

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE WITZENBERG MUNICIPALITY, HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL OFFICES, 50 VOORTREKKER STREET, CERES ON  
FRIDAY, 19 JUNE 2015 AT 11:00

**PRESENT**

Councillors

TT Godden (Speaker)  
BC Klaasen (Executive Mayor)  
K Adams (Deputy Executive Mayor)  
R Badela  
P Daniëls  
JJ du Plessis  
JP Fredericks  
WJ Hanekom  
JNED Klazen  
S Louw  
JS Mouton  
SM Ndwanya  
MI Saula  
A Smit  
HJ Smit  
D Swart  
JJ Visagie

Officials

Mr D Nasson (Municipal Manager)  
Ms J Krieger (Director: Community Services)  
Mr H Taljaard (Acting Director: Technical Services)  
Mr G Louw (Head: Internal Audit)  
Mr A Hofmeester (IDP Manager)  
Mr R Rhode (Acting Manager: Administration)  
Ms M Arendse (Principal Administrative Officer)  
Mr C Titus (Committee Clerk)  
Ms P Nombayeka (Interpreter)

Other representatives

Mr Noël Taft  
Mr Aubrey Mackenzie

**1. OPENING AND WELCOME**

The Speaker welcomed everyone present and requested Councillor R Badela to open the meeting with prayer.

**NOTED.**

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

Applications for leave of absence from the meeting were received from Councillors BJ Chaaban, MC du Toit, L Salmon and EM Sidego.

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from the Directors: Finance, Technical Services and Corporate Services as well as the Deputy Director: Finance.

**RESOLVED**

- (a) That the applications for leave of absence from the meeting, received from Councillors BJ Chaaban, MC du Toit, L Salmon and EM Sidego, be approved and accepted.*
- (b) That cognisance be taken of the apologies for absence from the meeting, received from the Directors: Finance, Technical Services and Corporate Services as well as the Deputy Director: Finance.*

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

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

The Speaker mentioned that the private sector in the Witzenberg area should be encouraged to commit themselves to transformation regarding employment equity and job creation as prescribed by legislation.

Councillor P Daniëls thanked Council and the relevant officials for their rapid response regarding the water crisis in Wolseley on 17 and 18 June 2015.

Councillor BC Klaasen congratulated Councillor MC du Toit in her absence for reaching the 150 year milestone of their family business.

The Speaker requested that notices be sent to councillors informing them that absence without leave from meetings will be dealt with in terms of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

Council's condolences were conveyed to Councillor J Visagie on the passing of his brother and Councillor J Klazen on the passing of his sister's son.

**NOTED.**

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

None.

**NOTED.**

4. INTERVIEWS WITH DELEGATIONS

4.1 Proposed hydro power plant in Ceres  
(16/3/2)

A presentation was made by Messrs Emzansi Consulting Engineers regarding the proposed hydro power plant in Ceres.

NOTED.

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5. GERESERVEERDE BEVOEGDHEDE / RESERVED POWERS

5.1 New planning dispensation: The Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act  
(Act 16 of 2013) (SPLUMA)  
(15/4/P)

The following documents are attached:

- (a) Report from the Manager: Town Planning and Building Control, dated 4 June 2015: **Annexure 5.1(a)**.
- (b) Land Use Planning By-Law, 2015: **Annexure 5.1(b)**.

**RESOLVED**

- (a) *That the Land Use Planning By-Law be adopted and gazetted.*
- (b) *That Council approves of the establishment of a Municipal Planning Tribunal for its municipal area.*
- (c) *That the Municipal Planning Tribunal comprises of five members, of which three shall be Witzenberg municipal officials and two outside officials from the neighbouring municipalities.*
- (d) *That the Municipal Manager be delegated to designate the three officials to serve as members of the Municipal Planning Tribunal.*
- (e) *That the Municipal Manager be delegated to request two experienced town planning officials, preferably from neighbouring municipalities, to serve as the outside members of the Municipal Planning Tribunal.*
- (f) *That the Municipal Manager be delegated to designate a chairperson and deputy chairperson from the tribunal members.*
- (g) *That the frequency of meetings of the Municipal Planning Tribunal depends on the need to consider applications.*
- (h) *That the terms and conditions of service for members shall be determined by Schedule 1 of the SPLUMA regulations.*

- (i) *That there shall be no remuneration for members of the Municipal Planning Tribunal other than expenses related to travelling.*
- (j) *That the Section Administration shall act as the secretariat to oversee the administrative duties of the Municipal Planning Tribunal.*
- (k) *That the Municipal Planning Tribunal will decide on all non-delegated applications (i.e. applications with objections).*

## 5.2 Proposed hydro power plant in Ceres (16/3/2)

The following memorandum, dated 19 May 2015, was received from the Director: Technical Services:

"A. Purpose

To give feedback to Council and the latest developments regarding the hydro power plant in Ceres.

B. Discussion

Council resolved as follows on 25 November 2014:

That Council in principle approves the hydro project on condition that the following be completed:

- (i) A detailed feasibility study.
- (ii) An environmental study.
- (iii) A social assessment.
- (iv) A business plan with regard to the finance and the project.

A letter was received on 25 May 2015 from Messrs Emzansi Consulting Engineers to present the final proposal of the development of a small hydro power plant in Ceres.

Their presentation, dated February 2015, is attached as **annexure 5.2**.

C. Financial implications

There are no financial implications for Witzenberg Municipality."

### RESOLVED

- (a) *That Council supports the proposal for a hydro power plant in Ceres.*
- (b) *That the proposal of Messrs Emzansi Consulting Engineers be treated as an unsolicited bid and be dealt with in terms of Council's supply chain process.*
- (c) *That the Municipal Manager be mandated to sign all documents on behalf of Council.*

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:45.

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_ .

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COUNCILLOR TT GODDEN  
SPEAKER

/MJ Prins