

# WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

# **MINUTES** COUNCIL CHAMBERS

LOT 62, WAGAIT TOWER ROAD 7PM TUESDAY 27 July 2021

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# 1. OPENING OF MEETING

- Councillors: President Neil White Vice-President Tom Dyer Cr Michael Vaughan Cr Peter Clee
- Staff: Chief Executive Officer, Renita Glencross Policy Officer, Fiona Carter

# 1.1. Address by Chair and President Neil White

The President advises that the meeting will be audio taped for minute-taking purposes only as authorised by the Chief Executive Officer.

The President and Vice President noted the passing of Graham Drake and presented a eulogy.

| Resolution No. 2021/098                           |                         |  |
|---|-------------------------|--|
| That Council note the passing of Cr Graham Drake. |                         |  |
| Moved:  | President Neil White    |  |
| Seconded:   | Vice-President Tom Dyer |  |
| Vote:   | AIF                     |  |

The President advised that there is a proposal from Cr Clee that council appoint a member of the community to fill the casual vacancy created by the untimely death of Cr Graham Drake for the period until the next Council Election.

| <b>Resolution N</b> | lo. 2021/099     |  |
|---------------------|------------------|--|
| That Council        | resolve to app   | point a member of the community to fill the casual vacancy |
| for the perio       | d until the nex  | kt Council Election.                                       |
| Moved:              | Cr Peter Clee    | e  |
| Seconded:           | President No     | eil White  |
| Vote:               | In Favour:       | President Neil White, Cr Peter Clee                        |
|                     | Against:         | Vice-President Tom Dyer, Cr Michael Vaughan                |
|                     |                  |  |
| As a result of      | f the tie, Presi | dent Neil White has casting vote, resolving that council   |

does not appoint a member of the community to fill the casual vacancy for next month's meeting.

**1.2.** Apologies and Leave of Absence

Resolution No. 2021/100 That Council note there are no apologies. Moved: President Neil White Seconded: Cr Michael Vaughan Vote: AIF

# 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

### 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

# 3.1. Confirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting Tuesday 15 June 2021

Resolution No. 2021/101 That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Tuesday 15 June 2021 be confirmed by Council as a true and correct record. Moved: Cr Peter Clee Seconded: Cr Michael Vaughan Vote: AIF

# 1. Matters arising from Minutes of Council Meeting Tuesday 15 June 2021

The May Supplier Payment history showed a payment of \$75.00 to Tschirpig Conveyancing for a rate search. This was a data input error that has now been amended. It should have shown up as a payment from Tschirpig Conveyancing, not a payment to them.

#### 1. GUEST SPEAKERS

Nil

#### 2. INWARDS AND OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

In addition to the Inwards and Outwards Correspondence:

- Ongoing discussions with Veolia regarding damage to bins was discussed with no resolution to date.
- NT Rugby Tour sponsorship request for support to attend the competition, which has since been postponed due to COVID-19. Council will reconsider the sponsorship once a new date has been confirmed.

# Resolution No. 2021/102That Council receives and notes the Inwards and Outwards correspondence reports forthe period since the June 2021 Council meeting be accepted.Moved:Cr Peter CleeSeconded:Cr Michael VaughanVote:AIF

### 1. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

#### 6.1 President's Report

Hello there and welcome to the July Council meeting.

Councillor Vaughan, CEO Renita, Maureen Newman and myself hosted two representatives from DIPL on Thursday last week to receive an update on the progress of the promised Mandorah Marine Precinct. This was very timely as various rumours have been aired, however it appears that the project is on track and proceeding towards works commencing next dry season, with a stated completion date of 2024, although the senior construction manager was hopeful of a possible opening by late 2023. This is exciting news for our community as the project will include a lift to assist mobility-impaired residents at low tides. It also includes a replacement boat ramp which will be much more sheltered from the weather thus improving safety for users. This project is a landmark moment for the entire Cox Peninsula and should herald a new era for development on this side of the harbour.

Where I have been:

| Tuesday June 15:  | June Council meeting  |
|-------------------|---|
| Thursday 17 June: | CEO catchup   |
| Tuesday 22 June:  | Audit Committee meeting   |
| Thursday 24 June: | CEO catchup   |
| Thursday 1 July:  | CEO catchup   |
| Thursday 8 July:  | CEO catchup   |
| Friday 9 July:    | WAG Art show, including meeting the Administrator                                 |
| Thursday 15 July: | CEO catchup then meeting with DIPL representatives regarding the new MMP project. |

#### In addition to the President's Report:

• CEO Renita Glencross to put on the website an electronic copy of the update on the progress of the promised Mandorah Marine Precinct.

| Resolution | No. 2 | 2021/103 |  |
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| That Council receives and notes President Neil White's report for the period 12 June |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| 2021 to 15 July 2021.  |  |  |
| Moved: President Neil White  |  |  |
| Seconded: Cr Michael Vaughan   |  |  |
| Vote: AIF  |  |  |

# 2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

| Staff/HR       | • Staff Leave RG - nil; PW - PL x2   |
|----------------|--|
|                | Staff Toolbox x4   |
|                | <ul> <li>IR consultant engaged to assist with long-standing staff issues</li> </ul>    |
|                | <ul> <li>Modified workplace arrangements for office staff</li> </ul>                   |
|                | <ul> <li>Recruitment and Induction - Policy Officer (Fiona Carter) 16 July</li> </ul>  |
|                | Fair Work Act 2.5% increase from 1 July  |
| WHS            | COVID-19 Council Compliance  |
|                | Council was operational during Greater Darwin lockdown from 27 June to 2 July          |
|                | • Jetty COVID wash recommenced 31 July 2020 ; likely to remain in place until Feb 2022 |
|                | All Council facilities have current COVID Operation Plans                              |
| Meetings and   | Council Advocacy   |
| Correspondence | President x4 weekly catchups   |
|                | Kenbi / AusMaps micro-plastics training ; 15 June                                      |
|                | DENRWM RUA issues ; 15 June  |
|                | LGANT Waste management Forum ; 16 June   |
|                | LGANT Finance Reference Group meeting ; 16 June  |
|                | LGANT Waste management Symposium ; 16-17 June  |
|                | DLGRD (CMC) Elected Members training group ; 17 June,                                  |
|                | WSC Audit Committee Meeting ; 22 June  |
|                | NBN Community Wifi Site visit ; 23 June  |
|                | DLGRD compliance + DIPL Blackspot Funds extension ; 23 June                            |
|                | <ul> <li>Veolia current delivery issues and waste strategy ; 24 June,</li> </ul>       |
|                | JLT insurance ; 30 June  |
|                | <ul> <li>Veolia road guardrail and other bin damage issues ; 1 July,</li> </ul>        |
|                | WAG Liquor License for festival ; 1-2 July   |
|                | DIPL Planning & Dev advice regarding RL zoning ; 9 July                                |
|                | WAG Festival opening speech ; 9 July   |
|                | Nexia Edwards Auditors site visit; 14 July   |
|                | Arjays community/contractor guardrail install ; 14-16 July                             |
|                | DIPL Assets Management for Jetty tender ; 7 July                                       |
|                | Myatt Media website updates ; 15 July  |
|                | DIPL MMF Project update ; 15 July  |
|                | DLGRD (CMC) compliance requests for documents ; 16 July                                |
|                | Cox Club grant support ; 16 July   |
|                | NTRR Fund application advice unsuccessful for Climate Change Adaptation and Risk       |
|                | Reduction Research/Planning (\$30,000) ; 20 July                                       |
|                | Territory Families ; school holiday funding variation requests due to COVID ; 21 July  |
|                | Greater Darwin Destination Management Planning (Deloitte) ; 21 July                    |
|                | LGANT President and CEO mtg ; 22 July  |
|                | LGANT Co-host Election info-session ; 22 July  |
|                | Residents/Local Business   |
|                | Residents (boat-ramp issues) ; 23 June   |
|                | Supermarket (COVID lockdown) ; 28 June   |
|                | Residents (camper issues) ; 28 June, 8 July, 11 July, 21 July                          |
|                | Residents (property cross-over issues) ; 5 July, 15 July                               |
|                | Residents (rubbish collection issues) ; 7 July   |

| Bosidents (verge stump issue) + 12 luly:  |
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| <ul> <li>Residents (verge stump issue) ; 12 July</li> <li>Residents (water issue) + follow up with Power Water : 14 July 20 July</li> </ul>         |
| Residents (water issue) + follow up with Power-Water ; 14 July, 20 July   |
| Grants/Tenders Pending  |
| Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) – Estate Roads Re-sheeting (\$2.8M)   |
| FRRR – Wagait Youth Leadership Activities (\$15,000)  |
| DIPL Assets Management tender for Mandorah Jetty 36 mth submitted 14 July   |
| Current Procurement   |
| <ul> <li>DLGCD PIF - Clop Park &amp; green waste track culverts and carparking upgrades<br/>(\$100,000)</li> </ul>                                  |
| <ul> <li>R2R - Cox Dr floodway (\$125,000 - panel required)</li> </ul>  |
| LCRI - Signage (inc Welcome to Wagait, drainage )   |
| <ul> <li>DLGRD (CMC) WaRM – Asset renewal and business plan for transfer station<br/>(\$75,000)</li> </ul>  |
| Administration / Reporting  |
| • Liaison with accountant & auditors in preparation for EoFY financial reporting  |
| Liaison with DIPL Crown Lands Management and DENR regarding RUA   |
| Ongoing review of WSC policy papers for LG Act 2019 alignment   |
| WAG Liquor License and hire agreement for festival finalisation   |
| WAG protocol documents for attendance by HH Administrator of the NT   |
| Preparation of agenda and minutes for WSC Meeting July  |
| Preparation of agenda and minutes for WSC Audit Committee Meeting   |
| <ul> <li>Preparation of statutory documents for 2021-2022 including draft budget, fees and<br/>charges, rates assessment and declaration</li> </ul> |
| Acquittals for Territory Families Youth Vibe funding  |
| <ul> <li>Draft Shire Plan and Budget 2021-22 review of Department and community feedback<br/>and amendments as appropriate</li> </ul>               |
| DLGRD (CMC) compliance requests for documents   |
| Blackspot funding acquittal preparation for completed road guardrails project   |
| Public Communications   |
| Council e-newsletter (July)   |
| • Community Updates x7: Draft Shire Plan & Budget, Territory Day, COVID lockdown  |
| (x3), Local Government Elections, Darwin Regional Water Plan  |
| Meetings and Events in Planning   |
| LGANT HR & Governance working group ; 28 July   |
| LG 2030 Cross Government Workshop; 5 August   |
| DIPL SAP ; TBC  |
| Seniors Month Events ; TBC  |
| LGANT Elected Members Symposium ; 5-6 October   |
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# 2.2. Works Manager's Report for the period 12 June 2021 to 22 July 2021

| Staff/HR | <ul> <li>Leave - GZ (RDO x2; RecL x4); RR (RDO x1)</li> </ul>        |
|----------|--|
|          | <ul> <li>Ongoing work and training plans for casual staff</li> </ul> |

| Meetings | <ul> <li>Staff Toolbox x 6</li> <li>LGANT Waste management Symposium ; 16-17 June</li> <li>PowerWater info-session for new reporting requirements ; 24 June</li> </ul>  |
|----------|---|
| Actions  | Power Water (contract works)         • Bore Runs x 19         • Water Samples x 12         • Imaluk Spring compound maintenance and clean-up  |
|          | <ul> <li>Jetty Maintenance + COVID-19 (contract works for DIPL)</li> <li>Jetty Wash x 8</li> <li>Jetty Handrails and bins sanitised (COVID) x 84</li> <li>Jetty Carpark verge maintenance</li> <li>Boat ramp and</li> </ul>   |
|          | <ul> <li>Waste Management</li> <li>Green Waste push up x 5</li> <li>Council bins in, out &amp; cleaned weekly x 41</li> <li>Hard Waste bins packing and changeover x 2</li> <li>Ongoing certification for permanent Hard Waste shelter</li> </ul>   |
|          | <ul> <li><u>Dog Management</u></li> <li>Follow up reports of wandering dogs on Erickson, Massey and Sachse</li> </ul>   |
|          | <ul> <li><u>Road Maintenance</u> <ul> <li>Continued verge mowing and weed control program throughout estate</li> <li>Road guardrail project contractor supervision</li> <li>Cox Drive causeway and crossover drain repair</li> </ul> </li> <li><u>General Maintenance and Support</u> <ul> <li>Cloppenburg Park mowing and irrigation monitoring daily</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
|          | <ul> <li>Council easement burn and boreline slashing</li> <li>WAG setup and festival support (2 days)</li> <li><u>Repairs and Maintenance Plant/Vehicles</u></li> <li>Re-licensing certification for Works truck</li> <li>Maintenance and servicing for Works tractor</li> </ul>  |

# 2.3. Sports and Recreation Officer's Report for the period 12 June 2021 to 15 July 2021

Council Sports and Recreation Officer is on a period of extended workplace leave and any relevant information will be provided through the CEO.

Resolution No. 2021/104 That Council receives and accepts the Officers' Reports for the period 12 June 2021 to 22 July 2021. Moved: President Neil White Seconded: Cr Michael Vaughan Vote: AIF

# 3. ACTION SHEET for the period 12 June 2021 to 15 July 2021

# In addition to the Action Sheet:

• CEO Renita Glencross to bring the Waste Management Strategy to the October council meeting for endorsement by the new council.

Resolution No. 2021/105That Council receives and notes the Action Sheet for the period 12 June 2021 to 15 July2021.Moved:President Neil WhiteSeconded:Vice-President Tom DyerVote:AIF

### 4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

In addition to the Financial Reports:

• Contractor Licences and Insurance. Contractors employed by Council must have a valid licence and insurance for all works carried out on council grounds.

Cr Peter Clee left the meeting at 7.29pm

Resolution No. 2021/106That Council receives and accepts the Financial Reports for the term ending June 2021.Moved:President Neil WhiteSeconded:Vice-President Tom DyerVote:AIF

# 10. AGENDA ITEMS

# **10.1.** Acquittal – Water Tank

On 28 July 2020, Council sought approval to partially vary the scope of a 2018-19 round 2 special purpose grant totalling \$7,607 to purchase and install a 25,000 litre water tank at Cloppenburg Park sportsground.

A total of \$3,568.18 has been spent to date. The unexpended amount of \$4,038.82 will be returned to the NT Government.

Resolution No. 2021/107That Council acquit the amount of \$3,568.00 towards the purchase and installation of a25,000 litre water tank at Cloppenburg Park sportsground.Moved:President Neil WhiteSeconded:Cr Michael VaughanVote:AIF

# 10.2. Acquittal – Dog Pound

In November 2018 the Special Purpose Grant totalling \$30,537 was approved to construct a dog pound and associated septic pit to enable excrement to be hosed out and contained.

Council partially acquitted \$2,680 towards the design and construction of aluminium cages for the dog pound on 28 July 2020.

On 7 July 2020, Council requested a variation to the scope of the 2018-19 special purpose grant to construct a dog pound and deliver other elements of the 2020 Dog Management Strategy as approved by the Department, including a community education program in dog management and responsible dog ownership.

To date the total amount of \$30,414.76 has been spent on the dog pound, leaving a balance of \$122.24 unexpended.

Resolution No. 2021/108 That Council acquit the amount of \$30,414.76 towards the design and construction of aluminum cages that can also serve as holding pens for dogs and deliver other elements of the 2020 Dog Management Strategy as approved by the Department. Moved: President Neil White Seconded: Vice President Tom Dyer Vote: AIF

# 10.3. Project Brief – Waste and Resources Management (WaRM) Funding

On 9 June 2021, Council accepted the offer of \$75,000 in one-off grant funding from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet to assist with addressing issues specific to Waste and Resource Management. The Department requires that Council endorse the proposed expenditure by 31 July 2021.

A Business paper and budget is attached for Council's consideration.

Resolution No. 2021/109That Council resolve to adopt the proposed use of the funds including:a) the purchase of a new tractor and tipper truck, andb) the development of a business case for a new waste transfer & recycling station.Moved:President Neil WhiteSeconded:Cr Michael VaughanVote:AIF

# 10.4. 2021-2022 Draft Shire Plan and Budget

The Draft Shire Plan and Budget for 2021-2022 was released for public comment in the NT Classifieds on Tuesday 22 June 2021. Comments closed 4.00pm pm Tuesday 13 July 2021. Council has received feedback from (2) two sources, the Department (CMC) and a resident.

Comments from both sources have been considered and changes made to the 2021-22 Draft Shire Plan and Budget documents as appropriate.

CEO presents the final draft of the 2021-22 Draft Shire Plan and Budget for Councils consideration.

| Resolutio  | n No. 2021/110  |
|------------|---|
| That Cour  | cil notes the feedback from residents and the Department of the Chief       |
| Minister a | Ind Cabinet and resolves to adopt the Draft Shire Plan and Budget for 2021- |
| 2022.      |   |
| Moved:     | Vice President Tom Dyer   |
| Seconded   | : Cr Michael Vaughan  |
| Vote:      | AIF   |

### 10.5. COVID-Shutdown Report

The greater Darwin region, including Wagait Shire, entered a 5-day COVID lockdown on Friday 28 June. Council facilities, amenities and the office were closed to the public for the period, however council staff remained at work to ensure essential services were continued including:

- Communications to the public regarding public responsibilities during lockdown.
- Council ESO contract duties to Power-Water and DIPL (Mandorah Jetty).
- Emergency Management Committee communications and follow-up with other local essential services and Belyuen community.

Community impacts and issues arising for noting are:

• Visiting campers and caravaners isolation, registration and use of public amenities.

| Resolution No. 2021/111   |                      |  |
|---|----------------------|--|
| That Council notes the COVID lockdown report provided by the CEO. |                      |  |
| Moved:  | President Neil White |  |
| Seconded: Vice President Tom Dyer                                 |                      |  |
| Vote:   | AIF                  |  |

#### 11. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

#### 12. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC WITH NOTICE

Nil

#### **13. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS**

#### 13.1. Request for Additional Vehicle Crossover Lot 33, 132 Cox Drive

The property owner is seeking to have the current driveway from Erickson Crescent (beach access) to the on-site detached dwelling (the second house and the one nearest the beach) on Lot 33, number 132 Cox Drive, approved by Wagait Shire Council as the main driveway access to this detached dwelling.

Resolution No. 2021/112 That Council notes the petition provided by the CEO and requests that it be brought to a future meeting with the Verge Management Policy in place. Moved: President Neil White Seconded: Cr Michael Vaughan Vote: AIF

# 14. UPCOMING EVENTS

# 14.1. 2021 Local Government Elections, August 2021

| Date               | Time             | Action                         |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Friday 16 July     |                  | Nominations Open               |
| Tuesday 27 July    | 5.00pm           | Electoral roll closes          |
| Thursday 5 August  | 12.00 noon       | Nominations close              |
| Monday 9 August    |                  | Postal vote mail-out commences |
| Monday 16 August   | 8.00am           | Early voting commences         |
| Friday 27 August   | 6.00pm           | Early voting ceases            |
| Saturday 28 August | 8.00am to 6.00pm | Election day voting            |

# 14.2. Seniors' Month Activities, August 2021

Council did not receive additional funds this year for seniors' events, however planning is underway for several activities in August. Seniors have contributed their suggestions including:

- 'Be Connected' digital literacy workshop for seniors Thursday 19 August
- Lunch at Ski Club or Trailer Boat Club followed by Barefoot Bowling
- Fun Run with activities followed by breakfast
- Culture, craft and campfire meal
- Movie night with dinner and fancy dress

# 14.3. Territory Day, Sunday 29 August 2021

For discussion: Territory Day has been deferred due to the COVID-19 lockdown and is now scheduled to be held on Sunday 29 August 2021. Darwin City Council and Litchfield Council have both challenged the date, with a suggestion of next April due to the high fire risk at this time of year, however the NT Government provider of the event has requested endorsement from Council to proceed.

Council discussed the issues and noted that the Cox Peninsula Volunteer Bushfire Brigade (CPVBB) has been prepared the area around Cloppenburg Park for the event and that the community needed more opportunities for social events.

# 15. LATE ITEMS AND GENERAL BUSINESS

# 15.1. Council Representation and Advocacy

Council CEO will be providing Council advocacy through participating in and contributing to the following strategic government forums and working groups over the next 6-12 months and invites Councillors to consider the opportunities as they relate to other strategic planning and development for the Shire (including a Local Area Plan); and provide direction and support to the CEO as appropriate.

• **Development Assessment Forums** (DAF) hosted by the Department Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL); the regular forums provide an opportunity for Council to contribute to discussions of applications that are commencing exhibition and submissions from service authorities where applications have completed exhibition.

Council discussed the limitations of Council CEO to participate with the Development Assessment Forums (DAF) and suggested this was not a priority.

- LG2030 Cross-Government Workshops hosted by the Department Chief Minister and Cabinet (DCMC), to collaborate on the principles for an agreement about how the three spheres of government work together on development and delivery of local government policy and services.
- **Greater Darwin Destination Management Plan** (GDDMP) hosted by Tourism NT and facilitated by Deloitte; the working group will provide insight to opportunities and challenges for growing visitation and building a collaborative 'road-map' for tourism development in the region over the next 10 years.

| Resolution No. 2021/113  |                         |  |  |
|--|-------------------------|--|--|
| That Council notes the representation at strategic government forums and workshops     |                         |  |  |
| outlined at 15.1 and resolves to work with the CEO in developing a Local Area Plan for |                         |  |  |
| the Shire.   |                         |  |  |
| Moved:   | President Neil White    |  |  |
| Seconded:  | Vice President Tom Dyer |  |  |
| Vote:  | AIF                     |  |  |

# 15.2. Project Brief – Local Roads & Community Infrastructure (LCRI) Funding

In 2020-21 the Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications released 3 Phases of Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) funding to NT local government groups as a targeted stimulus measure for infrastructure and construction activity in local government areas, to manage the economic impacts of COVID.

Resolution No. 2021/114

That Council resolves to adopt the proposed use of the LRCI funds including:

1. Improve estate drainage and vehicular access to impacted properties

2. Upgrade directional and information signage in the estate

3. Implement elements of the Cloppenburg Park Masterplan

Moved: President Neil White

Seconded: Cr Michael Vaughan

Vote: AIF

# **15.3.** Council Compliance Review Closure Letter

A copy of the letter from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet with regards to the closure of the 2018 Compliance Review was provided to the Council for noting.

Resolution No. 2021/115 That Council notes the letter and congratulates staff on achieving this result. Moved: President Neil White Seconded: Vice President Tom Dyer Vote: AIF

# 16. IN-CAMERA ITEMS

# Resolution No. 2021/116

That Council close the meeting to the general public in accordance with section 65(2) of the Local Government Act to enable Council to discuss in a Confidential Session an item described under Local Government (Administration) regulation 8;

- a) information about the personal circumstances of a residence or rate payer;
- b) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: (iv) prejudice the interests of the council or some other person;
- c) information provided to the Council on condition it be kept confidential.

Moved: Vice President Tom Dyer Seconded: Cr Michael Vaughan Vote: AIF

At 8.49 pm Council closed the meeting to the general public.

Resolution No. 2021/117That Council re-open the meeting to the general public in accordance with Section 65(1)of the Local Government Act.Moved:Cr Peter CleeSeconded:President Neil WhiteVote:AIF

At 9:11 pm Council opened the meeting to the general public.

# 17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Council Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 17 August 2021 in the Council Chambers, 142 Wagait Tower Road, Wagait Beach NT 0822. While Council will be in caretaker mode during this time, Council will still need to resolve on financial reports.

# **18.** CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 9:12 pm.