# **Shire of Tammin**

## **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

## **AGENDA**



## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

**Dear Elected Member** 

The next ordinary meeting of the Shire of Tammin will be held on *Thursday July 26<sup>th</sup>*, *2018* in the Council Chambers, 1 Donnan St, Tammin, commencing at *5:00pm*.

Neville Hale

**Chief Executive Officer** 

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

"Together with the people of Tammin we will provide leadership, vision and progress to achieve sustainability and growth"

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## **AGENDA**

1.	DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS			
	The Shire President will	declare the meeting open at pm.		
2.	PRESENT / IN ATTENDANCE / LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY GRANTED / APOLOGIES			
	Present:			
	Cr M Greenwood	Shire President		
	Cr D Thomson	Deputy President		
	Cr G Batchelor	Member		
	Cr T Daniels	Member		
	Cr N Caffell	Member		
	In Attendance:			
	Neville Hale	Chief Executive Officer		
	Kelsey Pryer	Manager Finance & Administration		
	Ian Bartlett	Acting Manager of Works & Services		
	Leave of Absence previously granted:			
	Apologies:			
	Nil			
3.	RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE			
	Nil			
4.	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME			
5.	APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE			
6. DECLARATION OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS IN AGENDA ITEMS		BER'S INTERESTS IN AGENDA ITEMS		

## 7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

## 7.1 Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes

<u>Recommendation</u>				
That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 be confirmed a true record of proceedings				
Moved: Cr	Seconded: Cr			
Vote: Simple Majority	Carried/Lost:/			

7.2 Joint (Shire of Tammin & Shire of Cunderdin) Committee Meeting Minutes

Recommendation			
That the Minutes of the Joint Committee meeting, between the Shires of Tammin and Cunderdin, held on $16^{\rm th}$ July 2018 be received for information.			
Moved: Cr	Seconded: Cr		
Vote: Simple Majority	Carried/Lost:/		

- 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION
- 9. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

#### 10. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION – FINANCE

#### 10.1 List of Payments for June 2018

**Location:** Shire of Tammin

**Applicant:** Administration / Finance Officer

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018 **Author:** Georgie Crane

**Item Approved by:** Chief Executive Officer

**Disclosure of Interest:**File Reference:
FIN05

Attachment/s: Attachment Item 10.1 - Credit Card Statement

28.04.2018 - 28.05.2018

## **Background**

Accounts paid for June 2018 is listed totaling:

Cheque numbers	6697 - 6701	\$11,679.08
Direct debit payments	01/06/18 – 30/06/18	\$8,189.54
Licensing transfers	01/06/18 – 30/06/18	\$8,936.35
Bank fees	01/06/18 – 30/06/18	\$250.47
VISA payments	01/06/18 – 30/06/18	\$3,069.30
EFT payments	EFT 2260 - 2322	\$254,111.84
Salaries and Wages	01/06/18 – 30/06/18	\$54,269.53
Total payments	01/06/18 - 30/06/18	\$340,506.11

#### **Comment**

Nil

## **Financial Implications**

Directly impacts the Shire of Tammin 2017/2018 Operating Budget

## **Policy Implications**

Nil

## **Statutory Implications**

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

## 11. Payment of accounts

- (1) A local government is to develop procedures for the authorisation of, and the payment of, accounts to ensure that there is effective security for, and properly authorised use of
  - a) cheques, credit cards, computer encryption devices and passwords, purchasing cards and any other devices or methods by which goods, services, money or other benefits may be obtained; and
  - b) Petty cash systems.
- (1) A local government is to develop procedures for the approval of accounts to ensure that before payment of an account a determination is made that the relevant debt was incurred by a person who was properly authorised to do so.
- (2) Payments made by a local government
  - a) Subject to sub-regulation (4), are not to be made in cash; and
  - b) Are to be made in a manner which allows identification of
    - (i) The method of payment;
    - (ii) The authority for the payment; and
    - (iii) The identity of the person who authorised the payment.
- (3) Nothing in sub-regulation (3) (a) prevents a local government from making payments in cash from a petty cash system.

[Regulation 11 amended in Gazette 31 Mar 2005 p. 1048.]

## 12. Payments from municipal fund or trust fund

- (1) A payment may only be made from the municipal fund or the trust fund
  - a) If the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from those funds by the CEO; or
  - b) Otherwise, if the payment is authorised in advance by a resolution of the council.
- (2) The council must not authorise a payment from those funds until a list prepared under regulation 13(2) containing details of the accounts to be paid has been presented to the council.

[Regulation 12 inserted in Gazette 20 Jun 1997 p. 2838.]

#### 13. Lists of accounts

- (1) If the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month showing for each account paid since the last such list was prepared
  - a) The payee's name;
  - b) The amount of the payment;
  - c) The date of the payment; and
  - d) Sufficient information to identify the transaction.
- (2) A list of accounts for approval to be paid is to be prepared each month showing
  - a) For each account which requires council authorisation in that month
    - (i) The payee's name;
    - (ii) The amount of the payment; and
    - (iii) Sufficient information to identify the transaction; and
  - b) The date of the meeting of the council to which the list is to be presented.
- (3) A list prepared under sub-regulation (1) or (2) is to be —

- a) Presented to the council at the next ordinary meeting of the council after the list is prepared; and
- b) Recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

Nil

## **Community Consultation**

Recommendation			
That Council notes that during the month of June 2018, the Chief Executive Officer has made the following payments.			
Municipal Fund payments totaling \$340,506.11 on licensing transactions, bank fees, EFT, Cheques, Visa, Direct Debit and salaries and wages payments.			
Moved: Cr	Seconded: Cr		
Vote: Simple Majority	Carried/Lost:/		

Ref	Date	Name	Description	Amount
Licensing				
36	01/06/2018	Department of Transport	Daily licensing transactions	\$407.45
36		Department of Transport	Daily licensing transactions	\$3,338.75
36 36	1 1	Department of Transport	Daily licensing transactions	\$266.80
36 36		Department of Transport Department of Transport	Daily licensing transactions	\$1,274.70 \$620.95
36	1 1	Department of Transport	Daily licensing transactions Daily licensing transactions	\$857.50
36		Department of Transport	Daily licensing transactions	\$401.60
36	1	Department of Transport	Daily licensing transactions	\$724.90
36	08/06/2018	Department of Transport	Daily licensing transactions	\$786.45
36		Department of Transport	Daily licensing transactions	\$158.35
36	13/06/2018	Department of Transport	Daily licensing transactions	\$98.90
			Subtotal	\$8,936.35
Bank Fee	1	A SERCITABLE SEC	INTERCUANT FEEC	¢22.00
36		MERCHANT FEES BANK FEES	MERCHANT FEES	\$22.00
36 36		BANK FEES	ACCOUNT FEES ACCOUNT FEES	\$40.40 \$20.00
36		MERCHANT FEES	MERCHANT FEES	\$20.00
36		BANK FEES	NAB CONNECT FEE APRIL 2018	\$33.24
36	1 1	BANK FEES	NAB TRANSACT FEE	\$4.90
36	04/06/2018	MERCHANT FEES	CBA MERCHANT FEES	\$70.44
36	26/06/2018	BANK FEES	NAB CONNECT FEE	\$37.49
			Subtotal	\$250.47
EFT Paym	1	Tarana and a same	Taranta di Santa da Maria	1 42
		Adapt Electrical Solutions	Switchboard upgrade at Tammin Golf Club	\$2,729.64
EFT2261 EFT2262		Ag Implements Avon Waste	Parts for John Deer lawn mower	\$88.33 \$2,393.56
EFT2263		Eastern District Panel Beaters & Radiator Specialists Inc.	Account charges for May 2018 Replace windscreen on 1TN	\$300.00
EFT2264	08/06/2018	·	Monthly Synergysoft fee for May 2018	\$2,007.86
EFT2265	08/06/2018		Payroll deductions	\$61.50
EFT2266	08/06/2018	Landgate	Rural Uv's chargeable	\$65.50
EFT2267	08/06/2018	Marketforce	Strategic Community Plan advertising	\$753.19
EFT2268		Michael Greenwood	Reimbursement for NGA Conference expenses	\$1,620.64
EFT2269		NJ Humphrey Photography	Councillor and CEO photo's	\$750.00
EFT2270		Northam Carpet Court	Tamma Village Unit 5 - Remove and replace carpet	\$2,875.00
EFT2271 EFT2272		Officeworks Perfect Computer Solutions	Depot and public toilet items  5 Port ethernet cord adapter	\$144.93 \$180.00
EFT2273		Regional Concrete & Plumbing	Conduct annual backflow testing	\$7,227.00
		Rubek Automatic Doors	Battery for Admin sliding door	\$81.40
	08/06/2018		Vehicle tyre repairs	\$867.50
		Tammin Hotel	Refreshments for Council meetings	\$40.00
EFT2277	08/06/2018	Telstra	Telstra charges	\$1,507.85
EFT2278		WA Contract Ranger Services Pty Ltd	Ranger services - 08/05, 15/05 & 25/05	\$935.00
EFT2279		Wheatbelt Office and Business Machines	Fuji xerox meter reading for May 2018	\$536.34
EFT2280		Wheatbelt Renovations	Unit maintenance in Unit 5, Tamma Village	\$8,831.66
EFT2281 EFT2282		Adapt Electrical Solutions Australia Post	Find electrical fault in Admin office Account charges for May 2018	\$434.10 \$185.35
EFT2283		Conway Highbury Pty Ltd	To undertake Local Law Review	\$185.35
EFT2284		Covs Parts Pty Ltd	Vehicle parts	\$63.14
EFT2285		Dennis Heppell	Concrete footing for playground upgrade at Donnan Park	
EFT2286		F-111 Engineering Pty Ltd	Komatsu Grader - 3000 hour service	\$2,200.00
EFT2287		Moore Stephens	WALGA Tax PAYG - Additional Workshop - Kelsey Pryer	\$660.00
EFT2288		Plastic Card Customization	2018/19 Tip passes	\$627.66
EFT2289		Quairading Earthmoving	Plant hire and gravel supply	\$14,492.50
EFT2290		Regional Concrete & Plumbing	Plumbing repairs at 5 Nottage Way	\$311.30
EFT2291 EFT2292		Wheatbelt Renovations Baxters Rural Centre	Maintenance at Tamma Village Supply and install new hose for TN251	\$1,063.70 \$1,582.56
EFT2293		Conway Highbury Pty Ltd	Consultancy services - local law review	\$2,436.50
EFT2294		Courier Australia	Depot consumables	\$20.88
EFT2295		DKT Rural Agencies	Drainage pipes and other materials for Walston Street	\$2,257.90
EFT2296		David Thomas Rees	Reimbursement for vacuum parts	\$351.25
EFT2297	21/06/2018	Farmways Kellerberrin	Paint and other materials for Unit 3, Tamma Village	\$726.88
EFT2298		Gull Tammin Roadhouse	Account charges for May 2018	\$109.85
EFT2299		Kellerberrin Farmers Co-Operative	Account charges for May 2018	\$73.36
EFT2300		Kleenheat Gas	Account charges for May 2018	\$77.43
EFT2301	21/06/2018	Merredin Glazing Service	Supply and fit new glass to door of Komatsu Grader	\$1,243.00

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\$15,191.00
\$467.50
\$830.50
\$5,424.30
\$231.00
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#### 10.2 Financial Management Report for the month of June 2018

**Location:** Shire of Tammin

**Applicant:** Manager of Finance and Administration

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018
Author: Kelsey Pryer

**Item Approved by:**Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: Nil
File Reference: Nil

Attachment/s: Attachment Item 10.2 - June 2018 Monthly

**Financial Report** 

#### **Background**

Enclosed is the Monthly Financial Report for the month of June 2018.

#### **Financial Implications**

Financial Management of 2017/2018

## **Statutory Implications**

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

## 34. Financial activity statement report — s. 6.4

(1A) In this regulation — **committed assets** means revenue unspent but set aside under the annual budget for a specific purpose.

- (1) A local government is to prepare each month a statement of financial activity reporting on the revenue and expenditure, as set out in the annual budget under regulation 22(1)(d), for that month in the following detail
  - a) annual budget estimates, taking into account any expenditure incurred for an additional purpose under section 6.8(1)(b) or (c);
  - b) budget estimates to the end of the month to which the statement relates;
  - c) actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income to the end of the month to which the statement relates;
  - d) material variances between the comparable amounts referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c); and
  - e) the net current assets at the end of the month to which the statement relates.
- (2) Each statement of financial activity is to be accompanied by documents containing
  - a) an explanation of the composition of the net current assets of the month to which the statement relates, less committed assets and restricted assets;
  - b) an explanation of each of the material variances referred to in sub regulation (1)(d); and

- c) such other supporting information as is considered relevant by the local government.
- (3) The information in a statement of financial activity December be shown
  - a) according to nature and type classification; or
  - b) by program; or
  - c) by business unit.
- (4) A statement of financial activity, and the accompanying documents referred to in sub regulation (2), are to be
  - a) presented at an ordinary meeting of the council within 2 months after the end of the month to which the statement relates; and
  - b) recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is presented.

Each financial year, a local government is to adopt a percentage or value, calculated in accordance with the AAS, to be used in statements of financial activity for reporting material variances.

#### Comment

Nil

## **Policy Implications**

Council resolved that in accordance with Regulation 34(5) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* a variance percentage of 10% or \$10,000, whichever is greater, be adopted for reporting material variances.

#### **Strategic Plan Implications**

Nil

## **Community Consultation**

Recommendation	Recommendation			
That Council adopt the Financial Report for the month of June 2018 comprising;				
a) Statement of Financial Acti	vity			
b) Note 1 to Note 12				
Moved: Cr	Seconded: Cr			
Vote: Simple Majority	Carried/Lost:/			

#### 10.3 2018/19 Annual Budget

**Location:** Shire of Tammin

**Applicant:** Manager of Finance and Administration

Date:18th July 2018Author:Kelsey Pryer

Item Approved by: Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: Nil
File Reference: Nil

Attachment/s: Attachment Item 10.3 - 2018-19 Statutory Budget

Attachment Item 10.3 - Fees and Charges 18-19

## **Proposal/Summary**

To consider and adopt the Annual Budget included rate in the dollar, minimum rates, discounts, interim charges and interest and penalty interest rate for the 2018/19 financial year.

#### **Background**

A copy of the draft 2018/19 Budget, prepared in accordance with the requirements of the local government (finance) regulations is attached.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018, Council agreed with income and expenditure to be placed in the budget during a budget workshop. This has now been presented in a statutory format for formal adoption.

#### **Comment**

The Budget allows for an increase of 5.0% in the general rates for both GRV and UV valued properties and an increase of 5.0% to the minimum rates.

The projected net current assets for the financial year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 will total \$0.00.

#### **Consultation**

Megan Shirt – Navsdron Pty Ltd Celeste Smith - Navsdron Pty Ltd

#### **Statutory Implications**

#### Local Government Act 1995 - Sect 6.2

- 6.2. Local government to prepare annual budget
- (1) During the period from 1 June in a financial year to 31 August in the next financial year, or such extended time as the Minister allows, each local government is to prepare and adopt\*, in the

form and manner prescribed, a budget for its municipal fund for the financial year ending on the 30 June next following that 31 August.

- \* Absolute majority required.
- (2) In the preparation of the annual budget the local government is to have regard to the contents of the plan for the future of the district made in accordance with section 5.56 and to prepare a detailed estimate for the current year of
  - (a) the expenditure by the local government; and
  - (b) the revenue and income, independent of general rates, of the local government; and
- (c) the amount required to make up the deficiency, if any, shown by comparing the estimated expenditure with the estimated revenue and income.
- (3) For the purposes of subsections (2)(a) and (b) all expenditure, revenue and income of the local government is to be taken into account unless otherwise prescribed.
  - (4) The annual budget is to incorporate —
- (a) particulars of the estimated expenditure proposed to be incurred by the local government; and
- (b) detailed information relating to the rates and service charges which will apply to land within the district including
  - (i) the amount it is estimated will be yielded by the general rate; and
- (ii) the rate of interest (if any) to be charged by the local government on unpaid rates and service charges;

and

- (c) the fees and charges proposed to be imposed by the local government; and
- (d) the particulars of borrowings and other financial accommodation proposed to be entered into by the local government; and
- (e) details of the amounts to be set aside in, or used from, reserve accounts and of the purpose for which they are to be set aside or used; and
- (f) particulars of proposed land transactions and trading undertakings (as those terms are defined in and for the purpose of section 3.59) of the local government; and
  - (g) such other matters as are prescribed.
  - (5) Regulations may provide for
    - (a) the form of the annual budget; and
    - (b) the contents of the annual budget; and
    - (c) the information to be contained in or to accompany the annual budget.

#### **Policy Implications**

Nil

## **Financial Implications**

Will establish the revenue and expenditures for the financial year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

#### **Strategic Implications**

#### Recommendation

That Council adopts the Shire of Tammin 2018/19 Annual Budget as presented:

1. Adopt a minimum rate for the 2018/19 year at:

Unimproved Value \$551.00 Gross Rental Value \$551.00

- 2. Adopt a rate increase of 5%
- 3. Adopt a rate in the dollar of 0.0161 cents for the Unimproved Valuation rating in 2018/19
- 4. Adopt a rate in the dollar of 0.1196 cents for the Gross Rental Valuation rating in 2018/19
- 5. Adopt the Schedule Fees & Charges for 2018/19. A deduction of the 20% Administration Fee for Private Works will apply for Inter Shire works
- 6. Late payment penalty interest to be levied at 11% for Rates and Emergency Services Levy for all outstanding rates from the applicable due date
- 7. Instalment interest to be levied at 5.50%
- 8. Council offers ratepayers the following payment options for 2018/19 and an administration charge of \$4.00 be applied to each rate reminder notice:

Payment in Full: 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Four instalments:

1st Instalment25% due 13th September 20182nd Instalment25% due 13th November 20183rd Instalment25% due 12th January 20194th Instalment25% due 13th March 2019

- 9. That a 3.00% discount for prompt payment be applied, if all rates and charges appearing on the rates notice, including arrears are paid in full within 35 days of issue of the rates assessment notice.
- 10. That rate incentives prizes be offered to ratepayers for early payment of rates within 35 days at no cost to Council.
- 11. That in accordance with Regulation section 34(5) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 a variance percentage of 10% or \$10,000, whichever is greater, to be used to report material variances in the statement of financial activity for the 2018/19 financial reporting period.

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12. That Council, pursuant to section 5.98(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995 and within the range determined by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal, adopt the following meeting attendance fees for elected members:

President \$200.00 per meeting attended Councillors \$100.00 per meeting attended

Councillors \$30.00 per committee meeting attended Travel \$1.543/km or \$5.00 within town site

That Council, pursuant to section 5.98(5) of the Local Government Act 1995 and within the range determined by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal, adopts the following annual local government allowance to be paid in addition to the meeting attendance fees:

President \$2,400.00

Deputy President

That Council, pursuant to section 5.98A of the Local Government Act 1995 and within the range determined by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal, adopts the following annual local government allowance to be paid in addition to the meeting attendance fees:

Moved: Cr \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: Cr \_\_\_\_\_

\$600.00

Vote: Absolute Majority Carried/Lost: \_\_\_/\_\_\_

#### 11. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION – ADMINISTRATION

## 11.1 Councillor Vacancy - Extraordinary Election Outcome - Close of Nominations, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Location:** Shire of Tammin

**Applicant:** Chief Executive Officer

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018
Author: Neville Hale

**Item Approved by:** Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest:

File Reference:

Nil

Attachment/s:

Nil

## **Proposal/Summary**

For Council to determine how it wishes to deal with the ongoing vacancy following there being no nominations as at 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018 for the extraordinary election required to fill a Council vacancy.

## **Background**

Following the resignation of Cr Crane on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Council, in accordance with s4.9(1)(b) of the Local Government Act, 1995 (the Act), set 11<sup>th</sup> August 2018 as the date for an extraordinary election. At the close of nominations on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018 there were no nominations received.

#### Action required:

- In accordance with s4.57(2) Council is required to set a second extraordinary election date; or.
- In accordance with s4.17 (3) may, with the approval of the Electoral Commissioner, allow the vacancy to remain unfilled (Absolute majority required).

### **Comments**

The Local Government Act, 1995 requires Council, within one month after the vacancy occurs, in this case from 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018, to set a day for the extraordinary meeting.

The revised extraordinary election-day should be such that it allows enough time for the electoral requirements to be complied with but, unless otherwise approved by the Electoral Commissioner, it cannot be later than 4 months after the vacancy occurs (5<sup>th</sup> November 2018). Moreover, any new date should be within 100 days of 11<sup>th</sup> August 2018 to enable the use of the Electoral Roll prepared for the previously proposed 11<sup>th</sup> August 2018 election.

A further consideration in respect to a second extraordinary election is the cost of re-advertising which is in the order of \$2,000 plus the cost of the election itself.

Alternatively, the option is open to Council to allow the vacancy to remain unfilled. This would necessitate a request to the Electoral Commissioner and is a lower cost alternative. However, it would mean that the Council would only have five Councillors for a further twelve months until the October 2019 Ordinary Election.

With the reduced number of Councillors, Council would still require a minimum of three (3) councilors for a quorum, being 50% of the offices of Council and for decisions by "absolute majority" it will also require 50% of the offices of Council i.e. 3 Councillors, for such decisions.

#### Consultation

WA Electoral Commission

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

WALGA – Governance

#### **Statutory Implications**

Local Government Act 1995

#### 4.9. Election day for extraordinary election

- (1) Any poll needed for an extraordinary election is to be held on a day decided on and fixed
  - (a) by the mayor or president, in writing, if a day has not already been fixed under paragraph (b); or
  - (b) by the council at a meeting held within one month after the vacancy occurs, if a day has not already been fixed under paragraph (a).
- (2) The election day fixed for an extraordinary election is to be a day that allows enough time for the electoral requirements to be complied with but, unless the Electoral Commissioner approves or section 4.10(b) applies, it cannot be later than 4 months after the vacancy occurs.
- (3) If at the end of one month after the vacancy occurs an election day has not been fixed, the CEO is to notify the Electoral Commissioner and the Electoral Commissioner is to
  - (a) fix a day for the holding of the poll that allows enough time for the electoral requirements to be complied with; and
  - (b) advise the CEO of the day fixed.

#### 4.17. Cases in which vacant offices can remain unfilled

- (1) If a member's office becomes vacant under section 2.32 on or after the third Saturday in July in the election year in which the term of the office would have ended under the Table to section 2.28, the vacancy is to remain unfilled and the term of the member who held the office is to be regarded in section 4.6 as ending on the day on which it would have ended if the vacancy had not occurred.
- (2) If a member's office becomes vacant under section 2.32
  - (a) after the third Saturday in January in the election year in which the term of the office would have ended under the Table to section 2.28; but

(b) before the third Saturday in July in that election year,

the council may, with the approval of the Electoral Commissioner, allow the vacancy to remain unfilled and, in that case, the term of the member who held the office is to be regarded in section 4.6 as ending on the day on which it would have ended if the vacancy had not occurred.

- (3) If a councillor's office becomes vacant under section 2.32 and under subsection (4A) this subsection applies, the council may, with the approval of the Electoral Commissioner, allow\* the vacancy to remain unfilled and, subject to subsection (4), in that case, the term of the member who held the office is to be regarded in section 4.6 as ending on the day on which it would have ended if the vacancy had not occurred.
  - \* Absolute majority required.
- (4A) Subsection (3) applies
  - (a) if
    - (i) the office is for a district that has no wards; and
    - (ii) at least 80% of the number of offices of member of the council in the district are still filled;

or

- (b) if
  - (i) the office is for a ward for which there are 5 or more offices of councillor; and
  - (ii) at least 80% of the number of offices of councillor for the ward are still filled.
- (4) If an ordinary or an extraordinary election is to be held in a district then an election to fill any vacancy in the office of councillor in that district that was allowed to remain unfilled under subsection (3) is to be held on the same election day and Division 9 applies to those elections as if they were one election to fill all the offices of councillor for the district or ward that need to be filled.

#### 4.57. Less candidates than vacancies

- (1) If, at the close of nominations, there are no candidates for the office or offices to be filled at the election, an extraordinary election is to be held to fill the office or offices as if it or they had become vacant on the day after the close of nominations.
- (2) If, at the close of nominations, the number of candidates is less than the number of offices to be filled at the election
  - (a) the candidate or candidates is or are elected; and
  - (b) an extraordinary election is to be held to fill the remaining office or offices as if it or they had become vacant on the day after the close of nominations.
- (3) If, at the close of nominations for an extraordinary election required under subsection (1) or (2) there are no candidates or the number of candidates is less than the number of offices to be filled at the election, the council may appoint\* to any unfilled office a person who would be eligible to be a candidate for election to the office and who is willing to accept the appointment.

<sup>\*</sup> Absolute majority required.

(4) A person appointed under subsection (3) is to be regarded as having been elected.

## 5.19. Quorum for meetings

The quorum for a meeting of a council or committee is at least 50% of the number of offices (whether vacant or not) of member of the council or the committee.

#### **Policy Implications**

Nil

### **Financial Implications**

The holding of an extraordinary election is likely to cost in the order of \$2,500 to \$3,000 for advertising and staffing of polling booths if required.

A provision for this cost can be included in the 2018/19 Budget.

Allowing the vacancy to remain unfilled would negate the cost of the extraordinary election and reduce Councillor Expenses, but not to a significant amount.

## **Strategic Implications**

Governance: Strengthen Shire Leadership

Our Vision

- We will provide leadership and make informed decisions for the benefit of the community.
- We will provide good governance to ensure our local area is sustainable and advocate and lobby on behalf of our community for the provision of services and infrastructure.
- We will work in partnership with our community and support our community as leaders.

Recommendation			
That Council, in accordance with s4.17 of the Local Government Act, 1995, seeks the approval of the Electoral Commissioner to allow the current Council vacancy to remain unfilled.			
Moved: Cr	Seconded: Cr		
Vote: Absolute Majority	Carried/Lost/		

#### 12 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION - TOWN PLANNING

## 13 ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

## 14 MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED (S`5.23)

Recommendation	
That the meeting be moved behind closed doors.	
Moved: Cr	Seconded: Cr
Vote: Simple Majority	Carried/Lost:/
14.1 Shared Service - Manager Works and Services Appointment of Acting Shared Manager of Works and Services (CONFIDENTIAL)	
Recommendation	
That the meeting move from behind closed doors.	
Moved: Cr	Seconded: Cr
Vote: Simple Majority	Carried/Lost:/
The President read allowed the resolution pertaining to confidential item.	
15 CLOSURE OF MEETING	
There being no further business the Shire President declared the meeting closed atpm.	

#### 14 REFERENCES

#### 6 DECLARATION OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS IN AGENDA ITEMS

The Local Government Act (Section 5.60 - 5.62) provides that it is the Councillor's obligation to declare an interest if they believe that they have a financial interest, proximity interest, closely associated persons interest or an interest affecting impartiality in a matter being discussed by Council.

The Act provides that the interest may be declared in writing to the CEO prior to the meeting or declared prior to discussion of the agenda item at the meeting. Forms for this purpose are available to Councillors.

The Act further provides that the extent of the interest needs to be declared if the Councillor seeks to remain in the Chamber during the discussion, debate or voting on the item.

A Councillor declaring a financial or proximity interest must leave the meeting prior to the matter being discussed or voted on (including the question as to whether they are permitted to remain in the Chamber). Councillors remaining in the Chamber may resolve to allow the member to return to the meeting to participate in the proceedings.

#### 7.1 STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Section 5.22(2) of the Local Government Act provides that minutes of all meetings to be kept and submitted to the next full Council meeting for confirmation.

#### 11.1 List of Financial Payments Reference -STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 provides that:

- (1) If the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month showing for each account paid since the last such list was prepared —
  - (a) the payee's name;
  - (b) the amount of the payment;
  - (c) the date of the payment; and
  - (d) sufficient information to identify the transaction.
- (2) A list of accounts for approval to be paid is to be prepared each month showing -
  - (a) for each account which requires council authorisation in that month
    - (i) the payee's name;
    - (ii) the amount of the payment; and
    - (iii) sufficient information to identify the transaction;

and

- (b) the date of the meeting of the Council to which the list is to be presented.
- 3) A list prepared under sub regulation (1) or (2) is to be
  - (a) presented to the Council at the next ordinary meeting of the council after the list is prepared; and
  - (b) recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

### 11.2 Financial Report Reference - STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 requires a Statement of Financial Activity to be prepared each month, which is to contain the following details:

- (a) annual budget estimates;
- (b) budget estimates to the end of the month;
- (c) actual amount of expenditure and revenue;
- (d) material variances between comparable amounts in (b) and (c) above; and
- (e) the net current assets at the end of the month to which the statement relates (i.e. surplus / (deficit) position).

The Statement is to be accompanied by:

- (a) explanation of the composition of net current assets, less committed assets and restricted assets;
- (b) explanation of the material variances; and
- (c) such other information considered relevant by the local government.