



Type of Meeting: Ordinary Meeting – 03<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 for the month of May 2024

## AGENDA

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- **Resolved:**
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- **S'phush'iservice - will be in Fochville form the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2024**



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Report by Mr. Albie Nieuwoudt..see attached ...
That it be noted that the documents required in terms of the Municipal System Act and Municipal Finance Management Act to be made public, were Not made public as prescribed by legislation and this constitutes non-Compliance and will result in an audit finding. That it be noted that due to The non-availability of financial reports, no financial report can be presented To ward committee. That it be noted that the municipality has failed to Procure and implement a financial system timeously which poses a serious Risk for the municipality pertaining to financial management, service Delivery, reporting and accountability. That it be noted that a court order Has been issued, interdicting the procurement of a financial system and That an appeal process should be finalised by 31 January 2024. That it be Noted that according to information, the appeal process was finalised and The appointed service provider must continue to implement the system. That the ward committees and the public be informed on the status of the Matter and plan of action. That it be noted that this has a serious impact On municipal services and business in general, who needs updated financial Information to conduct business. That it be noted that the oversight Structures of council are failing the public to timeously address issues of Serious concern pertaining to good governance, compliance, and service Delivery. That the Draft Annual Budget Medium Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework, 2024/2025, and outer years, submitted for Public comment be noted. That the ward councillor informs council Through the relevant structures of the position of ward 14 in the regard. That the public be made aware of the draft budget and public participation Process to ensure that council addresses the shortcomings of the draft Budget. That cognizance be taken of the credit control report for February 2024 and the concern that credit control is not done in all areas and wards Of the municipality. That cognizance be taken that no credit control is implemented in the worse paying areas of Merafong City which is a clear Indication of the selective implementation of council policies. That the Finance and Infrastructure Department, though the respective portfolio Heads, ensure co-ordination of their functions to address infrastructural Challenges hampering credit control. That these inputs be escalated by the Ward councillor through the relevant structures of council and that a feed-Back report be submitted to the ward committee.
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No Report – New member Mr. Abraham Brits
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RECEIVED BY: Lindy Maritz Date: 03<sup>rd</sup> of April 2024

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## FINANCE

Report by Mr. Albie Nieuwoudt..see attached ...

That it be noted that the documents required in terms of the Municipal System Act and Municipal Finance Management Act to be made public, were Not made public as prescribed by legislation and this constitutes non-Compliance and will result in an audit finding. That it be noted that due to The non-availability of financial reports, no financial report can be presented To ward committee. That it be noted that the municipality has failed to Procure and implement a financial system timeously which poses a serious Risk for the municipality pertaining to financial management, service Delivery, reporting and accountability. That it be noted that a court order Has been issued, interdicting the procurement of a financial system and That an appeal process should be finalised by 31 January 2024. That it be Noted that according to information, the appeal process was finalised and The appointed service provider must continue to implement the system. That the ward committees and the public be informed on the status of the Matter and plan of action. That it be noted that this has a serious impact On municipal services and business in general, who needs updated financial Information to conduct business. That it be noted that the oversight Structures of council are failing the public to timeously address issues of Serious concern pertaining to good governance, compliance, and service Delivery. That the Draft Annual Budget Medium Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework, 2024/2025, and outer years, submitted for Public comment be noted. That the ward councillor informs council Through the relevant structures of the position of ward 14 in the regard. That the public be made aware of the draft budget and public participation Process to ensure that council addresses the shortcomings of the draft Budget. That cognizance be taken of the credit control report for February 2024 and the concern that credit control is not done in all areas and wards Of the municipality. That cognizance be taken that no credit control is implemented in the worse paying areas of Merafong City which is a clear Indication of the selective implementation of council policies. That the Finance and Infrastructure Department, though the respective portfolio Heads, ensure co-ordination of their functions to address infrastructural Challenges hampering credit control. That these inputs be escalated by the Ward councillor through the relevant structures of council and that a feed-Back report be submitted to the ward committee.

### Resolved

- **That this matters needs to be attended to.**
- **Cllr. Lindy sent an e-mail sending the Finance report by e-mail to MMC Moyeni and is still waiting for feedback.**

## HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

No Report – New member Mr. Abraham Brits

## CORPORATE SUPPORT SERVICES

Report by Ms Nadine Boucher please read attached report...

Health & Safety still a concern, Rand water – no further feedback, Residents Anxious re financial/billing, Residents of Stinkhout have reported that they Have had less issues with resident driving recklessly.

### **Resolved:**

- **That the report be noted.**
- **Clr. Lindy needs to follow up on the account matters.**
- **Section 80 will be sent to anyone who would require it.**

## SPORTS AND LIBRARIES

Report by Jacoba van den Berg...Some areas do have electricity. Bathrooms Are still a huge concern. Offroad bikers, Library still issue with loadshedding Complaints that staff don't want to help them, and that books are not Available.

### **Resolved:**

- **Clr Lindy needs to follow up.**
- **The portfolio reports need to be read.**
- **Merafong needs to give attention to this report.**

## CLOSURE

Chairperson closes the meeting at 19:55