

**Regular City Council Committee Meeting**  
City Of Virden  
City Council Chambers  
Monday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

Regular City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Murphy at 7:00 PM

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

- **The following Council Members were present:** Bertolino, Neighbors, Donley, Carter, Karrick, Boster, Calloway, and Matrisch
- **Absent:** None
- **Also present:** Mayor George Murphy, City Clerk Jon Myint, City Office Manager Karen Burgess, Bookkeeper/Treasure Barry Liss, Chief of Police Steven Snodgrass, Director of Public Works Gary Etter, Attorneys Don & Joe Craven, City Engineer Stefanie Ballinger
- **Audience:** Kim Ball, Josh Keil and Rick Maguire

**Approval of Agenda (02-02-26)**

**Motion:** made by Bertolino seconded by Carter to approve the agenda as presented.

**Motion:** passed with all in favor

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes (01-05-26)**
- **Approval of Bills Payable:**
- **Approval of Treasurer's Report (12/25)**
- **Approval of Water Report (01/26) and Gallons Report (12/25)**
- **Request for Use of Public Property**
  1. Maynerich Financial would like to hold a shred event on the island on Sat. Apr. 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am-11am

2. Women's Auxiliary of The Virden American Legion would like to hold "Taco Mondays" on the island on Mon. Apr. 20<sup>th</sup> and Mon. May 18<sup>th</sup>
3. Adopt-A-Pet would like to use the 4way on Sat. Apr. 11<sup>th</sup> 9am-2pm with rain date Sat. Apr 18<sup>th</sup> 9am-2pm.

**Motion:** made by Bertolino seconded by Karrick to approve the 02-02-26 Consent Agenda as presented

**Motion:** passed with all in favor

### **Comments from the Audience**

Kim Ball from the Virden Sanitary District (VSD) presented a meter reading only update for the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), and stated that he would send a digital copy to the Mayor and invited the City Council to the next VSD meeting.

## Reports of Supervisors

### **City Engineer:**

#### **1. Review and acceptance of Safe Routes to School project Bid Tabulation**

Stefanie gave a presentation on the Safe Routes to School bid. The low bid amount from the Phoenix Corporation is \$215,531 which is 28% lower than the engineer's estimate. The grant will pay (80%) \$172,424.80 and the city's responsibility will be for (20%) \$43,106.20.

Additional cost is to be expected and will be discussed at a later date. The Benton Engineering cost estimate for their work is at \$30,000 and will also be split into the 80/20 with the grant paying \$24,000 and the city paying \$6,000.

The total cost estimate is for the Safe Route to School \$245,531. with the grant paying \$196,424.80 and the city paying \$49,106.20.

**Motion:** made by Bertolino seconded by Boster to award the contract to the Phoenix Corporation of the Quad Cities in the amount \$215,531 not to exceed.

**Yeas:** Bertolino, Boster, Calloway, Carter, Donley, Matrisch, and Neighbors

**Nayes:** Karrick, **Absent: 0, Abstain: 0**

**Motion:** passed

## **2. Review and approval of Final Pay Estimate for Dean St. improvement project**

Stefanie did a review of the Dean St project and explained the scope of the work, problems encountered, sidewalks, asphalt edges and why the Hobson intersection was not included in the project.

Also discussed was what it would take to repair the Hobson intersection.

**Motion:** made by Bertolino seconded by Calloway to approve the payment of the pay estimate of Illinois Valley Paving in the amount of \$294,831.28.

**Yeas:** Bertolino, Boster, Calloway, Carter, Donley, Matrisch, Karrick, and Neighbors

**Nayes: 0, Absent: 0, Abstain: 0**

**Motion:** passed with all in favor

**Additionally:** The North End Drainage, the amendments for the extra \$200,000. put into the grant is in the hands of the DECO attorney for final review. Once the review is approved, the contract will be brought to the city to execute. At that time the city will need to decide when to start the project. Start now or wait till after 2026 harvest season. If the project is put on hold, the contractor may ask for additional funds.

### **Director of Operations:**

1. Nothing currently

### **Chief of Police:**

1. Mayor Murphy spoke on the problems and state backlog in getting the ORI number for the city.

### **City Office Manager:**

1. Nothing currently

### **City Attorney:**

1. The McCoy property will be going to court this week.

## **Reports of City Officials**

### **City Clerk:**

1. Nothing currently

**City Treasurer:**

1. Nothing currently

**Mayor:**

1. Nothing currently

## Reports of Standing Committees

**Finance:**

1. A review of the CD rates from four different banks was done. The three CDs that are up for renewal are #s 20870, 20867 and 20869.

**Motion:** made by Boster seconded by Karrick to move all three CDs to CNB at a rate of 3.63% for 12 months CDs.

**Yeas:** Bertolino, Boster, Calloway, Carter, Donley, Matrisch, Karrick, and Neighbors

**Nayes: 0, Absent: 0, Abstain: 0**

**Motion:** passed with all in favor

**Police:**

1. Nothing currently

**Public Works:**

**1. Streets & Alleys:**

- a. Karrick praised Bruce's Welding of Girard on the weld repair done to the Public Works truck.

**2. Buildings & Grounds:**

- a. Nothing currently

**3. Parks:**

- a. Approve RFPs for tree inventory and community management plan

**Motion:** made by Carter seconded by Bertolino to Approve the RFP's for the tree inventory the community tree management plan and to advertise for such.

**Discussion:** The Tree Grant is for \$91,000 and all trees on city property must be inventoried.

**Yeas:** Bertolino, Boster, Calloway, Carter, Donley, Matrisch, Karrick, and Neighbors

**Motion:** passed with all in favor

**Miscellaneous:**

1. VSD: nothing discussed

**Administrative:**

1. Admin Committee agenda items are needed by 02-03-26

**Executive Session:**

**1. Motion:** made by Mayor Murphy seconded by Carter to enter into Executive Session at 7:38 PM to approve Executive Session meeting minutes, discuss Personnel Bargaining, and Pending Litigation

**Yeas:** Bertolino, Boster, Calloway, Carter, Donley, Matrisch, Karrick, and Neighbors

**Motion:** passed with all in favor

**Motion:** made by Boster seconded by Carter to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of 01-05-26

**Motion:** passed with all in favor

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** made by Calloway seconded by Matrisch to adjourn at 8:49pm.

**Motion:** passed with all in favor

Jonathan J. Myint  
City Clerk

Date Approved: