

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF WITZENBERG MUNICIPALITY,
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, VOORTREKKER STREET, CERES ON WEDNESDAY,
22 JUNE 2022 AT 10:00**

PRESENT

Councillors

Councillor EM Sidego (DA) (Speaker)
Alderman HJ Smit (DA) (Executive Mayor)
Councillor FE Klazen (GOOD) (Deputy Executive Mayor)
Alderman K Adams (DA)
Alderman BC Klaasen (DA)
Alderman JJ Visagie (DA)
Councillor D Swart (DA)
Councillor P Daniels (DA)
Councillor S de Bruin (DA)
Councillor GJ Franse (DA)
Councillor JP Fredericks (Freedom Front Plus)
Councillor LA Hardnek (Witzenberg Party)
Councillor GG Laban (Witzenberg Aksie)
Councillor JS Mouton (ANC)
Councillor N Phatsoane (ANC)
Councillor AL Gili (ANC)
Councillor N Nogcinisa (ANC)
Councillor K Yisa (ANC)
Councillor J Zalie (ANC)
Councillor P Heradien (ICOSA)
Councillor JJ Cloete (Patriotic Alliance)
Councillor IL Swartz (EFF)

Officials

Mr D Nasson (Acting Municipal Manager)
Mr W Mars (Acting Director: Finance)
Mr J Barnard (Director: Technical Services)
Mr M Mpeluzi (Director: Corporate Services)
Mr A Hofmeester (Manager: IDP)
Ms L Nieuwenhuis (Manager: Legal Services)
Ms R Hendricks (Manager: Communication and Marketing)
Mr CG Wessels (Manager: Administration)
Mr J Pieterse (Senior ICT Officer)
Ms M Arendse-Smith (Chief Administrative Officer)
Mr J Titus (Committee Clerk)
Ms MJ Prins (Word Processor Operator)

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The Speaker welcomed everyone present and requested that Councillor J Cloete opens the meeting with prayer.

NOTED

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND CONFIDENTIALITY AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

**2.1 Consideration of application for leave of absence, if any
(3/1/2/1)**

An *Application for leave of absence* form is attached as **annexure 2.1**.

None

NOTED

**2.2 Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Declaration
(3/2/1)**

The Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Declaration is attached as **annexure 2.2**.

The Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Declaration was duly signed by all Councillors.

NOTED

3. STATEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS OR MATTERS RAISED

**3.1 Matters raised by the Speaker
(09/1/1)**

(a) The Speaker conveyed Council's well wishes and congratulations to all those who had celebrated birthdays and anniversaries. Condolences were also conveyed to those who had lost loved ones recently.

(b) The Speaker further thanked everyone who had partaken in the Youth Day celebrations on 16 June 2022 and saluted those who were part of the struggle.

- (c) It must be noted that all Ward Committees have received training and that a meeting with all Ward Councillors will be arranged by the Speaker for 29 June 2022. Further details will be communicated in due course.

NOTED

Councillor P Daniels joined the meeting at 10:14.

Councillor J Mouton requested a caucus break on behalf of the ANC, which lasted from 10:14 until 10:35.

**3.2 Matters raised by the Executive Mayor
(09/1/1)**

- (a) The Executive Mayor informed Council of the taxi violence which had taken place earlier the week whereby one person was injured, conveying well wishes and a speedy recovery on behalf of Council.
- (b) Furthermore, that the yearly Christmas in Winter Festival will be taking place in Tulbagh from 25 until 26 June 2022.

Councillor J Mouton challenged the Executive Mayor's announcements as the Mayor had neglected to inform Council of the matter relating to the Deputy Chief Financial Officer as well as the serious allegations of corruption.

The Speaker called the house to order and informed Councillor Mouton that it was an incorrect platform and requested the Councillor to make use of the various appropriate remedies to raise the matter.

NOTED

3.3 Matters raised by the Acting Municipal Manager

None

NOTED

4. GERESERVEERDE BEVOEGDHEDE / RESERVED POWERS

4.1 Direktooraat Finansies / Directorate Finance

4.1.1 Determination of upper limits of salaries, allowance and benefits of Councillors according to Government Gazette no. 46470 (5/11/1)

The following documents are attached:

- (a) Memorandum from Director: Finance, dated 8 June 2022: **Annexure 4.1.1(a)**.
- (b) Councillors' details: **Annexure 4.1.1(b)**.
- (c) Government Gazette no. 46470 of 2 June 2022: **Annexure 4.1.1(c)**.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

That in respect of the determination of upper limits of salaries, allowances and benefits of different members of municipal councils:

- (a) *Notice be taken of the content of Government Gazette no. 46470.*
- (b) *that sufficient funds are available to set the upward salary adjustment of councillors with effect from 1 July 2021.*
- (c) *that Council approves the upward salary adjustment for councillors as determined in Government Gazette no. 46470.*
- (d) *that Council approves the cell phone allowances for councillors as determined in Government Gazette no. 46470.*
- (e) *that the increase of total remuneration be approved retrospectively from 1 July 2021 subject to the concurrence of the Provincial Minister for Local Government.*
- (f) *that the Provincial Minister for Local Government notes that Council have not implemented the latest upward salary and allowances adjustment as yet.*
- (g) *that councillors submit to the municipality details of property, assets and beneficiaries to be covered by the special risk insurance.*

4.2 Direktooraat Tegnieuse Dienste / Directorate Technical Services

4.2.1 Small Scale Embedded Generation (SSEG) Policy: Methodology, allowable limit and motivation of renewable tariff (16/3/P)

The following documents are attached:

- (a) Memorandum from Senior Manager: Electro-Technical Services, dated 30 November 2021: **Annexure 4.2.1(a)**.
- (b) Review and Strategic Input report: **Annexure 4.2.1(b)**.

RESOLVED

that the item relating to the Small Scale Embedded Generation Policy: Methodology, allowable limit and motivation of renewable tariff be held in abeyance until the next meeting.

4.2.2 Policy for designing of container dwellings in the Witzenberg area (15/4/P)

The proposed policy for container dwellings in the Witzenberg area is attached as **annexure 4.2.2**.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

that the Policy for the designing of container dwellings in the Witzenberg area be approved and accepted.

EENPARIG BESLUIT

dat die Beleid vir die ontwerp van vraghouerhuise in die Witzenberg-area goedgekeur en aanvaar word.

4.3 Direkoraat Gemeenskapsdienste / Directorate Community Services

4.3.1 Lease of portion of erf 1, Pine Valley, Wolseley: Old Malikhanye Crèche (7/1/4/1)

A memorandum from the Acting Manager: Socio-Economic Development, dated 30 May 2022, is attached as **annexure 4.3.1**.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

- (a) that approval be given for leasing of the Old Malikhanye Crèche, situated on erf 1, Pine Valley, Wolseley (portion of plot 1) to the Pine Valley Neighbourhood Watch for a period of three (3) years with an option of renewal for a further three years on the discretion of the municipality.*
- (b) that the property that is to be leased, is not required for the provision of a minimum level of basic services [MFMA Section 14.2(a)].*
- (c) that the property be leased "voetstoots".*
- (d) that the fair market value not be applicable due to the economic and community value that is received in exchange for the lease of the asset [MFMA Section 14.2(b)]. Council to consider exemption of rental charges and that only municipal services be paid for the building on condition that the municipality leases the building as it is and that the lessee does all repair and applicable maintenance work to the building.*

4.4 Direkoraat Korporatiewe Dienste / Directorate Corporate Services

**4.4.1 Appointment of Performance, Risk and Audit Committee members
(5/14/4)**

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

(a) that Ms MC Fagan's term of office be extended for a further 3-year period.

(b) that the four positions be advertised during August 2022.

EENPARIG BESLUIT

(a) dat me MC Fagan se ampstermyn vir 'n verdere drie jaar verleng word.

(b) dat die vier posisies gedurende Augustus 2022 geadverteer word.

5. URGENT MATTERS SUBMITTED AFTER DISPATCHING OF THE AGENDA

None

NOTED

6. COUNCIL-in-COMMITTEE