

**Special City Council Committee Meeting
City Of Virden
City Council Chambers
Thursday, September 17th, 2026**

A Special City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Murphy at 8:15 pm.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: None

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

Audience: Gary Marsaglia, Mike Marsaglia, Craig Carlile and Sam Hertz

Topics:

1. Award Tree Planting Contract

Motion: made by Mayor Murphy seconded by Boster to approve the bid from Paul Tree Farms to acquire and plant 62 trees for the City of Virden that is on the list and for the amount of \$29,140. **Discussion:** Funds to be provided for by a grant. Location of the trees to be determined by the Tree Committee (composed of the Mayor, any Alderman, Director of Operations, Public Works Supervisor, and possibly Drew Hawkins from the Parks Initiative). This motion is only for the tree acquisition and tree planting. **Motion:** passed with all in favor.

1a. Additional discussion on tree maintenance: The 3 year bid for tree maintenance came in at \$35,000 per year or \$105,000 for the 3 year contract. Maintenance is basically watering, mulching, and pruning if needed. Public Works may be able to do some of the maintenance, however, the question is, could Public Works be reimbursed for cost of doing the maintenance from the grant. **Motion:** made by Boster seconded by Carter to vote on the Tree Maintenance part of the bid from Paul Tree Farms. **Discussion:** A yes vote would be to approve the amount a no vote would be to disapprove the amount. **Yeas:** 0, **Nayes:** Bertolino, Neighbors, Donley, Carter, Karrick, Boster, and Matrisch, **Absent:** 0, **Abstain:**0, **Motion:** failed with all voting Naye.

Maintenance contract to be discussed at a later date.

2. Award Demolition Contract: Demolition bids from four companies were opened for the 4 properties and compared. A motion awarding the demolition contracts to the lowest bidder was made. **Motion:** made by Karrick seconded by Carter to approve the demolition bids for 233 West Jackson Street to Triple Crown for \$16,160, to 332 South Springfield Street to Cole for \$20,000 even, 337 South Emmett Street to Cole for \$14,000 even and 433 South Springfield Street to Flowers for \$6,490.00 for a total amount of \$56,650. **Discussion:** None, **Yeas:** Bertolino, Neighbors, Donley, Carter, Karrick, Boster, and Matrisch, **Nayes:** 0 **Absent:** 0, **Abstain:** 0, **Motion:** passed with all in favor

3. Appoint Ward 1 Alderman: Mayor Murphy ask for a motion recognizing an alderman vacancy in Ward 1 by reason of resignation and approving the appointment of Gary Mottertshaw to fill such vacancy. **Motion** made by Bertolino seconded by Donley to approve the appointment of Gary Mottershaw to fill the vacancy of Ward 1 Alderman through April of 2027. **Discussion:** None, **Yeas:** Bertolino, Neighbors, and Donley, **Nayes:** Carter, Karrick, Boster, and Matrisch, **Absent:** 0, **Abstain:** 0, **Motion:** Failed.

Motion made by Bertolino seconded by Carter to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting at 8:30 PM. **Motion passed** with all in favor.

Jonathan J. Myint
City Clerk
Date Approved: