

Public Works Committee Meeting

City Of Virden

City Council Chambers

Thursday August 17, 2023

Meeting called to order by Alderman Bertolino at 7:00 pm.

Aldermen in attendance: Bertolino, Boster, Calloway, Cunningham, Ibberson, Mitchell, Mottershaw and Neighbors.

Additional in attendance: Mayor Murphy and Public Works director Gary Etter

Visitors: Caren Payne, Becca Yemm and Roseanne Hasara. Visitors left at 7:14 pm.

Comments from audience: Caren Payne: American Legion ladies auxiliary would like to purchase two 20-foot telescopic flag poles to fly a 4x6 flag to be placed on both the North and South end of town. A solar light for each would be purchase that goes on top. Alderman Bertolino would volunteer his time to set the base for the flagpole. The American Legion ladies' auxiliary to provide the material. Pokey recommended to place inside the landscaping. The north sign the flagpole be placed on the west side of the sign and the south sign the flagpole to be placed on the east side of the sign. Ladies' auxiliary is willing to supply flags when it needs replaced. Also, if the ladies' auxiliary would dissolve the city would own it.

Topics:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes 7/26/23

Motion made by Bertolino seconded by Mottershaw to approve special meeting minutes for 07/26/2023. Motion passed with all in favor.

2. Old X-Mark

The old X-mark basically blew up on us. It is just sitting in the garage. To replace the motor was over \$5,000.00. Consensus was to keep it until next year when in budget to buy a new one to use for parts or possible trade.

3. City wide clean up

The cost would be \$347.52 for each 30-yard dumpster and additional \$50 per ton. Each dumpster holds between three to four tons. Pokey estimated four tons which would be \$547.00 for each dumpster. Pokey estimated three dumpsters per weekend. That would be total of six dumpsters at the cost of \$3,280.00. This would depend on how many people come out. This was not in the budget because previous owner did not charge and in the last two years Republic did not charge when the transfer station was open. Pokey reviewed the budget and believes he has money he could move within other items. This is a nice perk for the city. We want the city cleaned up. The dates will be October 7 and October 14 from 8:00 am to 11:45 am. Consensus agreed to take to council for approval.

4. Sanitation agreement

Craven reviewed it and had one clarification stating that the contract reads like it is a three-year contract but insinuates that it could be renewed. This is how the city wants it. The contract does expire after 3 years, and the city will provide new rates for the next contract. A new one would have to be signed and approved. Recommended to strike E4-E5 from the draft version of the intergovernmental agreement between sanitary district and the city of Virden. Under #7 should read "collected from the customer shall be credited first to the city then to the district, net of collection agency charges" Consensus agreed to the changes and once changes are made a copy can be sent to the sanitary district.

5. Drainage project agreements

The committee needs to make a recommendation to take to council to adopt the drainage policy and the agreement form and add signature lines. There was a consensus to take this to council meeting for approval.

6. Old tennis court in East Park

There is not room for two regulation size pickle ball courts. The bid we received was for one regulation size pickle ball court. The amount is not going to change but we will only be getting one regulation size pickle ball court. A pickle ball court is 30x60. Regulation size is 34x64. We have 102x43, not enough room for two. Consensus aware and agreed.

7. Approve Frontier boring agreement

Frontier wants to run from Poggenpohl's across the road on the south side of Dean street across Hobson street straight north in front of Royell to their tower. Currently waiting for deposits. They cannot pick up the permit until all items are done. The permit would be September 5th through November 18th. Pokey agrees with their plan once all items for permit have been completed. It was agreed with consensus to add to council meeting for approval of granted a permit barring all items are complete by meeting time.

8. Flagpoles to be placed at both Virden signs, north & south (Lyndell & Caren Payne for Legion Auxiliary)

See above in comments from audience. No monies are being spent from the city. The council consensus agreed that flagpoles can be placed.

Additional:

- Pokey would like to extend one of his summer helpers. The money is in the budget. Recommended by Boster seconded by Mottershaw to allow the summer help to be extended for the time frame that the union contract would allow. All in favor.
- OSLAD grant if you are declared a disaster area and applied for OSLAD grant then you would be a distressed community and get 100%. Mayor contacted Greg Hillis with Benton and Associates and he stated that they had tried that before and been turned down because just because the county is declared a disaster area does not mean that the community is. Virden was not mentioned directly. It was also brought to the Mayor that DNR is still working to declare Virden a distressed community. Mayor contacted Greg again to see if Virden chose to move forward would there be enough time. Greg stated it would not be a quality application and if the city of Virden turned down the grant if not deemed a distress community there is a two year wait before able to submit another application. It was agreed by the members not to move forward.
- There is a city code pertaining to golf carts.

Motion made by Calloway seconded by Bertolino to adjourn at 8:23 pm. Motion passed with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.



Shelly Boster
City Clerk

Date Minutes Approved: 9.21.23