

CITY OF MASVINGO

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON MONDAY, 04 MARCH 2023 AT 5:15 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor R. Musekiwa (Chairman)
Councillor R. Chiteme
Alderman S. Maridza
Councillor B. Beta

IN ATTENDANCE: Local Governance Studies Student: M. Mabarani
Local Governance Studies Student: V. Mudubeko

OFFICIALS: Town Clerk
Senior Health Officer
Operations Officer
Area Superintendent- Rujeko Administration Office
Assistant Committee Officer

144. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2023 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

Proposed by Councillor B. Beta

Seconded by Councillor A. Chiteme

145. MATTERS ARISING

On minute 108(C), on cleansing, refuse collection and disposal, the Senior Health Officer reported that efforts were being made to reduce refuse dumping through continuous engagements, issuing of warnings and notices, replacement of worn-out bins in public places and timeous collection of refuse as per schedule.

Clarity was sought on the training of School Development Committees for Council Schools and it was clarified that the training will be conducted before the opening of Schools for the 2023 second term.

146. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER

A. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on the Environmental Health Section activities for the month of March 2023, covering premises inspections, health inspection statistics, issued notices, water quality control, meat inspection, meat condemned during abattoir inspections, tuberculosis management, diseases surveillance, Covid 19 statistics and dog bites was considered.

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The Senior Environmental Health Officer reported that the blitz on food operators had been intensified to mitigate cholera outbreak. Committee members urged the Chief Environmental Health Officer to conscientize residents of the cholera outbreak on all social media platforms.

Concern was raised on the increasing number of dog bites in the City and members called for immediate action to address the problem. The Senior Health Officer advised that Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) had advised against the idea of shooting of dogs under the current circumstances. The Committee highlighted the need to notify residents to keep dogs safe and in an enclosed environment.

B. CURATIVE HEALTH SERVICES

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on Curative Health Services for the month of March 2023 covering Demographic data, Mother and Child health care services, maternity, patients' attendance at Council Clinics, revenue collected, medicine availability, and opportunistic infections, chronic conditions, maternal and childcare, EPI programme, covid 19 statistics, growth monitoring, transport services, PMTCT services and mental health report was noted.

Committee members highlighted the need for all Council Clinics to be installed with tiled floors for uniformity and to improve hygiene. The matter was referred to the Public Works and Planning Committee for consideration.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the matter regarding tiling of all Clinic floors for improved hygiene and uniformity, be referred to the Public Works and Planning Committee meeting for consideration. **CEHO**

A proposal was made for utilisation of Devolution Funds for the construction and maintenance of Council Clinics. The Committee also emphasised the need for Council to establish a Rehabilitation Centre as a matter of urgency.

C. CLEANSING, REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer for the month of March 2023 covering number of refuse trucks on the road, refuse removal statistics, garden waste, pest control, Disposal site, waste recycling, and collection, street cleaning and Health Clubs activities was noted

D. NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL DAAC PROGRAMME.

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer for the month of March 2023 on the National Aids Council activities was noted.

E. Adoption of Report

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

147. REPORT OF THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES.**A. PROPOSED CITY OF MASVINGO EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services, on the proposed establishment of City of Masvingo Educational scholarship at Council Schools. The scholarship conditions were recommended as follows:

- (a) To kickstart the process, only beneficiaries from Council Schools will be offered scholarships.
- (b) The grant will be applicable to students that are academically talented but coming from underprivileged family e.g orphans, etc. The existing structures at Council Schools (the BEAM Committee will be used to identify beneficiaries)
- (c) Each school will submit a minimum of 5 children whose names will be submitted to the Director of Housing and Social Services for further scrutiny and approval.
- (d) School fees, uniforms and related final names will have their stationery paid for by Council up to Form 6 level. For Secondary education, the scholarship will cater for a full package e.g. full fees and boarding expenses.
- (e) The scholarship to university level will cater for the total fees (tuition and boarding).

The Committee adopted the recommendations.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the proposal to introduce City of Masvingo Educational Scholarship Programme to Council Schools be granted subject to the following conditions;

- a. Only beneficiaries from Council Schools will be offered scholarships for the first year 2023 and programme to be rolled to cover other schools in the city.
- b. The grant will be applicable to students that are academically talented but coming from a very underprivileged family e.g orphans, etc. The existing structures at Council Schools (the BEAM Committee will be used to identify these less privileged children).
- c. Each School will submit a minimum of 5 children whose names will be submitted to the Director of Housing and Social Services for further scrutiny and approval.
- d. School fees, uniforms and related items such as their stationery will be paid for by Council up to Grade 6. For Secondary education, the scholarship will cater for a full package e.g. related expenses and boarding fees.

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- e. The scholarship to university level will cater for the total fees (tuition and boarding).

B. PROGRESS REPORT ON CONSTRUCTION OF THE SAFE MARKET

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services on the progress report on the safe market construction. The progress was presented as highlighted below;

Safe Market construction

It was reported that construction of the main market was progressing well, footing was completed, erection of column bases almost complete and construction works were anticipated for completion by 30 April 2023.

Pre-School Renovations

It was reported that the Pre-school required floor tiling, painting, glazing, electrification. It was noted that Bill of Quantities were prepared for submission to the Ministry of Women Affairs, Community, Small and Medium Enterprises Development and International Labor Organization (ILO).

Pre-School Furniture

It was reported that quotations and Bill of Quantities for the procurement of furniture were submitted to the Ministry of Women Affairs, Community, Small and Medium Enterprises Development.

Play Centre Equipment

It was reported that Bill of Quantities and one quotation for the procurement of equipment was secured. It was noted that companies were indicating inability to manufacture most of the play center equipment and there were no suppliers or manufacturers of play center equipment were registered with the Procurement Requirements such as Tax Clearance, PRAZ registration etc.

Toilet Construction

It was reported that roofing and plastering of the toilet has been completed. Drainage lining was underway. Major construction works to be completed by 30 March 2023.

Perimeter Fencing and Demarcation Fencing

It was reported that quotations and Bill of Quantities for the procurement of fencing material were submitted to the Ministry of Women Affairs, Community, Small and Medium Enterprises Development. And awaiting the procurement of the fencing materials.

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It was reported that roofing has been completed and plastering was ongoing. The report was noted.

C. REQUEST FOR SITING AND LABOUR SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COMPUTER LABORATORY BLOCK FOR RUJEKO SECONDARY SCHOOL

The report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services on the request for siting and labour services for the construction of a Computer Laboratory block for Rujeko Secondary School was considered. It was reported that the school has purchased all the construction material required to commence the project. The request was granted subject to the School Development Committee for Rujeko Secondary School, handing over the Laboratory block to Council upon completion.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT Council provides labour service for the construction of a Computer Laboratory for Rujeko Secondary School, subject to the School Development Committee handing over the block to Council upon completion.

D. MEMBERSHIP OF THE SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2023: SHAKASHE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services on the membership of the newly appointed School Development Committee for Shakashe Primary School for the year 2023 was noted. The elected members were presented as follows;

	POST	NAME
1.	Chairperson	Maunge Susan
2.	Vice Chairpeson	Magwati Lust
3.	Treasurer	Makweza Martin
4.	Secretary	Hungwe Collen
5.	Vice Secretary	Murombwi Sandra

E. APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO OPERATE A BOTTLE STORE ON STAND NUMBER 30173 RUNYARARO SOUTHWEST BUSINESS CENTRE: HARDLIFE PIKI

Consideration was given to the application by Mr Hardlife Piki, for a Liquor Development Permit to operate a Bottle Store on stand number 30173, Runyararo Southwest Masvingo. It was reported that the application was turned down on 21 December 2022, and the applicant had complied with the development requirement and Council had granted them with a Certificate of Occupation.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by Hardlife Piki for a Liquor development permit to operate a bottle store on stand number 30173 Runyararo Southwest, be granted.

F. RUNYARARO PRIMARY SCHOOL 2023 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services on the membership of the newly appointed School Development Committee for Dikwindi Primary School. It was reported that the membership consisted of the following;

NAME	DESIGNATION
Marozva Forgiveness	Chairperson
Matutu Mandi	Vice Chairperson
Chisedzi Pedzisai	Treasurer
Mutoti Tinashe	Secretary
Vengai Mukambisa	Vice Secretary

The report was noted.

G. RUJEKO PRIMARY SCHOOL 2023 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services on the membership of the newly appointed School Development Committee for Rujeko Primary School. It was reported that the members consisted of the following;

NAME	SEX
Mhangami	M
Makamure	M
Mujeuri	F
Mamvura	M
Mboko	M

The report was noted.

H. HOUSING ISSUES

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Community Services for the month of March 2023, covering housing waiting lists, and housing routine business for Mucheke, Chesvingo and Rujeko Administration Offices.

Minutes: Health, Housing 03/04/23**I. WELFARE SECTION**

The report of the Acting Director of Housing and Community Services on the Welfare Section for the month of March 2023 covering revenue raised by the section, leased property payment status, pre-schools, libraries, community development and Welfare trainings, Alpha Cottages, Mucheke Old People's Home, welfare programmes, and recreational facilities repairs, and maintenance was considered.

On Mucheke Old People's Home, the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services was urged to assess the challenges encountered at the home, which include a broken-down water pump, alternative power source and slippery floors and proffer advice Council.

J. PARKS SECTION

The report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the Parks Section for the month of March 2023 covering staff welfare, state of tractors and other equipment, islands, gardens and open spaces, trees and plantations, Parks, nursery, cemeteries and revenue collected from grave fees was noted.

K. Adoption of Report**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

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

148. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**A. ACTIVITIES OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE: MARCH 2023.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk on the activities of the Municipal Police for the month of March 2023, covering Human and Material Resources, operational activities, Traffic Offences, commonage patrols, vending, boom gate activities and status of ranking of buses at Mucheke Bus Terminus. The Section attended to 862 violations in the commonage and raised a total of USD12 910 during the month of March 2023.

(i) Human and Material Resources

It was reported that the section comprised of Chief Security Officer, Operations Officer, 5 Sergeants, 4 Corporals, 53 Constables, 16 trained Guards and 22 untrained Guards against its establishment of one hundred and ten (110) Police Officers. Thus, the section was critically short staffed, in need of uniforms for Dog Handlers, transport for operations and training of 22 Guards. The Committee emphasised the need to train Guards.

With regards to procurement of Council dogs, the Town Clerk reported that the dogs were procured and awaiting delivery.

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(ii). Joint Operations

The Section conducted operations with other stakeholders like Environmental Health Agency, Zimbabwe Republic Police and Vehicle Inspection Department, Housing, Health and Debt Collection Unit in decongesting the City and other illegal operations.

(iii). Ranking at Mucheke Bus Terminus

It was reported that buses were ranking at Mucheke Bus Terminus in the evening.

B. Adoption of Report

RESOLVED

THAT the report of the Town Clerk be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

The meeting ended at 6:08 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2023

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK