

CITY OF MASVINGO

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON THURSDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 12.55 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor S. Manyanga (Chairman)
Councillor R. Kamuzonda
Alderman S. Maridza

OFFICIALS: Finance Director
Acting Director of Engineering Services
Acting Director of Housing and Social Services
Chief Internal Auditor
Town Planner
Administration Officer
Assistant Committee Officer

IN ATTENDANCE: Assistant District Development Coordinator- Mr K. Madziva
Local Governance Student- Mr M. Mabharani
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055. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2023 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

*Moved by Councillor R. Kamuzonda
Seconded by Alderman S. Maridza*

056. MATTERS ARISING

On minute 012 (A)(vii) Council Swimming Pools, it was emphasised that the Rhodene Swimming Pool activities be synchronized with the other Council swimming pools being reported to the Health Housing Committee under the Department of Housing and Social Services.

On minute 012 (H) on projects being undertaken by Council, the following issues were proposed;

Refurbishment of Mucheke Bus Terminus

The need for expediting the refurbishment of Mucheke Bus Terminus was highlighted. It was proposed that, Council should takeover the renovation of the Bus Terminus instead of engaging a Contractor since this was delaying the process. On the same note, it was also highlighted that Council should also make an effort to find accommodation for people squatting at Mucheke Bus Terminus.

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057. REPORT OF THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

A. WATER WORKS

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services on water works covering water treatment chemicals stock levels and costing, status of the intake tower, treatment works, water supply situation, filter performance control, swimming pool, and activities of the Water Fitting Section for the month of January 2023.

(i). Water Treatment Chemical stock levels

It was reported that Aluminium Sulphate would last for 53 days, hydrated lime was stocked to meet requirements for the next 63 days and Chlorine Gas lasting 35 days. The report was noted.

(ii). Intake Tower

It was reported that raw water pumps number 4 and 6 were operational and efforts were underway to complete repairs of pump number 5. The report was noted.

(iii). Treatment Works

On treatment works, it was reported that pumps number 1 and 3 were operational. The electric motor for pump number 2 had been sent for repairs. The Section lost 154 hours of pumping due to load shedding and power cuts. The report was noted.

(iv). Chemical Dosing Pumps

On the status of chemical dosing equipment, it was highlighted that two chemo feeders were operational with the only challenge being shortage of spare parts. The report was noted.

(v). Water Supply situation

On water levels, it was reported that Lake Mutirikwi was 94,41 % full as at 1 January 2023.

(vi). Water Quality

It was reported that the treated water met the World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines and the Standards Association of Zimbabwe (SAZ) standards.

(vii). Swimming Pool

It was reported that a total of US\$53.00 was raised from swimming fees during the month of January 2023.

(viii). Water Fitting

The Section recorded 40 pipe bursts, 29 water connections, 53 water meter replacements and 24 sewer connections during the month of January 2023. The report was noted.

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(ix) Non-Revenue Water

It was reported that non-revenue water for January 2023 was 31.78 % which translated to ZWL 170 093 757.00. Clarity was sought on the classification of non-revenue water, the Acting Director of Engineering Services explained that it includes water losses from leaks and non functional meters. He added that on non functional meters Council procured 250 meters and only 30 had been replaced. Committee members proposed that, Council should make replacement of non functional meters compulsory and Council could replace the meters and charge residents the cost of meter. The representative from the District Development Coordinator's office, advised that Council could advise residents to replace non functional meters and failure would lead to water disconnection. The Finance Director reported that the bulk Short Message Service system communication channel would be utilised to disseminate the information.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the Finance Director being instructed to send out communication to residents to urge them to replace non functional water meters, and water disconnection for debtors. **FD**

B. SEWAGE RETICULATION, TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL.

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services on sewage reticulation, treatment and disposal covering the status of the raw pump station, Conventional Treatment Plant, Rujeko Pump Station, Effluent Pump Station, and Biological-Nutrient Removal Plant for the month of January 2023.

(i). Sewage Reticulation

It was reported that a total of three hundred and forty three (343) blockages had been recorded and attended to during the month of January 2023, whilst two hundred and thirty two (232) wheelbarrows of grit had been removed from the grit channels. Two hundred and thirty seven (237) bins of waste were removed from the grit screens. The report was noted.

(ii). Raw Pump Station

It was reported that one pump was operational during the month under review and refurbishment of pump number 1 and 3 were awaiting mechanical and electrical repairs. It was reported that Number 1 pump station was running on star delta starter instead of the soft starter which failed due to Variable Frequency Drive (VFD). The need for repair efforts to the VFDs were highlighted. The report was noted.

(iii). Rujeko Pump Station

It was reported that one pump was operational and worn out seals and bearings were replaced. The road leading to the station was graded and upgrading of the delivery line to allow use of two pumps at a time was highlighted.

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(iv). Primary Settling Tanks (PST)

The Acting Director of Engineering Services reported that three (3) primary settling tanks (PST) were operational. Inspections of the PST internal components was done and it was observed that the pipes were corroded and required replacement and the desludging valves required repair and replacement.

(v). Digesters

It was reported two digesters required emptying and deblocking of blocked pipes, and the exercise would be done at the end of the rainy season. It was reported that arrangements to reroute the electric cables from the BNRP to the digesters were in progress.

(vi) Effluent pump station

It was reported that one pump was operational and the second pump was awaiting replacement of broken collets. It was reported that cleaning of ponds was ongoing.

(vii) Trickling filters

It was reported that all trickling filters required attention. Fitters were making efforts to direct the flow into the distribution arms.

(viii) Biological Nutrient Removal Plant (BNRP)

It was reported that all stirrers were down and Electricians were working on them.

Anoxic Zone

It was reported that three stirrers were operational with number 1 stirrer not working due to noisy electric motor.

RAS Pump station

It was reported that one RAS pump was operational and the V- belts had not been supplied.

Aerators

It was reported that five aerators were now operational and Aerator number 9 was under electrical repairs.

Mixed Liquor Pumps

It was reported that one mixed liquor pump was operational and V belts were required for the other two pumps.

Clarifiers

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It was reported that both clarifiers were receiving active sludge for clarification. Rotating bridges were not functional.

Waste Water Quality

It was reported that the wastewater quality was not meeting the WHO guidelines and SAZ standards due to non functional aerators.

Convictional Plant

It was reported that wastewater enrichment was satisfactory.

C. TOWN PLANNING, SURVEY AND TRANSPORT

(i). APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL LAND BEHIND STAND NO. 6840 INDUSTRIAL SITE: P. SHUMBA

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services on the application by P. Shumba of stand number 6840 Industrial site, Masvingo, requesting for additional land measuring 536 m² on the same stand's access road

It was reported that after the demolition of the structure that on Stand 6840 Access Street, a new building plan was approved and the approved plan suits well within the stand. The reason for applying for additional land thus can not be premised on the approved plans and the additional land requests encroached into a power line servitude running parallel the western boundary of the stand. In this light the Acting Director of Engineering Services recommended that the application be turned down on the basis that there was no land for the proposed expansion. The application was turned down

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by P. Shumba of stand number 6840 Industrial site, Masvingo, requesting for additional land measuring 536 m² on the same stand's access road be turned down on the basis that the requested land encroached into a power line servitude. **ADES**

D. BUILDING INSPECTORATE

It was reported that 39 building plans were approved in Victoria Ranch during the month of January 2023 and a total of USD23 644.20 was raised in plan fees. For the rest of town a total of 23 building plans were approved and a total amount of USD11 114.00 was raised from the plan fees.

Committee members emphasised the need for Council to formulate an urban redevelopment policy to enable enforcing upgrading of old buildings and prompt stand owners who have open spaces in the Central Building District to develop their stands. The Finance Director advised that the stand owners on the open space near Glow Petroleum Service Station were issued title deeds with no conditions governing development timeframes as such it was difficult to enforce. The Committee

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proposed and agreed that Council should have a meeting with stand owners in the Central Business District, who have not yet developed, with a view to seek clarity on what was stalling their building plans. The Town Planner advised Council on the need to first craft Planning policies and review the Council Master Plan to enable enforcement of some of the Council regulations.

E. WORKSHOP

The report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services on the state of the Council fleet for all Council Departments was noted.

The Committee members highlighted the need for communication to be made to residents with impounded vehicles in Council's possession to come and collect their vehicles after clearing their fines and penalties. The report was noted.

i). VEHICLE TRACKING

Consideration was given to the Council vehicle tracking report for the month of January 2023. The Committee noted the need for Council to conduct driving refresher courses.

ii) ROAD MAINTENANCE

The activities of the Road Maintenance Section for the month of January 2023 covering tar and gravel patching, grading, hauling, desilting, drainage maintenance and roads repaired was noted.

ii). BUILDING MAINTENANCE

It was reported that the Section attended to bricklaying, electrical, plumbing, carpentry and painting works on Council properties during the month of January 2023. The report was noted.

F. FIRE SECTION

It was reported that the Section attended to one (1) road traffic accident, three (3) building fires, and some special services were attended to in the month of January 2023. The report was noted.

G. PROJECTS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY COUNCIL

(i) Construction Activities in Council Schools

(ii). Dikwindi Primary School

It was reported that the project was awaiting electrical material for 1 x 2 classroom block and the ring beam was completed. It was reported that the brickwork of durawall was in progress.

iii). Francis Aphiri Primary School

It was reported that flooring and plastering was completed and awaiting electrical materials.

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iv) Shakashe Primary School

It was reported that painting had been completed, glazing was in progress and was awaiting ceiling material.

v) Rujeko Secondary School

It was reported that the 3rd and 4th blocks have been completed.

vi) Rujeko Primary School

It was reported that paving was in progress.

vii. New landfill construction

It was reported that cell construction has been completed and the overall percentage completion was at 97%. It was reported that cell construction, leachate pond drainage and fencing was completed whilst access culvert construction, site office glazing material and tent procurement was in progress.

vii. Public Toilet at Runyararo South West Business Centre.

Waste connection have been completed and waiting for painting material.

viii. Runyararo West Shopping Centre Public Toilet

Water connection was completed and waiting for painting material.

ix). Kernen Park Construction

It was reported that brick work had been competed and was waiting for the palisade material.

x.) Tower Lights

It was reported that 19 tower lights were functional.

xi) Chesvingo Business Centre Safe Market

It was reported that setting out excavation of ablution block and police block was completed.

xii) Ward Development projects

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services onward development projects. It was reported that 6 project submissions were made. It was reported that for Ward 1 and Ward 2 borehole drilling was completed and Ward 10 and Ward 5 siting was being done whilst the other two Wards, materials for market sheds construction was being procured. The report was noted.

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H. Adoption of Report

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

058. MOTION OF EXIGENCY

A. DISASTER RESPONSIVENESS FOR FLOOD VICTIMS IN RUNYARARO WEST SURBURB.

It was reported that there were families affected by floods in Runyararo West and displaced from their places of residence. Committee members proposed that Council should offer assistance to the families with urgency since this was a humanitarian issue. The proposal was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the proposal for Council to assist flood victims in Runyararo West be referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration.

B. ALTERNATIVE POWER SUPPLY FOR CITY OF MASVINGO BUSHMEAD WATERWORKS

The Committee requested that the matter regarding the alternative power supply for the Bushmead Waterworks, be reported in the Public Works and Planning Committee. The Acting Director of Engineering Services reported that a feasibility study for alternative power supply for the Bushmead Water Works was done in 2022 and a report on the matter was submitted after the Council budget had been finalised hence will be included in the 2023 Budget. Committee members requested that the matter be treated with urgency and it was proposed that Council could consider charging residents a levy. The Acting Finance Director reported that Council considered the matter, and tasked him to identify sources of funding for the project, which a report on the matter would be considered by Management and then presented to Council.

The meeting ended at 2.49 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2023

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK