



MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SWARTLAND MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, HELD IN THE MALMESBURY BANQUETING HALL ON FRIDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 08:30

PRESENT:

Speaker, clr M A Rangasamy

Executive Mayor, ald T van Essen

Executive Deputy Mayor, alw M S I Goliath

Bekebu, Z (ANC)

Bess, D G (DA)

Daniels, C (DA)

De Beer, J M (DA)

Fortuin, C B (DA)

Humphreys, F S (ANC)

Maart, E S M (DA)

Mfutwana, L E (EFF)

McQuire, V D (DA)

Papers, C H (DA)

Penxa, B J (ANC)

Philander, D B (ANC)

Smit, N (DA)

Sneewe, A M (ANC)

Solomons, P E (DA)

Stanley, B J (DA)

Stemele, O M (DA)

Van der Westhuizen, R F (DA)

Van Zyl, M (DA)

Zatu, N S (ANC)

Officials:

Municipal Manager, mr J J Scholtz

Director: Electrical Engineering Services, mr R du Toit

Director: Civil Engineering Services, mr L D Zikmann

Director: Financial Services, mr M A C Bolton

Director: Security Services, mr P A C Humphreys

Director: Corporate Services, ms M S Terblanche

Director: Development Services, mr J T Steenkamp

Committee Officer, ms S A Kulsen

1. OPENING

The Speaker welcomed the Executive Mayor, Executive Deputy Mayor, councillors and officials.

The Speaker asked Cllr R F van der Westhuizen to open the meeting with prayer.

2. APOLOGIES

No apologies received.

3. DEPUTATIONS/DECLARATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

None

4. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

4.1 APPROVAL OF THE 2018/2019 ROLLOVER ADJUSTED CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGETS (5/1/1/1, 5/1/1/2 – 2018/2019)

Since the implementation of the Level 6 water restrictions in January 2018, the water situation has improved significantly. On 5 September 2018 the Voëlvelei Dam was 75%, compared to the same time last year when it was only 25%. The combined dam levels that provide Cape Town and surrounding areas of water are currently at 66.7%, with 35.1% last year.

However, the Department of Water Affairs has indicated that the current strict water restrictions must remain in force until an informed decision on the sustainability of water supply can be made in the longer term.

In view of the above the level 6B water restrictions will not be lifted, but a decrease in water tariffs are proposed.

Cllr D B Philander, on behalf of the ANC, expressed his dissatisfaction with the fact that the R99,00 basic service charge is not being addressed as residents can not afford it.

The Speaker allowed the Director: Financial Services, Mr M A C Bolton, to clarify the matter.

The Municipal Manager, Mr J J Scholtz, said that the decrease in tariffs will not have an impact on the budget.

Cllr Philander stated that the decrease of water tariffs is welcomed by the ANC but emphasized the party's request that the basic service fee be lifted.

The Director: Financial Services stated the reason for implementing the basic service tariff, namely that the municipality must provide water services to residents at a certain standard and provision must be made for the maintenance and replacement of water services infrastructure.

The Executive Mayor, Ald T van Essen, said that the free supply of 6 kiloliters of water was phased out over time (excluding indigent households) and that the basic water levy was implemented through a decision by Council.

At the request of Cllr B J Stanley, the Speaker granted the DA an opportunity for a caucus, and the meeting resumed at 09:30.

The Speaker requested that information on the basic water service charge be communicated with residents by means of the local newspapers, newsletter and social media. Cllr Z Bekebu requested that this information be made available to all residents in all three official languages.

RESOLUTION

(proposed by ald T van Essen, seconded by cllr M van Zyl)

- (a) That the existing Level 6 water restrictions applicable since 1 February 2018, as per **Annexure A** to this report, be maintained, to still effect a 45% saving;
- (b) That the following reduced water tariffs be approved with effect from 1 September 2018, to replace the existing tariffs in the applicable sliding scale categories, while maintaining the water tariffs that were approved with effect from 1 July 2018 in respect of the applicable categories under Levels 5 to 8:

2018/19 Revised Tariffs			Level 1	Level 1B	Level 2	Level 2B	Level 3	Level 3B	Level 4
	Normal	Plus 5%	Plus 10%	Plus 15%	Plus 20%	Plus 25%	Plus 30%	Plus 35%	Plus 40%
0 - 4 kl	R 4.66	R 4.89	R 5.13	R 5.36	R 5.59	R 5.83	R 6.06	R 6.29	R 6.52
5 - 10 kl	R 8.00	R 8.40	R 8.80	R 9.20	R 9.60	R 10.00	R 10.40	R 10.80	R 11.20

- (c) That the remaining water tariffs as approved with effect from 1 July 2018 be maintained unchanged, including the water tariffs as applicable to businesses and to schools, government institutions and sport clubs;
- (d) That the following water sliding scale tariffs, excluding VAT, be approved with effect from 1 September 2018, to be implemented with the services accounts to be rendered to consumers during September 2018 for payment by 30 September 2018:

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0 - 4 kl	R	6.06
5 - 10 kl	R	10.40
11 - 15 kl	R	18.98
16 - 20 kl	R	19.63
21 - 25 kl	R	35.67
26 - 50 kl	R	74.33
51 kl & above	R	102.58

- (e) That approval be granted that the municipal swimming-pools be opened to the public with effect from 1 October 2018, but that all other swimming pools be regarded as private pools which may only be topped up or filled with sources other than municipal potable water.

**SIGNED
SPEAKER**