



# SHIRE OF WAGIN

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes  
1<sup>st</sup> August 2013

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**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING**

The Shire President Cr Blight declared the meeting open at 5.38pm.

**2. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)**

<b>Present:</b>	Cr P J Blight	President
	Cr G R Ball	Member
	Cr I C Cumming	Member
	Cr G K B West	Member
	Cr G T Hegarty	Member
	Cr D C Lloyd	Member
	Cr R C Walker	Member
	Cr E N Pugh	Member
	Cr C J Brockwell	Member
<b>Staff:</b>	Mr P R Webster	Chief Executive Officer
	Mr A D Hicks	Manager of Works
	Ms C A Webster	Manager Community and Regulatory Services
	Mr B A Roderick	Manager Finance and Corporate Services
	Mr D O Irekpolo	Acting Accountant
<b>Visitors:</b>	Nil	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Cr J G Shaw	
	Cr J L C Ballantyne	

**3. DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL AND OTHER INTERESTS**

Nil

**4. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

**2226 COUNCIL DECISION**

Moved: Cr. G T Hegarty

Seconded: Cr. R C Walker

That standing orders be suspended.  
Carried 9/0

Manager Finance and Corporate Services read through the Draft Budget and explained the situation.

The meeting adjourned for Dinner at 7.18pm.

The meeting resumed at 7.40pm.

Council reviewed the Draft Budget document and revised accordingly.

**2227 COUNCIL DECISION**

Moved: Cr. I C Cumming

Seconded: Cr. E N Pugh

That standing orders be resumed.  
Carried 9/0

#### 4.1 DRAFT BUDGET 2013/2014

PROPONENT:	Shire of Wagin
OWNER:	Shire of Wagin
LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Shire of Wagin
AUTHOR OF REPORT:	Manager of Finance and Corporate Services
SENIOR OFFICER:	Chief Executive Officer
DATE OF REPORT:	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2013
PREVIOUS REPORT(S):	N/A
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	N/A
FILE REFERENCE:	FNC3/1
ATTACHMENTS:	Under Separate Cover

#### BRIEF SUMMARY:

A Draft Budget for 2013 / 2014 is presented to Council for review and discussion.

#### BACKGROUND:

Council in recent years have received a draft budget for discussion in late July and have given staff direction to complete a budget for formal adoption in August so Council rates can be sent out.

#### COMMENT:

The Draft Budget has been presented to Council with a **6%** increase in rates and as a balanced budget (\$0 surplus/deficit position)

The Draft Budget has been formulated from the recent Budget workshop, Council and Committee meeting resolutions and the recently adopted Strategic Community plan and the Draft Long Term financial Plan.

Council can still make changes to expenditure, however if expenditure is increased it must be then cut from somewhere else or funds need to be transferred from Reserve, new loan funds or adjustment to the percentage increase in rates.

An estimated surplus of \$943,000 been carried forward from 2012/2013, however an amount of \$544,907 is restricted as highlighted on the surplus calculation spreadsheet. There are a number of carry forward jobs that also make up the surplus and when taking into account the \$665,000 in 2013/2014 FAGS funds received in June 2013 then in reality we have recorded a \$300,000 deficit for last year. This deficit has had a profound effect on this year's budget.

Council has been able to secure a major Main Roads works upgrade job which when factoring in Councils private works rates it will provide a significant profit and assist in this year's budget process.

Whilst a balance budget has been presented some Capital expenditure items can be deleted, this will allow Council to reduce the percentage rate increase. **One percent of rates equates to \$18,445.**

**CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION:**

Senior Staff

**STATUTORY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Local Government Act 1995, s6.2 – Council must adopt a Budget in the form and manner prescribed by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013.

Local Government Financial Management Regulations 1996

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

A plan for Council's operations and capitals works for the 2013 / 2014 year.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

The draft budget has been prepared with reference to Council's Community Strategic Plan.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority

**2228 COUNCIL DECISION**

Moved: E N Pugh

Seconded: Cr. C J Brockwell

That Staff incorporate the changes to the draft 2013/2014 Budget for final adoption on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2013.

Carried 9/0

**5. CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

I certify that this copy of the Minutes is a true and correct record of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013.

Signed: .....  
*Presiding Elected Member*

Date: .....