

**Regular Police Committee Meeting
City Of Virden
City Council Chambers
Thursday April 9th, 2026**

Meeting called to order by Alderman Boster at 7:13 pm

Alderspersons in attendance: Carter, Bertolino, Neighbors, Donley, Matrisch, Boster, and Karrick

Absent: Alderwoman Calloway

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

Audience: None

Comments from Audience: None

Topics:

1. Approval of Minutes 03-12-26

Motion made by Boster seconded by Matrisch to approve Police Committee Meeting Minutes of 03-12-26

Motion passed with all in favor

2. Status of part-time police officer McKinney

Sergeant Gist is overseeing McKinney's training. McKinney should begin solo duty the 1st of May. He is expected to alleviate some of the staffing gaps and help reduce the overtime.

3. Update on 204 Henrietta St. and 832 N. Springfield St

Judge's order has been received; City is now authorized to enter and clean up the two properties.

Discussion on what can be removed, who will do the removal (city or contractor), police presence may be requested, however what is removed must be taken out of the city limits.

City Attorney is to file a lien against the property to cover attorney, court fees and all cleanup and disposal fees.

4. Part-time dispatch

Motion made by Boster seconded by Matrisch to recommend to the City Council, that Hunter Seabolt be hired as a part-time dispatch.

Yeas: Carter, Neighbors, Donley, Matrisch, Karrick and Boster

Nayes: Bertolino; **Absent:** Calloway; **Abstain:** 0

Motion passed

5. Budget item review

Police FY27 Budget was reviewed, additional cuts were proposed in the following areas: incentive pay, equipment, community policing, dog food, miscellaneous office furniture, office supplies, gas, and oil, equipment rental, sex offender registry, auto purchase appropriation. Additionally the contract for the printer needs to be reevaluated as a smaller less expensive printer may meet the needs at the Police Department.

Alderman Karrick inquired on the possibility of using modern technology for police weapons qualifications, to save on the cost of ammunition.

Chief Snodgrass explained the firearms requirement for practice, qualifications, and the need for ammunition funding.

Equipment required to update the police technology and the possibility of researching for grants was discussed.

Motion made by Boster seconded by Carter to enter into Executive Session at 8:03 pm **Motion** passed with all in favor

Motion made by Carter seconded by Boster to approve Executive Session Meeting Minutes of 3-12-26. **Motion** passed with all in favor.

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: