

**ADDRESS BY MAYOR OF MUTALE MUNICIPALITY, CLLR MATIBE TSHITEREKE BALDWIN, AT THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2011.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**Madamme Speaker**

**Honourable members of the Council**

**Leadership of the House of Traditional Leaders**

**The Leadership of the ANC and other political formations**

**Representatives of the faith based organizations**

**Members of the organized labor**

**Community based organization**

**Representatives from the Business communities**

**Members of the Media**

**Distinguished people of Mutale**

I am greatly humbled to greet you all today. At no point have we ever been ready and well placed to work together to speed up effective service delivery to our people like we are today.

Our people need service and nothing else

Madam Speaker

As we look back over the past 10 years, I wish to acknowledge the commitment and the hard work of the former Mayor Councillor Manyuwa Lucas and his team, who played their role who played their role in steering the ship of Mutale Municipality.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend a word of thanks and appreciation to the thousands of our people who rolled up their sleeves to land a hand in the effort to build a better life for the people of Mutale municipality

This Special council sitting is held during an important Month in our calendar Youth Month. During this month we commemorate the contribution of our youth to the achievement of democracy, and rededicate ourselves to creating a just society. Let us use this month madam Speaker, to remember those who laid down their lives for Freedom . The theme for this month is Youth in Action for Economic freedom in our life time.

All these honoured guests, representing both memory and hope, remind us that ours is a task in a relay race of continuous rebirth, so that the dream of a better life becomes a reality for the people of Mutale. The 1976 generation Madam Speaker, represent the indomitable spirit of our people, and pose a challenge to all of us to act in a way that do not betray or disappoint the expectations of our people.

Madam Speaker, with regard to changing the lives of the people of Mutale for the better, the tide has turned, our task remain to take the tide at the flood, further to progress towards the achievement of our goals for which many people sacrificed

Madam Speaker

Our municipality is located in areas controlled by Senior Traditional Leaders. Let us work closely with the traditional leadership structures in the implementation of rural development programmes.

Every development done by the municipality will be done in areas owned by traditional leaders. Therefore our relationship with them is of crucial importance

Distinguished guests

Working together with our communities we are going to build democratic local government that give communities a voice and the opportunity to be active participants in the development of areas where they live.

Without active participation of our communities and empowerment the challenge of ensuring effective, accountable and clean government will not be realized.

**Let us ensure that as Councillors we serve those we represent and are accountable to them.**

Madam Speaker

Our municipality should work closely with self-organized formations such as burial societies, stockvels, cultural groups, youth and women's clubs and non-governmental organizations, Faith based organization as part of deepening local democracy.

Madam speaker

A better life for our people is :

**Provision of Electricity**

**Water, Houses, Roads, Decent Work, Infrastructure, Health, Upgrading streets, Establishment of Parks, Sports facilities.**

**Lastly I wish you all the best in your new Term of Office**

**Working together we can build better Communities.**

**Thank You**

**I recommend to Council the Appointment of the following Councillors to be members of the Executive Committee of Mutale Municipality, in accordance with Section 43 of the local Government Municipal Structures Act, no 117 of 1998.**

- 1. CLLR. MADUME SAMSON**
- 2. CLLR. MUKWEVHO JOSEPHINE**
- 3. CLLR. LIEBA ALPHEUS**

**I recommend to Council the appointment of the following councilors to be members of Municipal Public Accounts Committee**

- 1. CLLR. NETSHISAULU GILBERT :CHAIRPERSON**
- 2. CLLR. NEPHALI HILDA**
- 3. CLLR. RAMMBUDA SARAH**
- 4. CCLR. MBEDZI PHILLIP**
- 5. CLLR. MATSHUSA BETTY**