

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF WITZENBERG MUNICIPALITY, HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, VOORTREKKER STREET, CERES ON THURSDAY, 14 APRIL 2022 AT 09:00**

**PRESENT**

**Councillors**

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

**Officials**

Mr D Nasson (Municipal Manager)  
Mr HJ Kritzinger (Director: Finance)  
Ms L Nieuwenhuis (Manager: Legal Services)  
Mr A Hofmeester (Manager: IDP)  
Mr CG Wessels (Manager: Administration)  
Ms R Hendricks (Manager: Communication and Marketing)  
Ms M Arendse-Smith (Chief Administrative Officer)  
Mr C Titus (Committee Clerk)  
Mr R Rhode (ICT Administrator)  
Mr J Pieterse (Senior ICT Officer)

**1. OPENING AND WELCOME / OPENING EN VERWELKOMING**

The Speaker welcomed everyone at the meeting after which she requested Pastor Pieter Swartz to open the meeting with a prayer.

The Speaker announced that the National Minister for Communication, Minister Khumbudzo Ntshavheni, will visit the Witzenberg Municipality on 19 April 2022. The visit is in respect with the analog switch in the Witzenberg area.

The Speaker announced that the Department of Labour will hold a meeting with regard to foreign labourers in the Town Hall, Voortrekker Street, Ceres on 5 May 2022. Councillors are invited and must respond before the end of day.

**NOTED**

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

**2.1 Consideration of application for leave of absence, if any  
Aansoeke om verlof tot afwesigheid, indien enige  
(3/1/2/1)**

An application for leave of absence from the meeting was received from Councillor J Fredericks due to medical reasons.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*that the applicatioin for leave of absence from the meeting, received from Councillor JP Fredericks, be approved and accepted.*

**EENPARIG BESLUIT**

*dat die aansoek om verlof tot afwesigheid van die vergadering, ontvang vanaf Raadslid JP Fredericks, goedgekeur en aanvaar word.*

**2.2 Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Declaration  
Vertroulikheid en Botsing van Belange Verklaring  
(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. RESERVED POWERS / GERESERVEERDE BEVOEGDHEDE**

#### **3.1 Establishment of ward committees (3/3/1/5)**

A memorandum from the Manager: IDP, dated 8 April 2022, is attached as **annexure 3.1**.

Councillor P Heradien requested that it be recorded that he is not in agreement with approval of the matter due to favouritism of a specific political party.

The ANC coalition requested a caucus break from 09:20 until 09:46 in order to obtain clarity in respect of the establishment of Ward Committees.

After the caucus break the ANC coalition requested that it be recorded that in respect of Ward 11 only people from Tulbagh had attended the meeting and that the Pine Valley part was absent. Only one political party was in attendance.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (a) that notice be taken of the nominees for the ward committees being made and that same be accepted.*
- (b) that the Speaker be mandated to engage with the Ward Councillors on the filling of the vacant positions in a ward where no nominees were made.*

#### **BESLUIT**

- (a) dat kennis geneem word van die nominasies vir die wykskomitees en dat genoemde aanvaar word.*
- (b) dat volmag aan die Speaker verleen word om met die Wyksraadslede in gesprek te tree oor die vulling van die vakante poste in 'n wyk waar geen nominasies ontvang is nie.*

#### **3.2 Finance: Budget 2022/2023: Notification on change to the proposed increase in electricity tariffs (5/1/1/21)**

A memorandum from the Director: Finance, dated 11 April 2022, is attached as **annexure 3.2**.

The Municipal Manager mentioned that the decrease is only applicable on municipal customers and that ESKOM is responsible for their own customers. The financial impact of the decrease will be addressed in the final budget.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*that notice be taken that the request for the tariff increase to customers will be reduced by 2.75 % .*

**EENPARIG BESLUIT**

*dat kennis geneem word dat die versoek vir die tariefverhoging aan klante met 2.75 % verminder sal word.*

**4. COUNCIL-in-COMMITTEE**