

Special Public Works Committee Meeting
City Of Virden
City Council Chambers
Thursday, November 30, 2023

Par-time water clerk interviews conducted at 6:00 pm.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Murphy at 6:50 pm.

Aldermen in attendance: Bertolino, Mottershaw, Neighbors and Calloway.

Aldermen absent: Ibberson (can't make it), Cunningham (sick), Mitchell (sick) and Boster (can't make it)

Additional in attendance: Mayor Murphy and Public Works director Gary Etter.

Visitors: Jessica Selhime

Comments from audience:

Topics:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes 11/16/23

Motion made by Mottershaw seconded by Neighbors to approve meeting minutes for 11/16/2023. Motion passed with all in favor.

Motion made by Mottershaw seconded by Bertolino to enter executive session for personnel at 6:51 pm. Motion passed with all in favor.

Executive Session:

1. Approval of Executive Session Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21))

2. Discuss interviews/applicants

Motion made by Mottershaw seconded by Mayor Murphy to exit executive session at 7:10 pm.

Additional:

- We thought it would be best to have Cravens come to the next Public Works Meeting instead of the City Council Meeting on Monday.
- IDHA Grant for demolition, we have to figure out how we acquire some of those properties on that list. Murphy will send out a list, so we can prioritize the ones we want.
- Murphy tried to talk to Nick and Matt from Midwest Meters, but didn't hear back. Matt did answer the phone yesterday and asked him if any other towns are having the same problem we are? He insisted there aren't any. I asked about the spread sheet on why 95%

of the customers have two reads. He said he couldn't answer that, but Nick probably could. I asked about the cellular meters in the flow column it looks weird. It looks like it should be multiplied by 100 and it isn't. He said he didn't know that would be a Nick question. Matt is going to talk to Nick about asking a guy they know who is really good looking at data to come and look at it. He insisted the low profile bases are fine that is not the problem.

- Our engineers that touch base with the grant people on the North End Drainage, do we know where we stand with them? The next hearing is on Jan. 25th, 2024 unless the judge has a cancellation. My biggest concern is losing that grant.

Motion made by Mottershaw seconded by Neighbors to adjourn at 7:26 pm. Motion passed with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Karen Burgess
Deputy City Clerk

Date Minutes Approved: