

# OSHIKUKU VISION

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Oshikuku Town Council



**The Oshikuku Town Council and the City of Windhoek  
signed a five year twinning agreement**

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At the beginning, it is important to express the Council's pleasure in noting that our esteemed residents and visitors are still interested in the Council's affairs. The sole responsibility of this publication remains the same; which is to inform the public on the challenges, success and future plans and programs of the Council.

In this fifth edition of the "Oshikuku Vision", we intend to enlighten you on how the year 2014 has taken off in relation to our plans and targets. A lot has been achieved during the Financial Year 2013/2014 which is coming to an end in June. Equally, the Council is very optimistic and ready to take on the coming Financial Year 2014/2015 commencing on 1st July 2014. Various developmental projects are expected to be rolled out for implementation, same applies to tariffs adjustments.

As it has become a norm, Oshikuku Town Council is once again calling on its esteemed readers and stakeholders to join hands with the Council in order to contribute positively for a comprehensive betterment of the town. The Council has an open door policy and your contributions of any form will be highly appreciated. Herewith, page through and discover exciting information that you have never seen before.

Keep informed and I wish you a happy reading!

## EDITOR'S NOTE



Gerhard Sam  
Public Relations Officer

## MAYORAL'S COLUMN

Greetings go out to you all our important readers of this noble publication. Hereforth, I would like to extend my profound happiness for the progressive and collective efforts you have extended to the Council of Oshikuku since the beginning of the year 2014. With you onboard, the future of Oshikuku looks bright will surely realize the targeted goals.

The Council Strategic Plan 2012-2017, NDP4 and Vision 2013 remain essential plans and documents to the Council which underpin our future and development of the town. Thus, the Council is working hard by committing its available resources to ensure the realization of the abovementioned plans.

The previous edition reported on many projects that were rolled out in the Financial Year 2013/2014. In this edition however, you will be enlightened on current and future plans and projects which the Council and its developmental partners are going to carry out.

In conclusion, I hereby assure you that the Council of Oshikuku remains committed to fulfil its mandate, retain existing businesses and attract investors in order to grow the local economy.



*His Worship*  
*Hon. Mbockoma Mungandjera*  
*Mayor of Oshikuku*

## OK Value Oshikuku

Established / open: 20.06.2013

Nature of business: retail (market), restaurant and bar

Location: 1131, Oshikuku proper, Oshikuku Town

Number of employees: 21

Manager: Mrs Kalapushe Nengenge Eelu



*Restaurant: Monday - Saturday 10h00 to 02h00 Sunday 10h00 to 23h00  
Daily exciting menu & they do catering too. Restaurant has a capacity of 30 persons (seats)*



*Our Bakery has a capacity to make 600 bread & 600 Brötchens p/day*

*Supermarket opens from 08h00 - 20h00 pm*



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**COMING SOON !!**

**TO LET: business and office space in Oshikuku**

**Space range: 75 - 220 m<sup>2</sup>**

**For Bookings call: +264811241413 or +264812601526**



## THE OSHIKUKU TOWN COUNCIL AND THE CITY OF WINDHOEK SIGNED A FIVE YEAR TWINNING AGREEMENT

Signing of Memorandum of Agreement – Oshikuku Town Council and the City of Windhoek

The two parties decided to foster and promote the friendly relations existing between themselves to benefit the inhabitants and grow their respective urban localities. On the 6th February 2014, the two Local Authorities cemented the latter with a signing of an agreement and cooperation in Oshikuku to strengthen the friendly relations and focus on the following areas:

- Urban Planning & Infrastructural Development
- Capacity development, Technical Support and Information Exchange.
- Solid Waste and Storm water management
- Local Economic Development & Environmental Health
- Bad Debt Collection Management
- Emergency Management

Both parties have acquainted themselves of the needs, challenges, strengths and opportunities in the two local authorities prior to signing of the agreement. Oshikuku is delighted to be associated with an older sister town by the name of Windhoek and it believes this twinning agreement will culminate into a mutual friendship and benefit for both towns. At the occasion, the two Mayors urged their two Chief Executive Officers to make the agreement a workable and result-driven instead of collecting dust in the office.



*From L-R seated: His Worship the Mayor Hon. Mbockoma Mungandjera of Oshikuku and Her Worship Hon. Agnes Kafula: Mayor of the City of Windhoek signing the agreement while the two Chief Executive Officers look on as witnesses.*

## NCCI ELECTS NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

NCCI Oshikuku Branch elected its new Executive Members during the Annual General Meeting on 26 March 2014

Often, businesses are faced with challenges and difficult environments to operate effectively. The Namibia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NCCI) is mandated to encounter the latter and find workable solutions on behalf of the business community.

Thus, on March 26, 2014 the NCCI Oshikuku Branch held its Annual General Meeting in

Oshikuku where it dissolved and elected new executive members to represent, support and facilitate business affairs for the Oshikuku business community. The election process was facilitated and observed by the delegation from NCCI Ongwediva Branch.

The Branch Chairperson Hon Modestus Amutse retained his post as a Chairperson for another two years and he assured the the delegates that he will serve the branch to the best of his abilities. Herewith below, are the new members serving the Branch for the next two years.



*NCCI Oshikuku Branch new Executive Members L-R: Mr. Mauritius Andreas, Mr. Gerhard Sam, Mr.Sacky Tshimwandi (Vice-Chairperson) Mrs.Ndafudha Kosmos, Hon.Modestus Amutse (Chairperson), Mr.Junias Namutuwa (Secretary) and Mr.Willem Kashupi "Apollo 11".*

## EMPLOYEE ON THE MOVE...



*Mr. Paulus Shalulile has left the Council as HR Officer to pursue future career at Omusati Regional Council. The Council bid farewell and wished him the best in life. Here, he is seen with the CEO Mrs. Julia Kakwambi-Nakale.*

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MUNICIPAL SERVICES

## Payment of municipal services

- Payment of municipal services accounts are done on or before the 15th of every month
- Payments of allocated ervens payable in installment is done on or before 15th of every month where 50% is paid as down payment /deposit the remaining payable in equal installments as stated on the allocation letter from the council.
- The interest will be added if the account is not settled in full thereafter
- no negotiations of any kind to wave away interest charged on overdue accounts
- Please note all payments are done at the Cashier office by cash, cheque (POSTDATED CHEQUES ARE NOT ACCEPTED), via the bank with clear reference as the customers' name, erf number or account number.

## The Council's bank account is as follows:

Account Name: Oshikuku Town Council

Account number: 62096708387

Type of Account: current

Branch code: 281173

Branch: Oshakati

## Suspension (cut-off) of water services and reconnection

- Any client whose account is in arrears with at least one month, the water supply will be terminated without further warnings other than the ordinary reminder on the monthly bills
- Termination of water supply only done during the office hours ( from 08h00-17h00)
- Clients are urged to make their commitments to settle their accounts on time to avoid disconnection of water services
- Once the client's name appears on the disconnection list even if our officials did not disconnect the water the client should settle the outstanding plus the reconnection fee
- Water supply will only be reconnected after the aforesaid account has been settled in full or any other settlement arrangements has been entered into between the client and the Council and this agreement should be honored.

## Warnings:

- The public in general is being warned from purchasing of properties or undeveloped plots from individuals without the Town Council's Property department knowledge
- The public is hereby requested to contact the Town Council before purchasing a property from anyone as some properties have outstanding amount from previous owners.
- It is important to verify with the Council regarding municipal bills and services to avoid acquiring a property with arrears.

## Water consumption estimations and meter reading

- Estimating water readings is a practice that is employed by the Council in order to get an approximated total water consumption of a household per month.
- However, it is not encouraged because it only happens in very unusual cases when water readings are not obtained due to the properties being locked and cannot be accessed by Council officials.
- The Council is appealing to all residents of Oshikuku who have their properties always locked to make arrangements prior for our officials to get the actual readings.
- Clients can also call the council meter reader to give their actual readings to 065-254719.

## Water leakage

- Report any water leakage , pipe burst to avoid water waste.
- Clients should educate their children about the importance of water and how to save it.



## **ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH DIVISION**

### **Food handlers**

- Wash your hands thoroughly before handling food and often during food preparation
- Wash hands after going to the toilet and sneezing
- Wash and cleanse all surfaces and utensils used for food preparation
- Protect kitchen area and food from, insects e.g. cockroaches, pests e.g. rats and other animals
- Cover your hair and keep the nails short at all times.
- Do not wear rings while preparing foods.

### **Business registrations**

The Council of the Town of Oshikuku, under section 94(1) of the Local Authorities Act, 1992 (Act No. 23 of 1992), after consultation with the Minister of Regional and Local Government, Housing and Rural Development, Has gazetted the Regulations Relating to Registration of Businesses:

These regulations guide the Council of the whole process of registration of businesses and the penalties thereof.

- The Fitness and Registration Certificates should be applied for at the Cashier before the expiry date (31 March)
- The fitness and registration Certificates will only be issued after inspection
- There is a late fee payable after the expiry date of the fitness/registration certificate

**NB:** Failure to register the business or modify the Fitness / Registration certificate will result in a fine not exceeding N\$ 2000 or imprisonment of 6 months or both.

## **OSHIKUKU TOWN COUNCIL EMERGENCY SERVICES DIVISION**

Emergency services division appears in the establishment of Oshikuku Town Council to respond to all emergency cases and to ensure the protection and safety of community and properties against the fire and other emergencies.

Mission and vision

Mission; to save lives, properties, environment and to promote safety of the community

Vision; professional emergency services organization, dedicated to the protection of the community

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES CAREER DUTIES**

To execute rescue operations and to respond to all emergencies such as;

- Fire fighting operation, fire safety awareness and basic fire prevention training.
- Flood
- Motor vehicle rescue and extrication
- Hazmat awareness
- Building / structural collapse
- Cave-ins
- Emergency medical care

### **EMERGENCY OFFICER'S ACHIEVEMENTS DURING FEBRUARY TO MARCH**

Emergency Officer has successfully completed the following specialized rescue trainings at City of Windhoek by Rescue South Africa team.

- High angle rescue
- Motor vehicle accident rescue and extrication
- Confined space rescue
- Basic life support
- International search and rescue advisory group (INSARAG) first responder
- Incident command system
- Hazmat awareness
- Swift water awareness

Emergency contact details: 0818401861, 0812550655. E-mail: [ycomradeh@yahoo.com](mailto:ycomradeh@yahoo.com)

## Oshikuku Open Market is now operational

The Council of Oshikuku like any other Local Authority is also mandated to provide a friendly and conducive environment for businesses to operate effectively and progressively grow the local economy.

This was realized by constructing the open market where vendors or whackers can trade in a formalized and clean environment. The Council has been constructing the facility in phases for the past years, and it is delightful that it is current serving its intended purpose. The new trading facility offers ample space for different vendors such as our normal kapana meat traders, closed stalls for mini-restaurants, saloons & hairdressers, cellphones repair, printing shop as well as seasonal traders that sell seasonal produces like water melon, beans, groundnuts etc. It also comes with an entertainment room fitted with pool tables for those seeking leisure activities.

Initially, the majority of the vendors did not welcome the open market but preferred to trade at street corners and prohibited places around the town. Of late, they came to appreciate it as they are provided with a reliable facility which shelters them against the burning sun, rainfall and dust which were setbacks at their former trading areas. For more information on the operations of the open market, kindly contact the LED Division at the Council's offices.



## Mass housing kicks off in Oshikuku

The ambitious N\$ 45 billion mass housing development program is funded by the government, through which it intends to build 185 000 houses by the year 2030 to mitigate the current nationwide 100 000 units housing deficit.

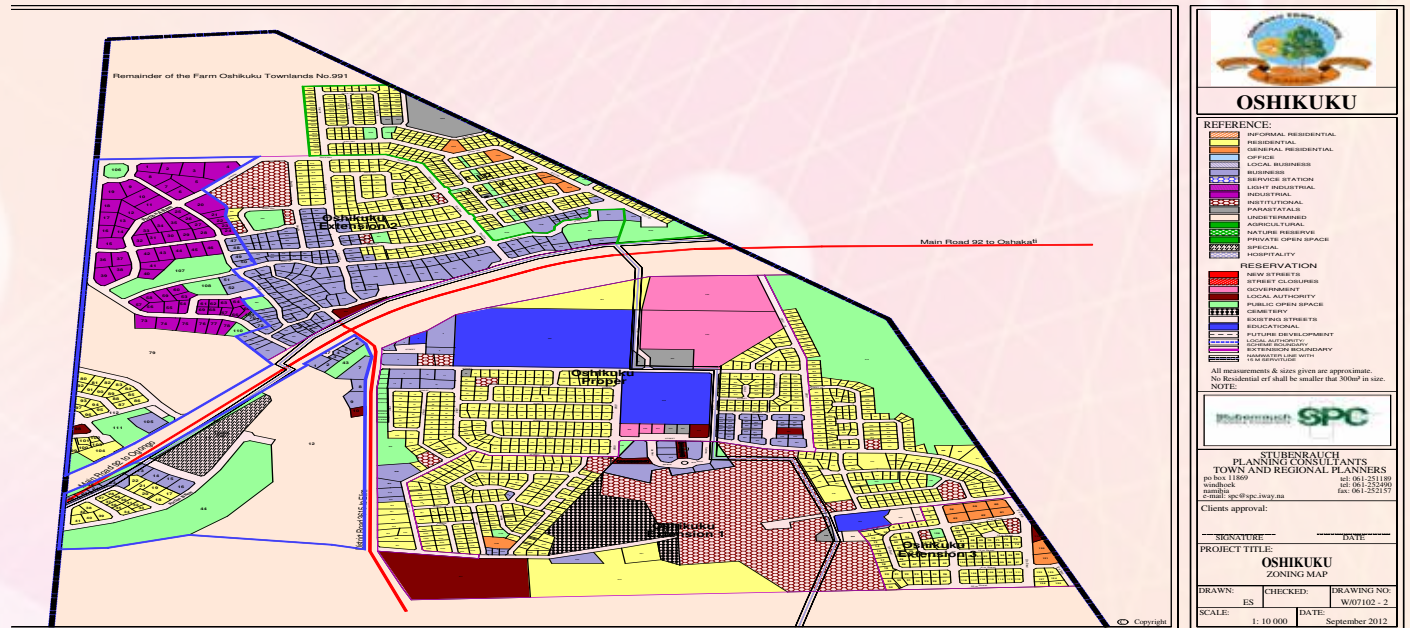
The town of Oshikuku has joined other towns in the country by launching the mass housing project, with a total of 79 houses to be constructed during the first phase. The much anticipated project is to be carried out by Flic Investment who is contracted by the National Housing Enterprises. The project is believed to improve the livelihood and plight of the residents especially the low to middle-income earners. Equally, it is expected to alleviate the housing challenge in the town.

The Council of Oshikuku is hereby informing those that want houses from this program to directly contact National Housing Enterprises office in Oshakati for application and further enquiry.



# Town's Future Developments - Maps

The map - has a new extensions. These are Extension 3, at the bottom right as well as Light Industrial area i.e Extension 5 (in purple) top left. Lastly, Extension 6, along the Elim road.



The 3D plan - shows Oshikuku Cultural Heritage Centre. An initiative of the Council to boost tourism activities and development in and around Oshikuku.



## ALMA SOCCER ACADEMY PAID A COURTESY CALL TO THE CEO



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*We strongly believe that your participation and input will guarantee the success of our next edition.*