

**Regular Police Committee Meeting
City Of Virden
City Council Chambers
Thursday May 14th, 2026**

Meeting called to order by Alderman Boster at 7:08 pm

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

Absent: Karrick and 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 of 04-09-26

Motion made by Boster seconded by Matrisch to approve Police Committee Meeting Minutes of 04-09-2026. **Motion** passed with all in favor

2. Discuss amendment of solicitors and peddlers code

Recommendation made by Boster to take the Solicitors and Peddlers Code drafted by the attorney to the June council for approval.

Discussion: Code may have to be tweaked at a later date. **Recommendation:** passed with all in favor

3. Discuss Class G Liquor license: Motion made by Mayor Murphy seconded by Carter to table the Class G Liquor license to the June Administrative Committee meeting. **Motion:** passed with all in favor

4. J. D. Streett & Company gaming license request: Motion made by Mayor Murphy seconded by Carter to table the J. D. Streett & Company gaming license request to the June Administrative Committee meeting. **Motion:** passed with all in favor.

5. Discuss weather sirens:

- a. Chief Snodgrass reported the siren in the patch is not currently working. Lewis

Electric's bucket truck is down, so they cannot presently get high enough to see what the problem is. As soon as their truck is repaired; they will contact Public Works Department for a date to where they can take a look at the siren. At the last test, the other sirens worked ok.

b. The repairman who in the past has worked on the encoders for the sirens is no longer doing that type of work. The city may need to have Global Tech located in Jacksonville come out and take a look at the siren system.

3. The radio replacement invoice came in; it's just under \$5,000.

4. The quote to replace the damaged tower is approximately \$16,000. Chief will work with the City Manager to get this information sent to the insurance company.

6. Citation and Golf Cart Revenue:

a. Chief Snodgrass inquired as to where the \$48 for traffic citation, the money for the golf cart permits is going to in the city budget, and can a line item be established in the police budget to reflect those funds. Donley will schedule this topic for discussion at the next Finance Committee Meeting.

b. Discussion: Administrative Tow Fee: Chief Snodgrass is working on the process on how it will work and present it at the June Police Committee Meeting.

7. Police Application: Chief Snodgrass would like to have the question "Are you a certified police officer yes or no," added to the police application. Chief Snodgrass will bring in a draft Police Application with the added question to the Police Committee Meeting in June.

Motion: made by Boster seconded by Matrisch to table the Police Application until the June Police Committee meeting. **Motion** passed with all in favor

8. Signed Waiver: This topic was canceled

9. Vehicle classification; motorized bikes, e-bikes, and whatnots

Discussion: The Illinois Secretary of State office is presently working on a new vehicle classification definition and regulations.

Motion: made by Carter seconded by Boster to table the Vehicle classification. motorized bikes, E bikes, and whatnots, until after the Secretary of State's office publishes the new vehicle classification update.

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

Absent: Karrick, Calloway, **Abstain:** 0, **Motion:** passed

10. Clean ups on Henrietta and Springfield streets: Court orders have been Received which allow the city to go in and clean up the properties. Chief Snodgrass reported the Henrietta house is looking a lot better and no further action may be needed. Matrisch reported that he had driven down Henrietta and it appears the owner has just moved the junk/trash to the back of the house. On the Springfield house Chief is still trying to make contact with the owner. Question arose on who would be doing the clean-up and safety concerns were expressed. Bertolino emphasized the clean-up must continue to move forward. Contractors being considered are Republic, Triple Crown, and a Junk Dealer who has placed signs on Springfield St. The attorney had recommended the city have a police officer present when the clean-up is going on just as a third party witness.

Executive Session:

Motion: made by Boster seconded by Matrisch to enter into Executive Session at 8:15 pm. **Motion:** passed with all in favor

Motion: made by Boster seconded by Carter to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of 04-09-26. **Motion:** passed with all in favor

Motion: made by Boster seconded by Carter to adjourn at 8:44 pm. **Motion:** Passed with all in favor.

Jonathan J. Myint
City Clerk

Date Approved: