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About

Mongu Municipal Council is a corporate body established by the Local Government Act No. 2 of 2019 with a mandate to discharge municipal functions. Our overall objective is to achieve the improved provision of effective, efficient and quality public service through increased community participation in socio-economic development to improve the living standards of the residents of Mongu.

Vision

Continually improving quality of life, an attractive and sustainable environment built on an expanding and innovative economy.

Mission Statement

To provide effective, affordable services and facilitate participatory socio-economic development and improve the quality of life of local communities in the Mongu district.

Core Values

Transparency
Accountability
Impartiality
Dependability
Hardworking
Consistency
Honesty

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DEPUTY MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Readers,

It is with great pleasure that I address you through the second edition of the Mongu Municipal Council Newsletter. This publication aims to highlight the various activities and achievements that our local authority has undertaken thus far.

I am pleased to inform you that Mongu Municipal Council has continued to make significant strides in its operations with the aim of improving service delivery. One of our primary focus in the first half of this year has been on increasing local revenue to enhance our ability to provide better services. We have recognized the challenge posed by the reluctance of some people to pay council dues, which has made it difficult for us to improve services due to the lack of funds. In this newsletter, we have attached the first quarter performance report and the debt stock to provide transparency and foster accountability.

Furthermore, as part of our commitment to promoting good governance, Mongu Council has actively engaged in public meetings with various stakeholders during the first half of 2023. These meetings were designed to increase public awareness and collaboration in addressing key issues. I would like to highlight the productive meeting we held with vendors and other stakeholders to discuss and find solutions to the issue of street vending in our district. We are determined to create a conducive environment for both businesses and residents alike.

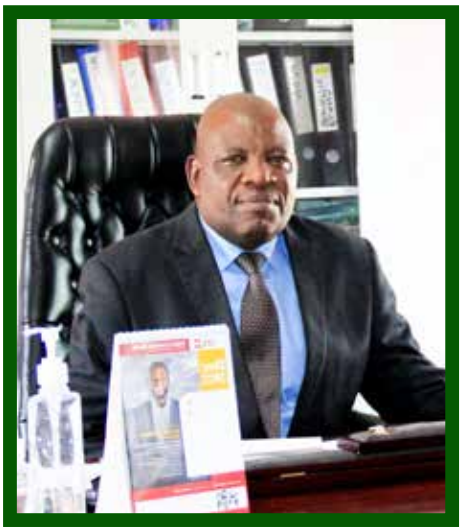
Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the honor bestowed upon our local authority this year as we hosted the 2023 International Firefighters' Day. The event attracted over 54 councils from across the country, providing us with a unique opportunity to showcase our expertise and address the challenges we face in managing fire services within our district. It was an invaluable experience that allowed us to exchange knowledge and learn from our peers, ultimately improving our emergency response capabilities.

As we move forward, I encourage all residents to actively participate in the development of our district. Your support, cooperation, and timely payment of council dues are crucial in our quest to provide quality services to every corner of Mongu. Together, we can create a vibrant and sustainable municipality that we can all be proud of.

Thank you for your unwavering support.

Suzyo Ng'uni
DEPUTY MAYOR

MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN CLERK



Dear readers,

I am delighted to present to you the second edition of the Mongu Municipal Council newsletter. This publication covers the activities and achievements of the council from January 2023 to July 2023, giving you an insight into our ongoing capital projects and general Council operations.

At Mongu Municipal Council, we are committed to maintaining transparent and effective communication with the public. This newsletter comes six months after our previous publication, and it serves as a comprehensive update on the significant undertakings of the council during this period.

In our efforts to improve the livelihoods of Mongu residents, the council has achieved significant milestones. We have successfully signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) that will lead to the installation of streetlights, the construction of 3000 housing units, the upgrading of Sir Mwanawina Motel (the Council motel) and improvements in the road network. Additionally, we are excited to announce that construction of the Bulk Market in Kasima will soon commence, which will provide a new and improved trading space for marketeers from Kashumba market. These initiatives are aimed at creating a more conducive environment for economic growth and improved living conditions for all.

Further, we have made significant strides in the construction of our new civic center, which will greatly enhance our operational capabilities. The Council chamber is now fully functional, and all our meetings are held within this new facility.

To address the issue of truck parking in the district, we are currently constructing a truck park in Kasima. This initiative will not only mitigate the nuisance caused by parked trucks but also broaden the revenue base of the local authority.

However, it is important to acknowledge the challenges that the council continues to face. One notable obstacle is the accumulated debt burden that has burdened the local authority over the years. As of March 2023, the council owed over K68 million in statutory obligations, staff creditors, suppliers, and other financial obligations. Despite these challenges, we are determined to find sustainable solutions and overcome these obstacles.

We believe that this publication will serve as a valuable resource for the readers, providing updates on council operations and offering guidance on various council procedures. We hope that it will help you gain a deeper understanding of our activities and initiatives, fostering a stronger connection between the council and the community we serve.

Thank you for your continued support, and we hope you enjoy reading the second edition of the Mongu Municipal Council newsletter.

Oliver Muuka
TOWN CLERK

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MMC SIGNS MoUs FOR STREET LIGHTING, 3000 HOUSING UNITS

Mongu Town Clerk Oliver Muuka and Lamarje Investment Limited Team Leader Patrick Mobwano shake hands after signing the three MoUs in Town Clerk's office at the Civic Center.

By Emmanuel Lupikisha

Mongu Municipal Council (MMC) on 15th March, 2023 signed Memorandums of Understanding with Lamarje Investment (PTY) and Kalonji Consultancy (PTY) Limited that will ignite the process of putting up Street Lights and other infrastructure in Mongu District.

The three MoUs signed are for the installation of street lights, upgrading of Sir Mwanawina II Motel and construction of 3000 housing units, and an MoU on setting up of a solar power plant in the district.

Speaking during the MoU Signing Ceremony, Mongu Mayor Nyambe Muyumbana said the MoU symbolized the New Dawn government's efforts in uplifting the living standards of Mongu residents and beautifying the district.

Mr Muyumbana noted that the district has been facing several challenges which range from lack of accommodation to having dark streets at night.

He said that despite the Council budgeting for street lights in its 2023 budget, the amount allocated cannot manage to light up all the streets in the district, hence the partnership with the Lamarje Consortium.

Mongu district has over 18 kilometers of township roads that need street lights. It was estimated that about 2600 street poles will be required to be installed.

His Worship the Mayor observed that with the increase in government recruitments of teachers, nurses and other civil servants, the construction of the 3000 housing units is timely and will help avert challenges of accommodation in the district.

And Lamarje Investment and Kalonji Consultancy Limited Team leader, Patrick Mobwano said the signing of the MoU is the beginning of a long partnership that will be beneficial to the district.

He said it is not only the infrastructure that will benefit the district, but the project will help improve the economy of Mongu.

Mr. Mobwano said the district is yet to have infrastructure that will put Mongu on the front line in infrastructure development.

The Town Clerk, Oliver Muuka signed on behalf of Mongu Municipal Council and Mr. Patrick Mobwano signed on behalf of Lamarje Consortium.

The consortium representatives together with the Town Clerk and MMC directors toured various sites where the projects will be carried out. Among them was Sir Mwanawina II Motel and Kasima area where there will be the proposed housing units and a solar plant.

K4 MILLION INJECTED IN KASIMA BULK MARKET

By Abigail Sitenge

The construction of Kasima Bulk Market in Mongu district has dragged due to lack of funds. This is why the Local Authority has delayed relocating traders from the illegal Kashumba Market.

However, the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development has come to the aid of the Council by injecting a K4 million for the construction of the Bulk market in Mongu's Kasima area.

The Council had applied for about K6 million and the ministry approved the application, stating that the project would be funded in phases. The contract to construct could not be advertised there and then due to the amount involved. In consultation with the Zambia Public Procurement Authority the Local Authority subjected the contract to Limited bidding.

Upon completion of Kasima Bulk Market, all the traders that are currently trading at the Kashumba Market and those along Senanga road will be relocated.

The first component will have re-designed commercial shops that will be owned by individuals then there will be a general market where we will have a trading shelter as well as a storage shelter.

In the laid-out plan for commercial stands at the bulk market, the Council called for applications, conducted interviews and the successful applicants were allocated plots.

However, the design is such that a Bulk market is supposed to have a perimeter wall fence stabilizing the ground in terms paving.

This move has excited bulk traders in Mongu.

COUNCIL SEIZES 55 LITRES OF KACHIPEMBE

Mongu Deputy Mayor Cllr Suzyo Ng'uni (Middle) with Mongu Town Clerk (on phone) Oliver Muuka and Director of Public Health Mang'wato Munachilau display containers of Kachasu confisticated from shabeens at Kashumba Market.

By Abigail Sitenge

Mongu Municipal Council has observed with sadness the increase in the manufacturing and selling of a highly intoxicating traditional beer locally known as Kachipembe in Mongu.

You may wish to know that selling of traditional beer is against the Liquor Licensing Act no. 20 of 2011 and Public Health Act Cap 295 of the Laws of Zambia.

Therefore, in an effort to curb the vice, the Council confiscated 55 litres of Kachipembe also known as Kachasu from illegal sellers from shabeens at Kashumba Market in June.

The sellers attempted to escape upon noticing a team of officers from the Local Authority that included Council Police, however, one seller was apprehended and was immediately rushed to Mongu Central Police Station where he was detained while others managed to run away.

Over 50 liters of Kachipembe was seized from makeshifts near the highly populated market.

We wish to sternly warn manufacturers of the said beer and those selling alcohol in markets, Bus stations and other undesignated places to desist from doing so or face the wrath of the Law.

The Local Authority in Mongu will not relent in ensuring that there is compliance of the Liquor Licensing Act and the Public Health Act at all levels.

Recently, MLGRD issued a circular signed by Permanent Secretary for Technical Services Mr. Nicolas Phiri directing Local Authorities to enforce various provisions of the Public Health Act, Liquor Licensing Act and Food Safety Act No. 7 of 2019 within their jurisdiction.

Mongu Municipal Council through the department of Public Health will continue to enforce the Law and ensure that there is compliance at all times.

CLUB REGISTRATION

Here area few steps you need to take to register a Club/Coorperative with the Council.

STEP 1

- Obtain an Application Form
- Complete the application form in full.
- Attach Club constitution.
- Attach minutes of meetings held by the club
- Attach certified copies of NRCs for all members.

Forms can be obtained from the Department of Housing and Social Services.

STEP 2

- Pay a Club registration fee of K200
- This payment is to be made through the cashier's office or through the council bank account as may be provide.
- Attach receipt to the application for submission.

Forms can be obtained from the Department of Housing and Social Services.

STEP 3

- All applications made will be scrutinized by the DHSS to ensure completeness, correctness and verification of all attached documents.
- Upon meeting all the requirements, a certificate is then issued

Forms can be obtained from the Department of Housing and Social Services.

MMC HOSTS INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS' DAY

Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development Permanent Secretary (Administration) giving his speech during the International Firefighters Day commemorations at Mongu Stadium

By Emmanuel Lupikisha

Mongu Municipal Council hosted this year's International Firefighters Day which was held under the theme "Firefighters Safety: A Non-Compromise."

The event attracted 54 fire authorities across the Country and was graced by the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development Permanent Secretary for Administration Mr Maambo Hamaundu.

Mr Hamaundu said this year's theme highlighted the importance of safety of firefighters when responding to emergencies.

He said that in as much as firefighting is a noble profession in the world, the profession is one of the most dangerous as firefighters put their lives in danger to save others.

"This year's theme highlights the importance of ensuring that every firefighter is equipped with the right protective gear and receives proper training. This is in a bid to ensure that no firefighter loses their life while trying to save other lives," he said.

With the risk involved in firefighting, the Permanent Secretary called for mandatory Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), the right tools and training for all firefighters when responding to emergencies.

PPE is the equipment worn to minimize exposure to hazards that may cause serious workplace injuries and illnesses from contact with chemical, radiological, physical, electrical, mechanical, or other workplace hazards.

He said the New Dawn Government is cognisant of the challenges that the fire and rescue service is facing and is working actively to address these challenges.

"To this effect and as part of the intervention by the Government, we have developed six (6) guideline documents together with the implementation plan for the national fire policy.

This will provide a comprehensive policy and legal framework for effective management of Fire Services in the country" he said.

The Permanent Secretary said the Ministry has developed a road map for the development of the Fire and Emergency Management Services Act which is expected to enhance the capabilities of fire departments.

Mr Hamaundu challenged Local Authorities in the Country to invest in Safety Education following observation of the increase in fire incidences in the country.

He observed that the Country has in the recent past been rocked with several fire incidences leading to heavy losses of both goods and public infrastructure such as markets.

"We must continue to sensitize our communities by equipping our people with the knowledge and skills to prevent fire disasters and to act quickly in case of an emergency," he said.

Speaking at the same event, the Fire Services Association of Zambia President, Mr Billings Chanda said the fire service department needs a better communication system with members of the public to improve responses to emergencies.

Mr Chanda noted that there is a need for the Zambia Information and Communications Technology Authority (ZICTA) to synchronize the toll-free 993 emergency line with Zamtel and Airtel service providers.

He appealed to principal officers to be intentional in their approach to firefighters' safety by ensuring that public awareness programs are conducted by the local Fire Brigade.

In closing the event, Mongu Deputy Councilor Suzyo Ng'uni expressed gratitude to the Permanent Secretary, attending fire authorities and guests for their invaluable financial support that contributed to the hosting of the event.

Councilor Ng'uni noted that International Firefighters Day is an important occasion that reminds people of the brave men and women who risk their lives every day to ensure the safety of communities.

Local Government Service Commissioner Liseli Sisheknu during a courtesy call on Western Province Permanent Secretary Akapelwa Simomo before the IFFD commemorations

Fire Division Officer Moses Phiri giving commands and directing where the flow of water should go during the IFFD at Mongu Stadium

MLGRD PS for Administration posses for a picture with senior government officials after the IFFD commemorations

A pump drill exhibited by firefighters at Mongu Stadium during the IFFD commemorations

Provincial Local Government Officer Nixon Nkwampu (Middle) with Mongu Town Clerk (left) and MLGRD Director of Fire Services Abraham Samu

About International Firefighters Day

International Firefighters Day (IFFD) is a day to honour and celebrate the firefighters who risk their lives to protect people and property from fire. It is observed every year on May 4th.

In Zambia, IFFD is marked by various activities such as parades, ceremonies, awards, and public education campaigns. The aim is to raise awareness about the importance of fire prevention and safety, as well as to recognize the bravery and dedication of the firefighters who serve the nation.

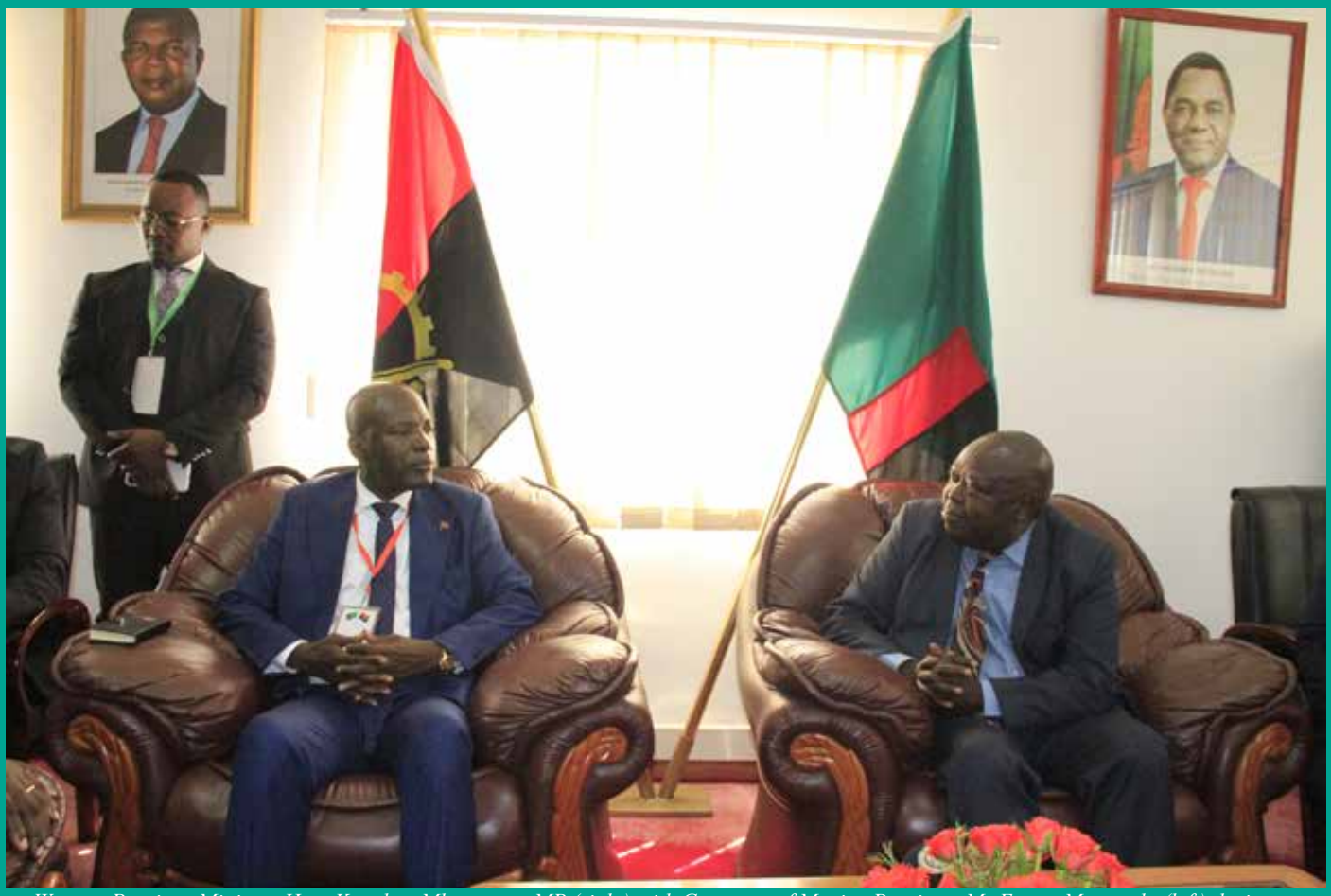
IFFD also provides an opportunity for the public to express their gratitude and appreciation to the firefighters for their service.

Moxico Province of Angola dates Western Province

By Abigail Sitenge

Following the successful Western Province Exposition for Trade and Tourism in October 2022, a delegation from Moxico Province in Angola visited Mongu for Regional Cooperation and Cultural Exchange Program from 24th April to 26th April, 2023. Led by Governor of Moxico Province, Mr Ernest Muangala, the delegation held meetings including Fisheries and Livestock, Education, Trade, and Investment private sector with the Zambian team and discussed a number of developmental partnerships. Below is a joint communique for agreed minutes by both parties.

1. The first (1st) Session of the Western Province (Zambia)-Moxico Province (Angola)Regional Cooperation and Cultural Exchange Meeting was held in Mongu, Zambia, from 24th to 26th April 2023.
2. The delegation of the Western Province of the Republic of Zambia was led by Hon. Kapelwa Mbangweta, M.P Minister of Western Province, while the delegation from Moxico Province of the Republic of Angola was led by His Excellency Dr. Ernesto Muangala, Provincial Governor of Moxico.
3. In the opening remarks, the Honorable Minister underscored the good existing relations and expressed optimism that bilateral cooperation at Provincial level was crucial in implementing areas of cooperation agreed at national and regional level transboundary agreements, such as the Trans-frontier Conservation Area, which demands upscaled level of cooperation for it to be implemented.
4. During the discussions, the two Parties bemoaned that in spite of the long-standing good relations between the two Provinces, the level of interaction on critical developmental matters has remained static. In this regard, the Meeting highlighted areas of interest that the two provinces could focus on that included, education, health, Agriculture, Transport, energy language schools and exchange of best practices in various fields.
5. The Meeting discussed border and security matters affecting the two regions such as: intensifying patrols on the boarder lines with an aim of curbing crime cases, cattle rustling and smuggling of fuel, as well as pursue the signing of the MOU on establishment of a Regional Joint Permanent Commission between Western Province of Zambia - Moxico Province of Angola;
6. The two Parties agreed to establish a technical working group to focus on the promotion of trade and investment between the two provinces, which could include sharing of export directories for products from Western and Moxico Provinces.
7. The Meeting agreed to cooperate in export of Agriculture products as well as the movement of Livestock and establishment of a framework to harmonize programmes on animal disease control, vaccinations, and animal traceability;
8. The Meeting agreed to establish a technical working group that will be responsible for the implementation of livestock disease surveillance, management and monitoring of phytosanitary conditions.
9. The Meeting underscored the Memorandum of Understanding on Health that was signed between the Republic of Zambia and the Republic of Angola. In this regard, the meeting agreed to formulate a framework on the management and surveillance of transboundary diseases of mutual concern.
10. The Meeting noted that Western Province did not have an Agriculture Training School to partner with the Agriculture Training School in Moxico. However, collaboration with an Agriculture Training School in another province within Zambia could be explored.
11. The Parties agreed to promote tourism between the two provinces, which could include the establishment of infrastructure development that will support the tourism sector.
12. The two Parties agreed to cooperate on cultural affairs and agreed to share cultural calendars for the different ceremonies that are held in the two regions, as well as promote exchange of cultural visits, establishment of heritage sites and museums.
13. The two parties expressed concern at the inadequate transport infrastructure and border facilities. In this regard, the two parties called for due consideration to be given in the construction of all relevant infrastructure to enhance trade and investment and ease the movement of people between the two provinces.
14. The Minister of Western Province of Zambia accepted an invitation made by the Governor of Moxico Province of Angola to attend the second session of the Regional Cooperation and Cultural Exchange meeting to be held in the second week of May in the town of Luena.
15. Both parties concluded the meeting with the signing of the agreed minutes. Done at Mongu on 26th April 2023.



Western Province Minister, Hon. Kapelwa Mbangweta MP (right) with Governor of Moxico Province, Mr Ernest Muangala (left) during a courtesy call in the Minister's office in Mongu.

Mongu Deputy Mayor Cllr Suzyo Ng'uni shakes hands with Mr. Muangala shortly after his arrival at Mongu Airport

Western Province Provincial Local Government Officer Mr Nixon Nkwapu (right) shakes hands with Mr. Muangala after his arrival at Mongu Airport

Mongu Town Clerk Oliver Muuka (right) shakes hands with Governor of Moxico Province, Mr Ernest Muangala upon his arrival at Mongu Airport

Governor of Moxico Province, Mr Ernest Muangala presents the Western Province Minister with a gift of peace following successful deliberations at Liseli Lodge in Mongu

PHOTO FOCUS

Mongu Municipal Council received two CDF monitoring vehicles following the launch of the vehicles by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Zambia Mr. Hakainde Hichilema

Local Government Service Commissioner Maggie Kapiya giving her Eulogy for the late CS Frank Kalenga at Chisonga Cemetery in Mongu

His Worship the Mayor Nyambe Muyumbana (Brown Suit) hosted a Team from the Lamarje Consortium for discussions that led to the signing of three (3) MoUs

From left to right, Mongu Central MP, Oliver Amutike, SOLACE President George Mulenga and Western Province PLGO Nixon Nkwapu during the burial ceremony of the Late CS Frank Kalenga at Chisonga Cemetery

Mongu Town Clerk Oliver Muuka addressing the media after signing three MoUs with Lamarje Consortium

Mongu Town Clerk Oliver Muuka (a.k.a Chief Marketer) guides Local Government and Rural Development Permanent Secretary (Admin) on the newly published CDF Bulletin, a CDF dedicated publication by Mongu Municipal Council

Participants from eight Local Authorities in Western Province pose for a picture with the team from MLGRD Zambia Devolution Support Programme following a successful 2- day training at the newly opened Council Chamber at Civic Center in Mongu

Councillors and Management attending the Fourth Ordinary Council Meeting on 24th February 2023 in the Council Chamber at Civic Center

Unionised workers casting their vote in deciding their new ZULAWU executive.

Mongu Town Clerk Oliver Muuka undertook a prompt tour of Mongu CDB to check on drainages and compliance of shops on management of Solid Waste .

Mr. Oliver Muuka operates a modified front-end-loader during the Keep Zambia Clean, Green and Healthy activities at Kashumba Market in April this year

A Member of the community making his submissions during the Indaba

His Worship the Mayor, Nyambe Muyumbana after addressig the public during the first ever Council Indaba which was held in the Council Chamber in February this year

With the realization of the information gap that existed on Constituency Development Fund (CDF) in the district, Mongu Municipal Council published a CDF Bulletin that aimed at providing information to the readers on various projects that are running under the expanded CDF. The Bulletin also focused on information of how to access the various initiatives under CDF, who can access it, and for what purpose. The Bulletin was Launched at Country Lodge on 2nd May 2023 by the Town Clerk during a media briefing. Media houses and Constituency Development Fund Committees were invited to attend this historical and exciting event. All media Houses in Mongu were invited to the Launch as a way of raising awareness on the publication and cement the relationship between the media and the Local Authority.

Journalists, CDFC representatives and MMC Heads of Departments pose for a picture with the Town Clerk Oliver Muuka (in grey suit) after the Launch of the CDF Bulletin

Works on the new Civic Center have reached an advanced level with the main structure done and few construction works remanining. The building is expected to be completed before the end of 2023. Upon completion, the Civic Center Boma offices will move to this new office site located next to Zambia Revenue Authority office.

MMC TAKES ACTION TO CONTROL STRAY DOGS, 40 DOGS ELIMINATED.

By Emmanuel Lupikisha

With the increase in reports of Dog bites in the district, Mongu Municipal Council commenced a cropping of dog's exercise in the district.

The exercise saw the elimination of 40 stray dogs in various parts of the district in its initial stage.

The operation was conducted in compliance with the Control of Dogs Act Chapter 247 of the Laws of Zambia.

The Act mandates the Local Authority to destroy stray dogs as a preventive measure against rabies outbreaks and abet the nuisance caused by stray dogs.

Notices of the impending elimination exercise were done to the public warning and advising them to confine their dogs.

Despite the notices and sensitization, stray dogs were still seen moving about in residential areas as well as the central business district.

All dog owners are required to register their dogs with the local authority, have them vaccinated, and secure them within their premises.

Dogs should be confined during the day and released at night. Any dog found outside the owner's premises was considered a stray dog and was then destructed.

The Control of Dogs Act limits the number of dogs per household to two, and the third dog should be with express permission from the local authority.

All those who have more than two dogs are requested to engage with the local authority before being visited by inspectors.

The Council appreciates the cooperation and support of the public in this matter and members of the public are encouraged to report any cases of stray dogs to the nearest Council office.

Mongu Municipal Council is committed to ensuring a clean, safe, and healthy environment for all.

MMC CLOSES HOSTELS & BOARDING HOUSES FOR MONGU TRADES

By Abigail Sitenge

In June this year, Mongu Municipal Council had with immediate effect closed Hostels and Boarding houses that accommodate students from Mongu Trades Training Institute due to poor sanitary conditions and for operating illegally.

The boarding facilities had been closed pursuant to provisions of the Public Health Act Cap 295 of the Laws of Zambia.

Following an inspection conducted by a team of MMC Public Health Inspectors led by Town Clerk Mr. Oliver Muuka, it was discovered that the Mongu Trades Hostel was highly congested.

It was also established that one of the hostels only had two functional toilets against 64 students.

The kitchen had dirty walls and floors and the workers that prepare food for students did not have Food Handlers certificates meaning that they were not medically examined which is contrary to section 64 (2) (I) of the Food Safety Act No. 7 of 2019.

All the boarding houses had inadequate toilets and bathrooms contrary to section 81 (a) (ii) of the Public Health Act Cap 295. For instance, a facility with more than 100 students has two toilets with dirty walls and floors thereby not meeting the minimum standards of hygiene.

At the time of inspection, the premises had leaking pipes and manholes, defective urinals, and cisterns. The boarding houses are required to obtain a trading permit, provide waste bins, fix blocked manholes and employ a full time cleaner.

The facilities had remained closed until all the recommendations by the Council are met.

Bathrooms at one of the Boarding Houses

Mongu Town Clerk Oliver Muuka inspecting Bathrooms at a Boarding House before closure

Outside one of the Boarding Houses

Bunker Beds at Mongu Trades Hostel

Main Kitchen at Mongu Trades Training Institute

MMC GOES CASHLESS

Mongu Municipal Council on 31st March 2023 effected a cashless system at the Cashiers office. The office is no longer accepting cash from the members of the public as a way to improve efficiency in revenue collection. The public should now deposit money in the underlisted bank accounts and present a deposit slip as proof of payment. Clients can also use mobile money to make payments.

For levies, legal fees and rates

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Account Number	:	0239258300113
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Branch	:	Mongu
Sort Code	:	013151

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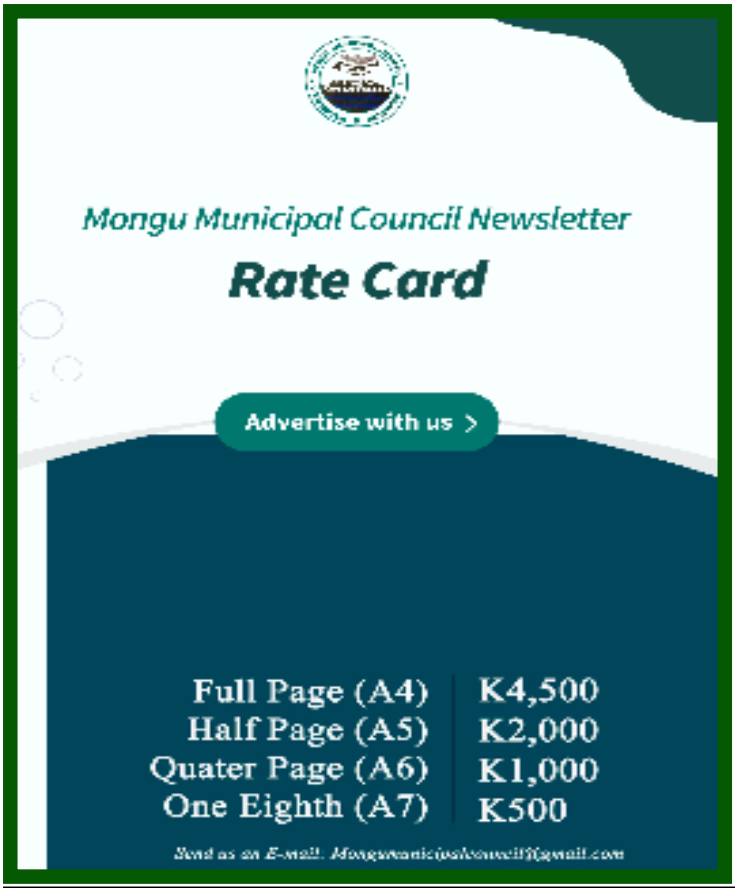

ENFORCEMENT OF PARKING FEES IN THE CBD

By Abigail Sitenge

Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act No. 2 of 2019 and following a Council Management resolution, Mongu Municipal Council has enforced collection of parking fees in the Central Business District (CBD). Effective May 2023, parking in the Central Business District attracts K5 parking fee per day.

Prior to enforcement, the public was notified about the development two months before. Later, there was recruitment and orientation of Council Parking Attendants. The activity was launched on 17th May 2023 with eight parking attendants who had support of officers from the Department of Housing and Social Services, Council Police and Zambia Police.

Shop owners without parking spaces are not exempted from paying these fees however, they would be allowed to park only one vehicle at a discounted rate. The Local Authority is urging shop owners to make individual arrangements and suggest convenient payment modalities.

Parking attendants have been placed across town, starting from Senanga road to town area along Independence Avenue and they can easily be identified with branded reflective jackets and identity cards. The Parking Attendants are authorized to collect parking fees and issue a Mongu Municipal Council official receipt.

The enforcement has not come without challenges as some shop owners feel entitled to the frontage of their shops thereby refusing to pay which is not right because failure to comply with the Law will attract penalties.

Further, the public may wish to know that the Council will continue to collect parking fees from all vehicles parked within the CBD whether the road is marked or not. It should be noted that the Council can only effectively mark the roads if motorists pay parking fees.

Meanwhile, the Local Authority Act No. 2 of 2011 mandates Local Authorities to control traffic and parking of vehicles in the district. Heavy vehicles such as trucks are prohibited from parking in unauthorized places.

The Council has however observed with sadness the growing trend of truck drivers parking their vehicles along main roads that are not designated as parking areas. For insistance, most drivers of heavy vehicles in Mongu usually park by the side of Senanga road and Mongu – Lusaka Road contravening the provisions of the Law.

The nuisance has contributed to the damage of road shoulders on most roads in the district and therefore, the Council wishes to sternly warn drivers who park heavy vehicles (trucks) in unauthorized places to desist from doing so or face the wrath of the Law.

Statutory Instrument No. 12 of 2018 prescribes a penalty fee of 2500 penalty Units which is equivalent to K750 for each offender who parks in undesignated areas.

The Council will therefore penalize any truck driver who abrogates the law without warning because sensitization has been conducted on several occasions.

PUBLIC SERVICE DAY IN PICTURES

Captions

1. MMC Public Relations Officer, Abigail Sitenge explaining contents of the CDF Bulletin to the Judges during the Africa Public Service Day.
2. Mongu Municipal Council display Stand at the Africa Public Service Day
3. MMC Newsletter and CDF Bulletin for Mongu Municipal displayed
4. MMC Valuation officer, Jimmy Musweu interacts with Western Province Deputy Permanent Secretary Richard Mulwanda (in a waistcoat) on the ongoing process of the Valuation Roll.
5. MMC exhibiting various equipment and services offered by the Council.
6. MMC Health Inspector, Musunga Musunga explaining to judges the measures put in place by MMC to manage Solid Waste.
7. MMC Fire Division Officer, Moses Phiri takes through the the Deputy Permanent Secretary, the process of responding to emergencies in the absence of the main Fire truck.

51 TEMPORAL STRUCTURES DEMOLISHED IN KASIMA AREA

By Emmanuel Lupikisha

Mongu Municipal Council demolished fifty (50) temporal structures (commonly known as Mashasha) and one permanent structure in Kasima area on Land that belonged to Western Water and Sanitation Company.

The demolition came following several engagements with individual squatters and sensitization on the illegal stay on the company's land.

In November 2022, Mougu Municipal Council through its Department of Planning issued Stop Order notices to squatters who were developing on the land.

119 squatters were identified during the mapping of the encroached area and Council allocated them 119 plots on 26.5 Hector land in the Kasima area for their relocation.

The squatters were given the annexure forms as a first step for them to acquire a title to the land they were relocated to.

Mongu Municipal Council observed a growing trend of people encroaching and squatting on state land or land reserved for other developments with a view of being compensated.

As a result, Council issued a stern warning to would-be encroachers and squatters that will have their structures removed without any compensation.

Encroachers and Squatters on Council land or any land meant for the development of amenities are advised to relocate to where they came from as Council will reclaim its land encroached land by any legal means necessary.

As a way of discouraging illegal constructions, MMC resolved not to recommend structures built illegally for water and electricity connection.

Council in 2020 gave land to the Western Water and Sanitation Company as a well-field where the company will sink boreholes that were to enhance the supply of water in the district.

The squatters on the land made it difficult for Western Water and Sanitation Company to continue their water sampling activities on the land.

Meanwhile, in December 2022, Mongu Municipal Council through its Planning Department brought down a structure on property No. 2148 in Imwiko area for being constructed without planning permission and encroached on a United Church of Zambia land contrary to the Urban and Regional Act No. 3 of 2015, Cap 283 of the Laws of Zambia.

"A person shall not carry out any development on the land, change the use of land or subdivide any land without planning permission" Urban and Regional Act No. 3 of 2015 Section 49 (1) reads in part.

The developer was given a stop order as prescribed by the Act on 19th November 2021 after excavating but the developer ignored the order and continued with the construction.

The Local Authority later wrote him an Enforcement Notice on 19th November 2022 to tell him of the council's intentions to demolish the wall fence at his cost if he did not oblige to the notice.

Section 67 (2) states that a person who fails to comply with an enforcement notice commits an offence and is liable, upon conviction, to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand penalty units and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding three hundred penalty units for each day of default of the notice.

The structure was among the over 100 structures that the local authority had identified to have been constructed without planning permission in the district.

As a remedial measure, Council called upon all developers that had developed without planning permission to engage them before they can execute a demolition.

It is an offence for a person to erect any building or structure in any area without the prior approval of the planning authority within whose jurisdiction the land is situated.

OVER 800 SPACES AVAILABLE IN 3 COUNCIL MARKETS

By Emmanuel Lupikisha

Following the registration of marketeers and numbering of shops in three (3) major Council-run markets in the district, a total of 435 stalls (shops) and 419 Market stands have been discovered not to have occupants.

The exercise was conducted to ascertain the number of empty shops and unoccupied stands in Mongu Central Market, Black Market and Green Market.

Mongu Central Market had 272 vacant stalls and 334 unoccupied stands while 366 stalls and 292 stands respectively were occupied in the Market.

Black Market had 102 vacant stands and 11 unused stands, and 204 stalls and 54 stands were occupied in the Market. On the other hand, Green Market had 79 shops vacant and 74 stands unoccupied. 74 stalls and 63 stalls were occupied in the Market.

The exercise which started on 16th January 2023 was flagged off by Mongu Town Clerk, Mr Oliver Muuka after undertaking a tour of the Markets.

Speaking after touring the market, Mr Muuka said the exercise of registering marketeers has been done to give documentation to marketeers which they can use to acquire financing.

"We want to register our marketeers so that we can give them documentation which can help them access financing from institutions," he said.

The town observed that the documentation can be used by marketeers to access financing under Constituency Development Fund (CDF) and other institutions like Citizen Economic Empowerment Commission (CEEC).

Mr Muuka noted that the tour was done to physically inspect the market to appreciate the situation in the market and identify interventions required.

"The inspection should help us appreciate the situation in the market and what interventions are required in the market," he said.

The exercise was also done to take stock of all stands and shops in the market. This was going to help establish the number of marketeers against stands and shops in the market.

"It has been argued that there is no space in the market. This exercise will give us proof that we have space in the market. Therefore, it will not be justified for people to continue trading on the streets" he said.

The exercise culminated in a meeting with various stakeholders to solve the challenge of street vending in the district.

The meeting was well attended and had representation from Street Vendors, Market Committees in all council-run markets, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), Zambia Police, the Western Chamber of Commerce, the Ministry of Health and others.

With the revelation of the exercise, the Local Authority has since advertised the stalls and stands available for occupation. Street Vendors and all those trading in undesignated areas are advised to apply before the Council moves in to remove all illegal traders in undesignated market areas.

Mongu Town Clerk Oliver Muuka engaging with Marketeers after the flagging of the numbering and registration exercise at Mongu Central Market

Empty stalls at Mongu Central Market

Mongu Town Clerk Oliver Muuka (right) with Director of Housing & Social Services Grace Kaziya on his left talking to Central Market Leadership prior to the launch of the exercise

Empty stands inside Mongu Central Market

CONSTRUCTION OF CROSSING POINTS IN NALIKWANDA BEGINS

By Abigail Sitenge

Contractors engaged to construct different Crossing Points in Mongu's Nalikwanda Constituency have mobilized on sites and works have since begun.

Mongu Municipal Council (MMC) had received K8 million funding from the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development to construct Crossing Points in Nalikwanda Constituency under capital projects.

The contracts were subjected to National Bidding (Only citizen Bidders). Two months ago, MMC Acting Director of Engineering Services, Eng. Jones Siang'andu and other Engineers monitored the Crossing Points and other projects in the rural part of Mongu to check on progess.

In Natonga, the Contractor (Kufanga Contractor & General Dealers) is constructing the Crossing Point at a cost of K583, 598.50. Works are expected to finish in September this year.

At Litawa Crossing Point, the contractor was on site, and was still ferrying material at the time of inspection but works have since begun.

Edmas General Dealers, the contractor for Litawa will construct the Crossing Point at a cost of K1,816,402.50 which involves maintaining the embarkments at two crossing points and ensuring that the step between the ground and the deck are smoothly leveled.

Construction works at Kalala and Nasange Crossing Points have also commenced.

The Council will continue to monitor progress on the projects to ensure that there is timely delivery and value for money. Therefore, we will not hesitate to terminate contracts with sub - standard work.

Other projects monitored under CDF included a 1X2 Classroom Block at Namafulo Community School, two (2) Staff Houses at Namunandi Primary School and inspection of Desks at Litawa Primary School.

Constrution works at Natonga Crossing Point in Nalikwanda Constituency

MMC Ag.Director of Engineering Services, Eng.Jones Siang'andu inspection construction works at Natonga Crossing Point in June, 2023

MMC Engineers conducting assessments at Litawa Crossing Point in Nalikwanda

COUNCIL ENGAGES FRANCHISE CONTRACTORS TO ENHANCE WASTE MANAGEMENT EFFORTS

Mongu Capital Creations limited in Kambule Street Namboard (Zone two)

By Emmanuel Lupikisha

In a bid to revolutionize Waste Management, the Mongu Municipal Council took a significant step forward by engaging Franchise Contractors in December of last year.

This strategic decision, in line with the Solid Waste Regulation and Management Act of 2018, Section 6 (1), allows for local authorities to collaborate with other entities, be it local, public, or private, to undertake efficient solid waste management practices.

The primary objective behind this initiative was to curb the accumulation of waste from residential areas that often ends up cluttering the streets.

To accomplish this goal, the Local Authority divided the district into six distinct zones, with each zone being assigned a dedicated Franchise Contractor responsible for waste management in that area.

Empire Cleaners was entrusted with the task of servicing Zone One, Five, and Six, which encompass Mulambwa, Boma area, Mbuyuwana, and Kapulanga. Capital Creations took charge of Zone Two, covering Namboard and Mboo areas.

Sebok Hygiene Services assumed responsibility for Zone Three, encompassing Kasima, Chisonga, and Mandanga. Lastly, Day Star Sanitation Services undertook waste management in Zone Four, which included Imwiko, Tungi, Northpark, and Yeta.

The role of these Franchise Contractors is to collect waste from households within their respective zones at regular intervals, thus ensuring that waste accumulation is minimized. Presently, an average of 55 households in each zone have subscribed to waste collection services.

However, households that have not subscribed to these services continue to contribute to the waste on the streets.

Despite the positive intentions behind this initiative, its implementation has encountered challenges primarily due to the reluctance of households to subscribe to waste collection services.

Additionally, certain households have resorted to digging rubbish pits or burning waste as a means of disposal, both of which are unlawful practices.

According to the Solid Waste Regulation and Management Act, Section 33 and 34, individuals intentionally burning or burying non-organic waste can face penalties of up to K165,000 upon conviction for the first offence. Section 33 specifies that anyone intentionally burning solid waste, contrary to the prescribed methods, commits an offense.

A person found guilty of such an offence may be fined up to five hundred thousand penalty units for an individual or one million penalty units for a corporation or an individual who commits a subsequent or further offence.

To address concerns or dissatisfaction with the services provided by the Franchise Contractors, households are encouraged to report issues to the Council through the Public Health Department or the Public Relations Unit. This feedback will aid in improving Waste Management practices and ensuring the well-being of the community as a whole.

A franchise contractor, Day Star Sanitation Services collecting waste from residential areas in Mongu

A truck for Empire Cleaners filled with waste from households in the zone

GAZETTE NOTICE NO. 675 OF 2023

MONGU MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MAIN VALUATION ROLL OF 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY given in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of the Rating Act No.21 of 2018, that the **MONGU MUNICIPAL COUNCIL** will in conjunction with the **DEPARTMENT OF VALUATION AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT** be undertaking a Rating Valuation exercise of all rateable properties within the boundaries of Mongu District effective 17th May 2023. The inspections are expected to take approximately sixty (60) days. Therefore, leaseholders (property owners, occupiers and tenants) within the boundaries of Mongu District should take this as official notification and are requested to co-operate with the Valuation Surveyor and his assistants.

OLIVER MUUKA
TOWN CLERK
MONGU MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

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FIRST HALF BUDGET REVIEW

INCOME

Code	DETAILS	ANNUAL BUDGET	1ST HALF BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	%
151	Local Taxes	4,956,897.65	2,478,448.82	817,097.85	1,661,350.97	33
152	Fees and Charges	9,006,595.00	4,503,297.50	1,748,667.10	2,754,630.40	39
153	Licences	354,049.00	177,024.50	160,454.90	16,569.60	91
154	Levies	2,203,911.75	1,101,955.88	812,873.37	289,082.51	74
155	Permits	1,093,728.00	546,864.00	1,226,737.40	-679,873.40	224
156	Charges	2,400,600.00	1,200,300.00	141,500.00	1,058,800.00	12
157	Other Income	12,000.00	6,000.00	287,500.00	-281,500.00	4,792
158	National Support	16,552,638.64	8,276,319.32	11,131,920.77	-2,855,601.45	135
159	CDF	56,600,000.00	28,300,000.00	11,829,822.16	16,470,177.84	42
	GRAND TOTAL	**93,180,420.04**	**46,590,210.02**	**28,156,573.55**	**18,433,636.47**	**60**

EXPENDITURE

CODE	DETAILS	ANNUAL BUDGET	1ST HALF BUDGET	1ST HALF ACTUAL	VARIANCE	%
211	Salaries	15,903,147.00	3,975,786.75	1,564,081.00	2,411,705.75	39
212	Wages	2,848,352.00	712,088.00	215,226.56	496,861.44	30
214	Personnel Related Costs	935,049.00	233,762.25	30,000.00	203,762.25	13
221	Office Costs	992,595.00	248,148.75	61,065.00	187,083.75	25
222	Building, repair and maint costs	199,157.00	49,789.25	147,949.18	(98,159.93)	297
223	Plant, machinery, vehicle running and maint costs	1,803,390.00	450,847.50	161,641.30	289,206.20	36
224	Other admin operating costs	1,798,117.00	449,529.25	35,762.00	413,767.25	8
225	Requisites	1,642,818.00	410,704.50	167,147.50	243,557.00	41
226	Services	23,917,583.00	5,979,395.75	21,785,631.19	(15,806,235.44)	364
227	Travel Expenses	692,462.00	173,115.50	383,946.95	(210,831.45)	222
228	Training	189,121.00	47,280.25	6,606.48	40,673.77	14
311	Fixed Assets	39,998,630.00	9,999,657.50	129,560.20	9,870,097.30	1
411	**Creditors**	**2,260,000.00**	**565,000.00**	**194,853.18**	**370,146.82**	**34**
	GRAND TOTAL	**93,180,420**	**23,295,105.25**	**24,883,470.54**	**(1,588,365.29)**	**107**

DEBT STOCK

S/NO	DEBTORS	BALANCE AS AT 31.12.2022	ADD FOR THE FIRST HALF	PAYMENT	BALANCE AS AT 30.06.2023
1	STAFF CREDITORS	19,786,955.10	1,664,800.55	2,700.00	21,449,055.65
2	STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS	47,218,336.83	1,076,921.21	311,459.18	47,983,798.86
3	OTHER CREDITORS	1,498,291.21	609,500.00	600,000.00	1,573,778.69
	GRAND TOTAL	**68,503,583.14**	**3,351,221.76**	**914,159.18**	**71,006,633.20**

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