



ngwediva News

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ONGWEDIVA WELCOMES IT'S NEWLY ELECTED LOCAL AUTHORITY COUNCILLORS



From Right: His Worship, Rev. Taarah Shalyefu (Mayor of Ongwediva Town), Cllr. (Ulalia Katonyala Deputy Mayor), Cllr. Fabiam George (Chairperson of the Management Committee), Cllr. Naemi Amuthenu (Member of the Management Committee), Cllr. Jona Helao (Member of the Management Committee), Cllr. Karen Shikongo (Member of Council), Cllr. Otilie Haitota (Member of Council).



UPGRADING OF CHURCH STREET

The upgrading of Church Street from gravel road to bitumen standard is taking ground following the award of the project to Neu Olulya Trading cc. The street is approximately 1.6 kilometers long, stretching from Abraham Nyambali Street to Kahumba Kandola street.

it is expected to be completed within eight (8) months from November 2020. The contract has been awarded at an amount of 6.3 Million.

Residents and house owners residing at Extension 6,7 and partly 8 will be experiencing directed traffic interruptions during the project, however, Council is requesting for full support and cooperation to the contractor in order to ensure timely completion of the project. Church Street connect institutions to other important services in town, hence Council's decision to upgrade it to a better

NO TARIFF INCREMENT FOR ONGWEDIVA

It has been a notable norm to adjust municipal charges each financial year in relation to the adjustments by bulk service utilities and the overall economic environment.

The year 2020 was characterized by the outbreak of COVID-19 which saw a number of people being negatively affected socially and economically. Council has adopted an approach of non-increment on tariff for all services during the financial year 2020/2021 in order to relief its residents.

**WASH OR SANITIZE
YOUR HANDS OFTEN.**

Please sanitise and wash your hands frequently, maintain social distance, avoid gatherings and adhere to all COVID-19 prevention protocols



AVOID UNNECESSARY BURNING

The Emergency Division of Ongwediva Town Council have been inundated with fire incidences ranging from veld fire to structural fire. as of November 30, 2020, reported fire incidences stood at 226. The good news is that no major destruction was recorded and this can be attributed to a continued public education on fire related matters and the prompt report of fire by the residents. Residents are being requested to avoid unnecessary burning starting of any fire may end with devastating results.



FREE SEWER CONNECTION FOR ONGWEDIVA RESIDENTS

Ongwediva Town Council handed over a sewer system to the residents of New Reception 3 in August 2020 after the completion of a 2.5 million Namibia dollar sewer reticulation project. At the same occasion, it was announced that all residents have been given a relief for a period of six months running from August 2020 to January 2021 to apply for sewer at no cost. The normal application fee for sewer connection is N\$ 1,610.00 for residential while for business stands at N\$ 2,169.68.



SEWER RETICULATION FOR EXTENSION 15 EMINENT

After consultations with residents of Extension 15, Council has allocated N\$ 9 million towards sewer reticulation at the area in order to improve sanitation. The project will start as soon as the contractor is appointed through the procurement procedures.

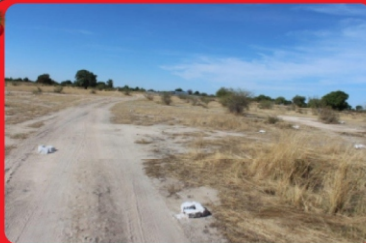
IMPORTANT NOTICE

OFFICE HOURS – DECEMBER 2020/JANUARY 2021

PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT THE FOLLOWING WORKING HOURS SHALL BE OBSERVED DURING DECEMBER 2020 AND JANUARY 2021.

- Thursday, 10 Dec 2020 - PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Offices closed)
- Thursday, 24 Dec 2020 - 08H00 TO 13H00 (Cashiers close at 12h00)
- Friday, 25 Dec 2020 - PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Offices closed)
- Thursday, 31 Dec 2020 – 08h00 TO 13H00 (Cashiers close at 12h00)
- Friday, 01 January 2020 - PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Offices closed)

For emergencies (strictly), call: 0811490075 OR Brigade: Fire — 0811444151



ONGWEDIVA TOWN COUNCIL PLANS ON DECONGESTION

In October 2020, Council has conducted an assessment to establish the nature and character of informal settlement in town. It has been discovered that there is a need to decongest some area with high density through a systematic approach. So far, 248 plots have been identified, planned and surveyed for decongestion purposes. The next steps is to install basic services at identified area before allocation



AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH

The concept "Ambassador of the month" is gaining momentum in Ongwediva Town Council. Recently, the Ambassador of the month (August, September and October) Mr. Damian Egumbo has added value to the project where all departments were involved in putting together a "Culture day", an event aimed at embracing cultural diversity at work place. Departments organized traditional food and drinks, whereas individuals had an opportunity to put on cultural attires of their choice. The day was also blazed by cultural dances before presentation of cultural items per department. It was an attractive and exciting day indeed. It was agreed that a "culture day" be held annually for Ongwediva Town Council employee.



CONSTRUCTION OF ONGWEDIVA FIRE STATION PHASE 3 UNDERWAY

The construction of phase 3 of the Ongwediva Fire station started in November 2020 and is expected to be completed in March 2021.

The project which includes sleeping quarters, ablution facilities and a security guard house will cost Council an amount of 1.5 million.

Upon completion, the fire station will be able to operate 24 hours and respond directly to calls with an improved response time as stipulated in Council's 2018 -2023 Strategic plan.

PROCUREMENT MATTERS

The objective of procurement Act, Act 15 of 2015 are as follow:

- To regulate the procurement of goods, works and services, the letting or hiring of anything or the acquisition or granting of right for or on behalf of the disposal of assets of public entities.
- To establish the procurement policy Unit and the Central procurement board of Namibia and provide of their powers and functions.
- To provide for the appointment of bid evaluation committees and their function.
- To provide for the procurement methods; to provide for bidding process, bidding process, bidding, challenge and review.
- To provide for preferences to categories of persons, goods manufactured, mined, extracted, produced or grown in Namibia
- To Namibian registered small and medium enterprises, joint venture businesses, local suppliers, contractors and service providers.

To provide for incidental matters.

More about the procurement Act, Act 15 of 2015 will be shared in the next volume



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0811 444 151
065 238 766

SAFETY TIPS

To prevent extensive damage to properties:

- Call Emergency Services @ 0811444151
- Report the fire or accident on time
- Provide correct information (address/location)

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

Section 14 (2) (a) of the Local Authorities Act 23 of 1992 as amended, read as follows:

(2) (a) Every meeting of a local authority council shall be open to the public, except on any matter relating to-

- the appointment, promotion, conditions of employment and discipline of any particular staff member of a local council;
- any offer to be made by the local authority council by way of tender or otherwise for the purchase of any property ;
- The institution of any legal proceedings by, or opposition of any legal proceedings instituted against, a local authority council, unless the local authority council by a majority of at least two-thirds of its members present at the meeting in question such meeting to be so open



His worship Reverend Taarah Shalyefu is the seventh (7th) Mayor of Ongwediva Town

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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