

Special City Council Meeting

City Of Virden

City Council Chambers

Thursday March 13, 2025

Meeting called to order by Mayor Murphy at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Aldermen in attendance: Boster, Neighbors, Bertolino, Mitchell, Donely, Schnetzler, Mottershaw, Calloway

Absent: None

Also in attendance: Mayor George Murphy, City Clerk Jon Myint

Audience: None

Topics:

1. Purchase and installation of water meters.

Different options (1) go out for bids for both the purchase and the installation on one contract, (2) Decide which meters we want and get a bid from that company. The installation bid could be from another company.

Possibility of waving the bids for the purchase of the meters and installation.

Having an engineering company doing the bidding, proceed and executing the bids would be in excess of \$100K.

Sensus Meters are recommended by Virden's Director of Operations Gary Etter.

Sensus meters have their own frequency they transmit on and no one else can use that frequency. They would not be in competition with anyone else on their frequency.

Possibility of Murphy Brothers doing the installation.

Cost and quality of composite meters compared to brass meters.

More discussion with the companies to help bring the cost down is needed.

2. Consider a contract with B&A to develop and execute the contract for water meter installation.

This topic was chaired to a later date as more information is needed.

3. Consideration for CD transfer

Mottershaw talked with Prairie State, and they will be giving the city's CDs a higher rate.

4. Use of public property

Tom Stoecker of the American Legion request use of the island on Thursday March 27th and Thursday April 17th for Twyford BBQ truck and Saturday, March 29th, from 11:00 to 1:30 at the island for pork chop sale.

Motion made by Mitchell second by Boster to approve American Legion to have Twyford BBQ come on the Thursday March 27th Thursday April 17th from 11:00 to 1:30 at the island and show proof of insurance and also to have the pork chop sales on the island on March 29th.

Motion passed with all in favor.

Additionally: None

Motion Made by Mottershaw seconded by Boster to adjoin at 7:25 PM

Motion Passed.

Ayes: 7 Calloway, Boster, Mitchell, Donley, Neighbors, Schnetzler, Mottershaw

Nayes: 1 Bertolino

Absent: None

Jonathan J. Myint
City Clerk