/0

6.5 Budget 2009-10 Additional Plant

File:
Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 22 July 2009
Attachments:

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

To determine additional Plant requirements

BACKGROUND

Multi Tyred Roller

We have been hiring a Multi Tyred roller for the last six months, the best rate that this can be hired for is \$300 per day with a minimum 20 day hire per month. We are about to start on a road construction strategy that will require the use of this unit.

A used unit would be ok for this use.

Backhoe

A used backhoe would assist the works crew to be able to complete works in two different locations. The "half a loader" we are short could be used with the 6 wheeler, and do small construction jobs without having to mobilise or stop construction on other sites. This was highlighted recently when fixing the grid south of settlement and we had to move the loader from the northern end of the shire to the grid to be repaired.

Backhoe's are generally the "dog's body" loader and get used for all sorts of jobs. As our crew has increased we will have the ability to complete more works at more sites than we have been able to in the past.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Infrastructure

1.2 OBJECTIVE

Maintain a cost effective plant and equipment fleet that is fully optimised

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

An allowance on \$140,000 for the additional plant has been placed in the Draft 2009-10 Budget, to be utilised for purchasing a used Roller and used Backhoe

CONSULTATION

COMMENT

None

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

COMMITTEE DECISION

PC090707 **Budget 2009-10 Additional Plant**

Moved Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor, Seconded R.Adams

- 1. An amount of \$50,000 is allowed for in the 2009-10 budgets for the purchase of a used Multi Tyred roller.**
- 2. An amount of \$80,000 is allowed for in the 2009-10 budgets for the purchase of a used Backhoe.**

Motion put and carried 3/2

The presiding member used the casting vote

6.6 Budget 2009-10 Additional Plant

COMMITTEE DECISION

PC090708 Used Forklift

Moved Cr M W Halleen, Seconded Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor

- 1. An amount of \$15,000 is allowed for in the 2009-10 budgets for the purchase of a used Forklift.**

Motion put and carried 4/0

COMMITTEE DECISION

PC090709 Used Tow behind Roller

Moved Cr M W Halleen Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor, Seconded Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor

- 1. An amount of \$5,000 is allowed for in the 2009-10 budgets for the purchase of a used tow behind roller similar to the one council already owns.**

Motion put and carried 4/0

8. NEXT MEETINGS

To be advised when required

9. MEETING CLOSURE

The presiding member thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 11.06am