

Police Committee Meeting
City Of Virden
City Council Chambers
Thursday, January 9, 2025

Meeting called to order by Alderman Mitchell at 7:00 PM

Aldermen in attendance: Mottershaw, Bertolino, Donley, Schnetzler, and Calloway

Absent: Neighbors and Boster

Also in attendance: Mayor George Murphy and City Clerk Jon Myint and Police Chief Steven Snodgrass

Visitors: Crystal Creasy

Comments from the Audience: None

Topics:

1. Approval of Minutes 12/12/24

Motion made by Mitchell seconded by Schnetzler to approve meeting minutes of 12/12/24. Consensus passed.

2. NEW SQUAD CAR

The new squad car was ordered on the 15th of August 2024. The lead time of the car was 16 to 18 weeks. Chief Snodgrass has been doing follow-ups but not getting any response back. Alderman Bertolino said that he would try to reach out for a follow up and recommended that the mayor reached out also.

3. Camper Parked at 208 N Henderson

Chief Snodgrass said that a 10-day notice was sent out on 01/09/2025 if nothing gets done then a citation will be issued. It will then go before the judge to see about having it removed.

4. Ordinance violation tracker

Chief Snodgrass is developing a spreadsheet to track ordinance violations. Updates can be made at the Police Committee or the City Council meeting or both, however updates will be made at least monthly.

5. Vacant mobile home trailer lots

Chief Snodgrass said he would have the dispatcher go through the logs and get the dates on which they burned down, moved out, or were pulled out.

6. Status of the semi on Masterson St.

Chief Snodgrass reported that the semi is gone.

Additional:

Chief Snodgrass reported that the two vehicles at 625 N Springfield St. That are full of trash and appear to be inoperable, are operable as reported to him by the owner of the property.

Alderman Bertolino asks about the chairs at 535 W green street by the pool. Chief Snodgrass said they had contacted the owner by phone, and he said he would take care of it ASAP. The chief will follow up Monday and if it is still there, he will issue a citation.

Mayor Murphy said he received a call about a tiny home. We do not have any restriction on size here in town and we do not have zoning. I asked her what address she was talking about, and it is 151 E Lincoln. The house would be about 16X32 and has its skid foundation, but it would be put on top of a slab that has plumbing and electrical in it and attached permanently to the slab. Unless someone can think of a reason she cannot do it, there is nothing in the ordinance.

Mottershaw asked about the Police budget, Police and Telecommunicators salaries and nonunion people.

Mottershaw also said we need to do an annual review or semiannual review of the minutes.

Motion made by Mottershaw seconded by Schnetzler to enter executive session at 7:28 PM. Consensus passed.

Executive Session:

1. Approval of Minutes (5ILCS 120/2 (c) (21)
2. Virden Sanitary District (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

Motion made by Mottershaw seconded by Bertolino to exit executive session at 8:23 pm. Consensus passed.

Additional:

Motion to approve the executive session minutes of 10/10/24 made by Mottershaw seconded by Bertolino. Consensus passed.

Mayor Murphy and Mottershaw met with the insurance representative about FOIA requests, training, hiring and legal information

Motion made by Mottershaw seconded by Bertolino to adjourn at 8:28 pm. Consensus passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Jonathan J. Myint
City Clerk

Date Approved: