

**Special City Council Committee Meeting
City Of Virden
City Council Chambers
Thursday, May 21st, 2026**

A Special City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Murphy at 6:59 PM.

Roll Call:

The following Council Members were present: Bertolino, Neighbors, Donley, Carter, Boster, and Matrisch

Absent: Calloway and Karrick

Also present: Mayor George Murphy, and City Clerk Jon Myint

Audience: Rick Maguire, Bill Sleeman and Craig Carlile

Topics:

1. APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027.

Mayor Murphy pointed out that only the appropriations is being approved not the budget.

Key changes: added \$84,000 expense in water department for loan repayment to Corporate (\$7,000/month), with corresponding revenue line.

In Building and Grounds, increased appropriation for emergency sirens: Original: \$2,000 for Linder Street siren (line 4032), additional \$10,000 allocated; \$35,000 total now appropriated for potential repair/replacement.

\$1 million appropriated under Streets and Alleys (line 4012) for the Northwest Drainage Line Project, this significantly increased expense totals, though most is expected to be reimbursed.

Corporate: Revenue \$2,122,549, Expenses \$3,251,830

Water: Revenue \$969,926, Expenses \$983,416

MTF: Income \$143,876, Expenses \$43,351 (not yet finalized)

Motion: made by Donley seconded by Boster to approve Ordinance

2026-3 the Appropriations Ordinance for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the City of Virden, Illinois with the appropriations numbers handed out.

Discussion: none

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

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

2. HIRE SUMMER HELP FOR PUBLIC WORKS

Motion: made by Carter seconded by Matrisch to approve the hiring of Logan Deatherage and Alexander Lomelino for summer help for the Public Works Department to begin immediately May 26th at \$15.00/hour for hours worked.

Discussion: none

Yeas: Bertolino, Neighbors, Donley, Carter, Boster, and Matrisch **Nayes:0,**

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

3. REAPPROVE PURCHASE OF FLAGPOLE AT PD

Prior \$2,500 was approved, however, an additional \$200 is needed to cover shipping costs bringing the total cost to \$2,700 to \$2,800.

Motion: made by Boster seconded by Carter to spending up to \$2,800 for the purchase and shipping of a flagpole from American Flag, to replace the one at the Police Department.

Discussion: The local (Springfield) Flag Store was consulted and the estimated cost of the flagpole plus shipping was \$3,300 to \$3,600.

Yeas: Bertolino, Neighbors, Donley, Carter, Boster, and Matrisch **Nayes:0,**

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

4. APPROVE REQUEST FOR USE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY ON FRIDAY MAY 29TH 2026 FROM 11:00 AM THROUGH 1:30 PM FROM VIRDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH TO HAVE TWYFORD'S BARBECUE ON THE ISLAND

Motion: made by Donley seconded by Carter to approve request for use of public property on Friday May 29th, 2026, from 11:00 am through 1:30 pm from Virden United Methodist church to have TWYFORD's barbecue on the island.

Yeas: Bertolino, Neighbors, Donley, Carter, Boster, and Matrisch **Nayes:0,**

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

Motion: made by Boster seconded by Carter to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting at 7:11 PM **Yeas:** Bertolino, Neighbors, Donley, Carter, Boster, and Matrisch **Nayes:0 Absent:** Karrick and Calloway, **Abstain: Motion:** passed

Jonathan J. Myint City Clerk Date Approved: