

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE WITZENBERG MUNICIPALITY, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL OFFICES, 50 VOORTREKKER STREET, CERES ON TUESDAY, 5 JANUARY 2016 AT 09:00**

**PRESENT**

Councillors

TT Godden (Speaker)  
BC Klaasen (Executive Mayor)  
K Adams (Deputy Executive Mayor)  
R Badela  
P Daniels  
JJ du Plessis  
MC du Toit  
JP Fredericks  
WJ Hanekom  
S Louw  
JS Mouton  
MI Saula  
RJ Simpson  
HJ Smit  
D Swart  
JJ Visagie

Officials

Mr D Nasson (Municipal Manager)  
Mr A Raubenheimer (Acting Director: Finance)  
Mr R Rhode (Acting Manager: Administration)  
Ms M Arendse (Principal Administrative Officer)

**1. OPENING AND WELCOME**

The Speaker requested Councillor Dirk Swart to open the meeting with prayer after which he welcomed everyone present.

**NOTED.**

**2. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE, IF ANY  
(3/1/2/1)**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors M Mentor, J Mouton and J Phungula.

Apologies were also tendered on behalf of the ANC councillors who are attending an ANC meeting in Worcester.

The Speaker indicated that absence without apologies is highly unacceptable.

**RESOLVED**

*That the apologies for absence from the meeting, received from Councillors M Mentor, J Mouton and J Phungula as well as the ANC councillors attending a meeting in Worcester, be accepted and approved.*

**3. STATEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS OR MATTERS RAISED**

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

The Speaker wished everyone a blessed and prosperous 2016.

**NOTED.**

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

The Executive Mayor wished everyone a blessed and prosperous new year.

**NOTED.**

**4. RESERVED POWERS**

**4.1 Councillor remuneration: Determination of upper limits of salaries, allowance and benefits of councillors according to Government Gazette No. 39548  
(5/11/1)**

The following documents are attached:

- (a) Memorandum from the Chief Financial Officer, dated 23 December 2015: **Annexure 4.1(a).**
- (b) Government Gazette no. 39548, dated 21 December 2015: **Annexure 4.1(b).**

**RESOLVED**

- (a) *That the necessary correction be made to the affordability factor in the memorandum as it should state that the 7 % increase in councillor allowances in the 2015/2016 budget is sufficient.*
- (b) *That in respect of the determination of upper limits of salaries, allowances and benefits of different members of municipal councils, discussed by Council at a council meeting:*
  - (i) *That Council notes the content of Government Gazette no. 39548.*
  - (ii) *That sufficient funds are available to set the upward salary adjustment of councillors with effect from 1 July 2015.*

- (iii) *That Council approves the upward salary adjustment for councillors as determined in Government Gazette no. 39548.*
- (iv) *That Council approves the cell phone allowances for councillors as determined in Government Gazette no. 39548.*
- (v) *That the increase of total remuneration be approved retrospectively from 1 July 2015 subject to the concurrence of the Provincial Minister for Local Government.*
- (vi) *That the Provincial Minister for Local Government notes that Council have not implemented the latest upward salary adjustment as yet.*

Councillors R Badela, J Mouton, M Saula and R Simpson joined the meeting at 09:14.

#### **4.2 Huidige watersituasie: Munisipaliteit Witzenberg (16/2/11/1)**

'n Memorandum vanaf die Bestuurder: Strategiese Dienste, gedateer 4 Januarie 2016, word aangeheg as **bylae 4.2**.

Raadslid Du Toit verneem waarom die waterbesparingsmaatreëls nie vroeër ingestel is voordat die damvlakke so laag gedaal het nie.

Raadslid Du Toit verneem verder of die algemene publiek deeglik ingelig is omtrent die waterbesparingsmaatreëls en of daar wetstoepassing daaromtrent gedoen word, want volgens haar waarneming word daar nie juis waterbesparingsmaatreëls deur die publiek toegepas nie.

Die Munisipale Bestuurder bevestig dat waterbesparingsmaatreëls in plek is en dat verdere implementering in proses is. Daar word ook genoem dat daar wel in verbinding getree sal word met die Koekedouw Besproeiingsraad.

Raadslede J du Plessis en K Adams bedank die munisipaliteit vir die waterbesparingsmaatreëls wat ingestel is en dat Munisipaliteit Witzenberg sy deel doen in die landwye stryd om waterbesparing.

#### **BESLUIT**

- (a) *Dat kennis geneem word van die huidige watersituasie in die Witzenberg munisipale gebied.*
- (b) *Dat die waterbesparingsmaatreëls ook in Wolseley en Op-die-Berg ingestel word.*

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 09:30.

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**COUNCILLOR TT GODDEN**  
**SPEAKER**

/MJ Prins