

CITY OF MASVINGO

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON TUESDAY, 13 JUNE 2023 AT 4.42 P.M.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mudzamiri F: Local Governance Studies Student : GZU

OFFICIALS: Town Clerk
Chamber Secretary
Chief Health Officer
Acting Director of Housing and Social Services
Acting Director of Engineering Services
Senior Health Officer
Chief Internal Auditor
Town Planner
Public Relations Officer
Assistant Committee Officer

272. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2023 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

Moved by Alderman R. Kamuzonda

Seconded by Alderman S. Maridza

273. **REPORT OF THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES**

A. **WATER SUPPLY**

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services on water supply covering water treatment chemicals stock levels, status of the intake tower, treatment works, pumping mains, water supply situation, cost of water treatment chemicals procured, water quality and activities of the Water Fitting Section for the month of May 2023.

(i). **Water Treatment Chemical Stock levels**

It was reported that hydrated lime was stocked to meet requirements for about 11 days and Chlorine Gas lasting for 11 days. Aluminium Sulphate was adequate to last for 15 days. It was reported that Chlorine HTH and Activated Carbon would be applied as and when the need arise. The report was noted.

(ii). **Intake Tower**

It was reported that Pump No. 4 and 6 were operational during the month under review. Electric Motor for pump No. 4 developed an electrical fault on the 29th of May and sent for repairs.

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A standby electric motor was installed on pump No 4 whilst repairs for Pump No. 5 was in progress.

(iii). Treatment Works

It was reported that Pump No. 1, 2 and 3 were operational during the month of May 2023. Pump No. 2 non drive side bearings were replaced with new ones. It was noted that 176 pumping hours were lost due to load shedding. The report was noted.

(iv). Chemical Dosing Pumps

It was highlighted that two chemo feeders were operational. The procurement of a new Chemo feeder set was underway.

(v). Water Supply situation

On water levels, it was reported that Lake Mutirikwi was 98,84 % full as at 1 April 2023. The report was noted.

(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). Water Fitting

The Section recorded 37 pipe bursts, 12 water connections, 55 water meter replacements and 12 sewer connections during the month of May 2023. The report was noted.

(ix) Non-Revenue Water

It was reported that the non-revenue water for May 2023 was 31.4 % which translated to ZWL 284 904 060.00.

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 May 2023.

(i). Sewage Reticulation

It was reported that a total of three hundred and twenty four (324) wheelbarrows of grit had been removed from the grit channels, Two hundred and nineteen bins (219) bins of waste were removed from the grit screens. The report was noted.

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(ii). Raw Pump Station

It was reported that one pump was operational throughout the month. Breakdowns were minimal throughout the month on both mechanical and electrical equipment. It was reported that the pumping main from No. 1 pump station to the treatment plant had bursts on two occasions in a month. This was attributed to some high pressures on the old AC pipes.

(iii). Rujeko Pump Station

It was reported that one pump had been operational throughout the month. No break downs were experienced at the station on both mechanical and electrical equipment. The requested spares for the second pump were not procured or supplied. There was need for a second or standby pump at the station.

(iv). Primary Settling Tanks (PST)

It was reported that three PSTs had been operational during the month. The 4th one was still being attended to and was near to completion. It was reported that desludging of the first digester was halfway to completion and it which may require a full month to complete. The report was noted.

(v). Digesters

It was reported that desludging of the first digester was halfway to completion which may require eight full months to complete.

(vi) Effluent Pump Station

It was highlighted that both pumps were not operational at the station due to breakdowns. Both pumps developed mechanical faults due to worn out seals and bearings. Effort to have the pumps repaired was being initiated.

(vii) Trickling filters

It was reported that deblocking of the distribution arms on fitter N. 2 improved distribution of waste water for oxidation into the filtering media. Bolts and nuts were lubricated to prepare for their removal on servicing.

(viii) Biological Nutrient Removal Plant (BNRP)

Anaerobic Zone

It was reported that no mixing was taking place in the zone due to broken down electric motors.

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Anoxic Zone

It was reported that three Stirrers are operational. No. 1 stirrer was stopped due to noisy electrical motor.

RAS Pump station

It was reported that one RAS pump has been operational during the period under review. Follow-ups were being made on provision of “V” belts.

Aerators

It was reported that six aerators have been fully operational during the month. Efforts were being made to have aerator No. 1 or No. 2 operational. Aerators No. 14 and 15 would be operational soon following delivery of the requested electric components.

Mixed Liquor Pumps

All mixed liquor pumps were not operational due to mechanical and electrical faults. Pump No. 1 needs ‘V’ belts and requisitions had been initiated.

Clarifiers

It was reported that both clarifiers received activated sludge for clarification. Desludging was carried out to reduce bulking of the clarifiers due to excess solids. Dark weed removal was carried out successfully with the help of contract workers.

C. TOWN PLANNING, SURVEY AND TRANSPORT

(i). APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF USE ON STAND NUMBER 28013 MASVINGO TOWNSHIP: MAKAMURE H.

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services on the application by H. Makamure, for change of use of Stand number 28013, Rhodene from a low density single family housing stand to a cluster housing. It was reported that the application went through the required public consultation through the press and abutting properties for the required 21 days and no objections had been received.

The application was granted subject to the following conditions:

- i. The premises be used as a commercial cluster only. That the commercial cluster shall not be used as a wedding venue, host parties, or host any other activity whose land requirements exceeds the size of the stand. Activities at the commercial clusters shall not inconvenience the neighbourhood.
- ii. All alterations to existing building plans shall be approved by the Director Engineering Services before commencement of any works.
- iii. The Applicant shall provide onsite parking and shall ensure that visitors to the commercial clusters park their vehicles within the premises at all times.

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- iv. No liquor selling shall be permitted within the premises.
- v. The applicant shall provide user friendly facilities for the physically challenged guests and tenants.
- vi. The proposed commercial cluster shall be operated at Council's discretion and Council reserves the right to withdraw this permit should the commercial cluster become a nuisance in any way. Council will give one month notice of cancellation of the permit and Council will not be liable to compensate the applicant in any form.
- vii. The proposed use shall at all times conform to the requirements of the Chief Environmental Health Officer, the Director Engineering Services.
- viii. The property shall pay commercial rates consistent with the approved new status.
- ix. Council through its officers shall have access to the stand to carry out relevant inspection at all reasonable times.
- x. To observe the authorized density per unit of not less than 500sqm.
- xi. To observe a building line of 9 metre (street building) and all other sides 3 metre building line.
- xii. The applicant shall pay an additional infrastructure provision cost associated with his or her project.
- xiii. On-site parking space for two small vehicles per cluster shall be provided within the stand
- xiv. A common refuse collection point shall be provided within the stand.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by H. Makamure, for change of use of Stand number 28013, Rhodene from a low density single family housing stand to a cluster housing property be granted subject to the following conditions:

- i. The premises be used as a commercial cluster only. That the commercial cluster shall not be used as a wedding venue, host parties, or host any other activity whose land requirements exceeds the size of the stand. Activities at the commercial clusters shall not inconvenience the neighbourhood.
- ii. All alterations to existing building plans shall be approved by the Director Engineering Services before commencement of any works.
- iii. The Applicant shall provide onsite parking and shall ensure that visitors to the commercial clusters park their vehicles within the premises at all times.
- iv. No liquor selling shall be permitted within the premises.
- v. The applicant shall provide user friendly facilities for the physically challenged guests and tenants.
- vi. The proposed commercial cluster shall be operated at Council's discretion and Council reserves the right to withdraw this permit should the commercial cluster become a nuisance in any way. Council will give one month notice for termination of permit and Council will not be liable to compensate the applicant in any form.
- vii. The proposed use shall at all times conform to the requirements of the Chief Environmental Health Officer, the Director Engineering Services.
- viii. The property shall pay commercial rates consistent with the approved new status.

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D. BUILDING INSPECTORATE

It was reported that 40 building plans were approved in Victoria Ranch during the month of May 2023 and a total of USD10 837.00 was raised in plan fees. For the rest of town a total of 27 building plans were approved and a total amount of USD14 052.00 was raised from plan fees. The report was noted.

E. WORKSHOP

The report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services on the state of the Council fleet by Department for the month of May 2023 was considered. It was reported that the Changlin Grader had been down for almost three years now due to lack of spares in the market. It was suggested and agreed that the grader be disposed of by Public auction, and proceeds be channeled towards the procurement of a new grader. On the old Compactor, it was also suggested and agreed that the compactor be disposed of by public auction and channel the proceeds towards procurement of a new Compactor.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT Chaglin Grader and the Old Compactor/DYNAPAC Roller be disposed of by public auction and the proceeds be channeled towards procurement of new grader and refuse compactor.

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F. VEHICLE TRACKING SYSTEM

The report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services on vehicle tracking system for the month of May 2023 was considered. It was reported that 4 285 driving violations had been recorded during the month.

G. ROAD MAINTENANCE

The activities of the Road Maintenance Section for the month of May 2023 covering tar and gravel patching, drainage maintenance and roads repaired was considered.

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H. BUILDING MAINTENANCE

On routine buildings maintenance, the Maintenance Section attended to bricklaying, electrical, plumbing, carpentry and painting works on Council properties during the month of May 2023. The report was noted.

I. FIRE SECTION

It was reported that on the 15 May 2023, two light vehicles (Toyota Fun Cargo and Almera) and other two haulage trucks were burnt beyond recognition after a series of collisions along Zaka Masvingo – Beitbridge road.

It was reported that fire cover was provided during very important people (VVIP) visits at Chikarudzo on the 6th of May 2023 and at Mbungo ZCC Church on the 9 of May 2023.

The Fire Section attended to two Building Fires during the month of May 2023, one at 4 Brigade and the second one occurred at House Number 6331 Mboroma Street, Mucheke D, Masvingo. The Fire Section also provided cover during very very Important People (VVIP) visit at Great Zimbabwe Monuments. The report was noted.

J. PROJECTS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY COUNCIL

(i). Rujeko Secondary School

It was reported that block 5 and 6 superstructure brickwork had been completed. The Computer laboratory construction was at foundation level, where excavation and compaction had been completed.

(ii). Shakashe Primary School

It was reported that painting of four Classroom blocks was completed, and roof painting was in progress.

(iii). Francis Aphiri Primary School

It was reported that repainting of outside classroom blocks had been completed, painting of outside of new class room bloc and electrical tubing was completed.

(iv). Vurombo Primary School

It was reported that trench excavation, concrete footing for the boundary wall had been completed and the brick work was in progress.

(v). New landfill construction

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It was reported that drainage pipes laying and backfilling had been completed. Concrete lining of the cell leachate collector drain had been completed, second leachate pond construction had been completed and landscaping was in progress. Overall percentage completion was 98%.

(vi). Safe Market Construction

It was reported that ablution room wiring and tubing, drain laying and Water connection had been completed. The overall percentage completion was 50%. It was proposed and agreed that the Acting Director of Engineering Services should organise a tour of the Safe Market for familiarization.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to organise a tour of the Safe Market by the Public Works and Planning Committee for familiarization.

ADES**(vii). Tanaiwa Project**

It was reported that Brickwork, drainage excavation and water connections for the six toilets had been completed. Foundation exaction for the extra ten toilets was in progress. The report was noted.

(viii). Runyararo West (Gomba Toilet)

It was reported that painting of the walls had been completed.

(ix). Runyararo South West (Mbudzi Toilet)

It was reported that painting of walls had been completed.

(x). Rujeko Market Toilet

It was reported that brick work for the toilet had been completed and waiting for roofing materials. The overall percentage completion was 50%.

The Committee noted that vegetable Market near Shushine garage in ward 1 still required the concrete slab, and that the vegetable market near Vision Academy in Ward 1 needed to be reconstructed so that original vendors could be allocated their ,original vending market. The report was noted.

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

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

The meeting ended at 5.25 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

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CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK