

Special City Council Committee Meeting
City Of Virden
City Council Chambers
Thursday, May 1st, 2025

A Special City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Murphy at 6:30 PM

Roll Call:

- **The following Council Members were present:** Mottershaw, Bertolino, Neighbors, Mitchell, Boster, Schnetzler and Calloway
- **Absent:** Donley
- **Also present:** Mayor George Murphy, City Clerk Jon Myint, and Treasure/bookkeeper Barry Liss
- **Audience:** Linda Watters and Crystal Creasy

Topics:

1. Approve raises for non-union employees.

Motion made by Bertolino seconded by Schnetzler to approve all nonunion employees, with the exception of parttime summer help, a 4% pay raise across the board, to begin on May 1st, 2025.

Discussion:

Boster stated that there are certain employees that should have gotten a much higher increase, at least a percentage close to that of Union employees.

Yeas: Mottershaw, Bertolino, Neighbors, Schnetzler, Mitchell, and Calloway

Nayes: Boster

Motion passed

2. Approved contract with Telecommunicators Union

Motion made by Mitchell seconded by Boster to approve the three-year contract with the Telecommunicators as presented, to be effective starting May 1st, 2025, through April 30th, 2028.

Discussion: Done in Executive Session

Yeas: Boster, Bertolino, Neighbors, Schnetzler, Mitchell, and Calloway

Nayes: Mottershaw

Motion: passed

3. Approve Budget and appropriations for 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Discussion:

Mottershaw pointed out that he had met with Gary Etter, Director of Public Works and they were able to cut \$56,000.00 out of the Public Works budget. He also reported that \$5000 was cut from Admin, and he had met with the Chief of Police, together they were able to cut \$5500.00 from the Police budget.

But still \$16,100.00 of additional cuts need to be made for there to be a balanced budget.

Bertolino wanted to know why the library gets \$8,000.00

Mottershaw and Liss believe that this money is from Property tax or Personal Property Replacement Tax, however, no definite reason or answer was given other than, that's the way it's always been.

After going over the appropriation line by line, \$17,800.00 was cut from the proposal.

Motion made by Boster seconded by Mayor Murphy to approve ordinance 2025-1 appropriations ordinance for fiscal year 2025 -2026 for the city of Virden IL.

Discussion: None

Motion Passed with all in favor.

Motion made by Mayor Murphy seconded by Neighbors to enter into Executive session at 7:42 PM to discuss bargaining (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) collective negotiating).

Motion made by Boster seconded by Mitchell to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting at 8:02 PM

Motion passed with all in favor.

Jonathan J. Myint

City Clerk

Date Approved: