

**Regular City Council Committee Meeting  
City Of Virden  
City Council Chambers  
Monday April 6<sup>th</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, and Attorney Joe Craven
- **Audience:** None

**Approval of Agenda (04-06-26)**

**Motion** made by Carter seconded by Neighbors to approve the agenda as amended.

**Discussion** Agenda amended to include a variance request from Carlinville Area Hospital Association for the new Sav-Mor building to be put under Public Works (streets and alleys)

**Motion** passed with all in favor

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes (Regular 03-02-26 & Special 03-26-26)**
- **Approval of Bills Payable:**
- **Approval of Treasurer's Report (February 2026)**

- **Approval of Water Report (March 2026) and Gallons Report (February 2026)**
- **Request for Use of Public Property:**
  1. Fred Brintenstine Car Show June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 8 am to 3 pm
  2. American Legion 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration in City Park July 1-3, 2026, with rain date July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
  3. American Legion pork chop cookout on the southwest corner of the square on the following dates April 25<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, July 18<sup>th</sup>, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, September 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>, October 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion** made by Boster seconded by Carter to approve the Consent agenda as presented. **Discussion:** none **Motion** passed with all in favor

### **Comments from Audience:**

Water Commissioner Terry Davis gave an update on the Route 104 water project, stating the project is completed with only a few minor restorations left and a speed sign still needs installed. No service disruptions occurred. The cost of the project was \$3,924,000.

Mr. Davis also recognized a Virden Police Officer who assisted Ella Mae, who had locked her keys in her SUV. The Officer had to enter thru the back of the vehicle and crawl over the seats to retrieve her purse. Mr. Davis did not know who the Officer was however, discovered just before the meeting, the unknown officer was Chief Snodgrass.

Alderman Karrick commended the police department for their excellent non-emergency service

## Reports of Supervisors

### **City Engineer:**

1. **Approve SRTS Resolution to use MFT funds**
2. **Approve SRTS Requests for Expenditure of MFT**
3. **Approve SRTS Construction Engineering Agreement**

**Motion** made by Mayor Murphy seconded by Boster to approve SRTS Resolution 2026-02 to use MFT funds, approve SRTS requests for expenditure of MFT, and to approve SRTS Construction Engineering Agreement not to exceed \$30,000.

**Discussion** this project was delayed from last summer to this summer.

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

**Nayes:** Karrick, Matrisch **Absent:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Motion:** passed

#### **4. Resolution for MFT Maintenance Program**

**Motion** made by Donley seconded by Neighbors to approve \$41,350.50 for MFT Maintenance program Resolution 2026-03.

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

**Nayes:** 0 **Absent:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Motion:** passed with all in favor

#### **Director of Operations:**

1. Nothing currently

#### **Chief of Police:**

1. Nothing currently

#### **City Office Manager:**

1. Nothing currently

#### **City Attorney:**

##### **1. Class G Liquor license wording change**

Proposal to amend code to allow sale of prepackaged, single serve alcoholic beverages (e.g., can seltzers) under Class G license, if alcohol content does not exceed beer or wine.

Such other products may already be classified as beer from the State Liquor Commissioner.

language to be drafted by Cravens for the next meeting.

See topic #2 for motion

##### **2. Peddler & Solicitor code questions**

**Discussion** on revising code and application.

Propose fee is \$50 per individual per day.

Permit process, applications would be submitted in person with an ID required.

Police background checks (which may take up to two days to process)

Permits would be valid for 7 days on the date of issuance.

Discussion on enforcement; solicitors must leave the premises when asked or face trespassing charge.

Police may revoke permits

Current solicitation is allowed up until 9:00 pm, but there were concerns over Safety; consideration of limiting solicitation to 5:00 or 6:00 PM.

Police to provide "No Knock" list to all solicitor companies.

Possibility of using Pawnee's peddler/solicitor code as a model.

**Motion** made by Boster seconded by Carter to authorize Craven and Craven Law Firm to revise the class G Liquor License language to include single served prepackaged beverages and to draft Peddlers and Solicitors code changes.

**Motion** passed with all in favor.

**Additionally: Update on the following properties:**

- a. McCoy Property trial set for May.
- b. McDonald House (222 West Hill) Signs of activity (siding removed) Mayor Murphy will contact Rick McGuire who may be handling demolition.
- c. Strode house (332 near car wash): Second service attempt underway, insurance company must confirm in writing they have no interest, 30 day waiting period after being served, City may place demolition lien, foreclose, and take title, use of grant funds allows lien assertion but prevents double reimbursement.
- d. Judy Gregory / Carl Albrecht Property (433 Springfield) Consent decree secured; demolition may be done as an in-house project.
- e. 233 West Jackson, City now has the deed, and Asbestos inspection can now move forward.

## Reports of City Officials

**City Clerk:**

1. Nothing currently

**City Treasurer:**

1. Nothing currently

**Mayor:**

1. Nothing currently

## Reports of Standing Committee

**Finance:**

1. **Approve contract with Tradition Energy to lock in Ameren supplier prices**

**Motion** made by Boster seconded by Karrick to approve a contract with Tradition Energy for a supplier fixed price, 60 month contract starting in February 2027 and going to February 2032. **Motion** passed with all in favor

**Police:**

**1. Line-item transfer**

**Motion** made by Boster seconded by Matrisch to approve the line-item transfer of \$1,000 from 01-03-4005 to 01-03-4004. **Motion** passed with all in favor

**Public Works: Streets and Alleys**

1. Carlinville Area Hospital and Clinics submitted final plans for Sav-Mor building subdivision and variance.

Sleeman has reviewed the plans and has found no issues.

Developer to pay Benton Engineering \$416 thru the city for review.

**Motion** made by Bertolino seconded by Carter to approve the variance request and the subdivision plat after the fee has been paid to Benton, for the Benton review.

**Discussion:** The city will not be paying to install the new water line as this is not a new business. **Motion** passes with all in favor.

**Executive Session:**

**Motion** made by Karrick seconded by Carter to enter into Executive Session to; Approve Meeting Minutes, Collective Negotiations and Litigation at 7:46 pm. **Motion** passed with all in favor

**Motion** made by Carter seconded by Boster to approve Executive Session Minutes from 03-02-26. **Motion** passed with all in favor

**Adjournment:**

**Motion** made by Calloway seconded by Karrick to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

**Motion** passed with all in favor

Jonathan J. Myint  
City Clerk

Date Approved: