

CITY OF MASVINGO

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON WEDNESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 4:45 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor M. Madhuna (Chairing)
Councillor R. Musekiwa
Councillor A. Time
Councillor S. Manyanga

OFFICIALS: Town Clerk
Director of Housing and Social Services
Chief Environmental Health Officer
Acting Finance Director
Chief Internal Auditor
Assistant Committee Officer

IN ATTENDANCE: Politics and Public Management Student - Ms T. Mahaso
Local Governance Student - Mr K. Zvandaziva

466. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 4 October 2023 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

*Proposed by Councillor R. Musekiwa
Seconded by Councillor A. Time*

467. MATTERS ARISING

(i). Minute 319 (C): Request for Title Deeds for stand number s 160 and 161: Jairos Jiri Association

The Director of Housing and Social Services reported that the matter regarding status of the Jairos Jiri Association stands was still in progress and a report would be submitted in the next Committee meeting for consideration.

468. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER

A. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on the Environmental Health Section activities for the month of October 2023, covering premises inspections, health inspection statistics, water and food quality control, meat inspection, anti-littering blitz, meat condemned during abattoir inspections,

tuberculosis management, weekly diseases surveillance, dog bites and Cholera management.

On meat condemned during abattoir inspections, Committee members raised concern on the illegal sale of the uninspected meat in the City and it was recommended that uninspected meat should be burnt. It was also noted that people were reconstructing the illegal structures which were recently demolished. The concerns were noted.

On dog bites, the Chief Environmental Health Officer reported that a Dog walk will be conducted on 16 November 2023, to conscientize residents on the importance of dog vaccinations and ensuring that dogs are not let astray.

B. CURATIVE HEALTH SERVICES

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on Curative Health Services statistics for the month of November 2023 covering Masvingo Urban Demographic data, Mother to Child health services, drug availability, out patients, chronic infections, transport services, patients' attendance at Council Clinics, Covid 19 vaccination and partnership activities was noted.

Concern was raised on an incident where the Ambulance crew was called but did not respond and clarity was sought on the working hours of the service providers. The Chief Environmental Health Officer noted the concern and clarified that the Ambulance services are offered all days of the week, during day and night.

C. CLEANSING, REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer for the month of October 2023 covering number of refuse trucks on the road, refuse removal statistics, pest control, Health Clubs activities, waste recycling and collection and open excretion blitz.

On waste collection, Committee members highlighted the need to increase staff to intensify operations which the Chief Environmental Health Officer noted that the recruitment of additional cleansing staff was in progress.

A request was made for fumigation of flies around Shopping Centres. The Chief Environmental Health Officer noted that control of flies especially in public places was difficult due to the short life cycle of a fly, however she indicated that awareness on good hygiene would be done and also consideration of fly control methods like fly traps would be explored.

Clarification was sought on the operation of the new refuse compactor at the new landfill site and the Chief Environmental Health Officer noted that she would investigate and report to the Committee.

With regards to the open defecation blitz at Garikai Chitima Market, it was noted that residents were avoiding public toilets because most of the toilets experienced blockages. Proposals were made for charging the market tenants a lesser fixed monthly fee for using the pay toilet, others proposed for the construction of more public toilets,

whilst another proposal was made for increasing the frequency of cleaning of the public toilets. The Director of Housing and Social Services highlighted that the solution would be to handover the cleaning of the toilets to the Garikai Market Management Committee as this would significantly improve hygiene and cleanliness.

The Committee sought clarity on the payment of the Ward Health Clubs and it was clarified that all Health Clubs payments were up to date. A proposal was made for formation of a Health Club to cover the area around Croco Motors, and other areas affected by the delimitation exercise, which the Chief Environmental Health Officer noted that she would look into the matter.

E. NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL DAAC PROGRAMME.

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

F. 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.

469. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

The Director of Housing and Social Services, Mr S. Mandishona declared interest on item A, and left the meeting at this point.

A. APPLICATION FOR SPORTS BAR LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT ON STAND NUMBER 30370 YEMUKONO STREET, MASVINGO: TAKUDZWA MANDISHONA.

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by Takudzwa Mandishona, for a liquor development permit to operate a Sports Bar on Stand Number 30370, Yemukono Street. The application was granted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by Takudzwa Mandishona, for a liquor development permit to operate a Sports bar on Stand Number 30370, Yemukono Street be granted.

The Director of Housing and Social Services, Mr S. Mandishona joined the meeting at this point.

B. APPLICATION FOR A BAR LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT ON STAND NUMBER 5040 MHIZHA STREET RUJEKO A, MASVINGO: LIBERTY MANYAZA.

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by Liberty Manyaza for a liquor development permit to operate a Bar on Stand Number 5040 Mhizha Street, Chesvingo, Masvingo. The application was granted.

RESOLVED TO NRECOMMEND

THAT the application by Liberty Manyaza for a liquor development permit to operate a Bar on Stand Number 5040 Mhizha Street, Chesvingo, Masvingo be granted. **DHSS**

C. APPLICATION FOR RESTAURANT/ORDINARY/ LIQUOR PERMIT ON STAND NO. 28117 HILLSIDE EXTENSION: NELSON HWANDE

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by Nelson Hwande, for a Restaurant, Ordinary, Liquor Permit to operate a Special Restaurant with liquor on Stand Number 28117 Hillside Extension, Masvingo. The application was granted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by application by Nelson Hwande, for a Restaurant, Ordinary, Liquor permit to operate a Special Restaurant with liquor on Stand Number 28117 Hillside Extension, Masvingo be granted. **DHSS**

D. APPLICATION FOR A WHOLESALE LIQUOR PERMIT TO OPERATE A WHOLESALE LIQUOR WAREHOUSE ON STAND 1311 : WILLARD NHIRE

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by Willard Nhire, for a Wholesale Liquor Permit to operate a Wholesale Liquor Warehouse on Stand Number 1311 Lithium Road, Masvingo. The application was granted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by Willard Nhire, for a Wholesale Liquor Permit to operate a Wholesale Liquor Warehouse on Stand Number 1311 Lithium Road, Masvingo, Masvingo be granted.

E. APPLICATION FOR A BOTTLE STORE LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT ON STAND 521 GREENFIELD STREET, MASVINGO: BILCRO INVESTMENTS

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by Bilcro Investments, for a Liquor Development permit to operate a Bottle store on Stand Number 521 Greenfield Street, Masvingo. The application was granted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by Bilcro Investments, for a Liquor Development permit to operate a Bottle store on Stand Number 521 Greenfield Street, Masvingo be granted. **DHSS**

F. APPLICATION FOR A BOTTLE STORE LIQUOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT ON STAND 7 RARAMAI STREET, MUCHEKE A BUSINESS CENTRE, MASVINGO: HERBLINE INVESTMENTS (PVT) LTD

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the application by Herbline Investments, for a Liquor Development permit to operate a Bottle store on Stand Number 7 Raramai Street, Mucheke A Business Centre, Masvingo. The application was granted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by Herbline Investments, for a Liquor Development permit to operate a Bottle store on Stand Number 7 Raramai Street, Mucheke A Business Centre, Masvingo be granted. **DHSS**

G. APPRECIATION OF DONATION TOWARDS MASVINGO WHEELCHAIR TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on an appreciation for donation received from Masvingo Wheelchair Tennis Association. It was reported that the financial support for affiliation of \$135 USD towards the Danhiko Annual Paralympic Games held in Harare from 21 to 24 September 2023 enabled sixteen (16) participants to travel to Harare for the competitions. The team took the first position out of all present provinces and a Junior girl Kudzai Kumbararika, got an outstanding female player prize. The report was noted.

H. NOTIFICATION OF RETIREMENT FROM MINISTRY OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION IN DECEMBER 2023: A. MASHENJERE

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the notice of retirement for Mr A. Mashenjere, the School Head for Shakashe Primary School. It was reported that Mr Mashenjere served Council for a period of 17 years and will be retiring from Council service with effect from 31 December 2023. The report was noted.

I. HOUSING ISSUES

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Community Services for the month of October 2023, covering housing waiting lists and revenue realised, and housing routine business for Mucheke, Chesvingo and Rujeko Administration Offices, cessions, and sundries income.

On development progress for stands, members highlighted the need to expedite the servicing of Mucheke industrial stands.

J. SOCIAL HOUSING

i. Homeownership Scheme

The report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the homeownership scheme was considered. It was reported that a total of 25 housing units were earmarked for disposal under phase 2 and valuations had been done. The units were broken down as follows: 19503, 11409, 27548, 11453, 11439, 1723 Shumba Street, 19425, 27509, 143277, 12879, 21588, 21367, 21452, 21374, 21299, 21421, 21283, 21550, 21271,5088, 5153, 5743,5344, 6060 and 10291. The report was noted.

Committee members highlighted the need to consider orphans and long sitting tenants in the allocation process.

ii. Illegal Tenants in Council Rented Houses

It was reported that there was a number of illegal tenants in Council houses and since the idea of selling houses to sitting tenants started, people who had moved out long back were now reclaiming the houses whilst others were subletting. Council made the following recommendations.

- (a) The rental houses are part of Council's Social Housing delivery programmes wherein the idea is to assist those in need and vulnerable and the moment one relocates or owns a house, the property reverts to Council.
- (b) That all illegal tenants be evicted, and regularization of illegal tenants be done to those who would have stayed in the house for a period of not less than five (5) years.

The recommendations were adopted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

1. THAT Council evicts all tenants residing in Council rented houses whilst owning a property in Masvingo.
2. THAT Council evicts all tenants residing in Council rented houses, who have illegally stayed for a period of less than five (5) years.
3. THAT Council regularizes all illegal tenants who have stayed in the Council rented houses for a period exceeding 5 years.

iii. RELOCATION OF DAVIS MUGABE RESIDENTS

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the relocation of Davis Mugabe residents. It was reported that each year, residents of Davis Mugabe Street in Runyararo West experience perennial challenges of flooding. Last season, those residents were temporarily moved to the District Development Fund (DDF) Training Centre, but a long-lasting solution is required. In that regard, the following recommendations were made;

- (a) Council identifies stands in one of its areas preferably Runyararo Northwest and advises the Ministry of the availability of such stands wherein the Ministry through its Disaster Protection Unit will map the way forward.
- (b) A total of twenty-one (21) families were affected and therefore twenty-one (21) stands will be identified.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the Director of Engineering Services in liaison with the Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to identify 21 residential stands in one of its areas preferably Runyararo Northwest and advises the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works of the availability of such stands wherein the Ministry's Disaster Protection Unit will map the way forward.

iv. **MASVINGO CITY COUNCIL ASSOCIATION**

It was reported that all Schools under the City of Masvingo formed an association called Masvingo City Council Schools Association (MACCSA). The Director of Housing and Social Services in the City of Masvingo is the Patron of the Association. The objectives of the association were stated as follows:

- To assist each other in the general administration of member schools.
- To promote high standards of academic work in member schools through workshops, seminars, setting of termly tests.
- To promote sports in member schools through workshops, coaching clinics, friendly games.
- To create social partnership in member schools through bereavement, wedding and other related clubs.
- To come up with programmes of action in Academic, Sports and Social programmes.
- To organise workshops, seminars, matches and other social gatherings.

The report was noted.

J. **WELFARE SECTION**

The report of the Director of Housing and Community Services on the Welfare Section for the month of October 2023 covering revenue raised by the section, pre-schools, libraries, community development and welfare programmes, Alpha Cottages, Mucheke Old People's Home, sports and recreation and repairs and maintenance was considered. The report was noted.

Clarity was sought on the use of halls and stadia by political parties free of charge, state occasions as well as sundry income generated from such and the Director of Housing and Social Services advised that such issues would be catered for in a policy document currently being drafted.

On Alpha Cottages, concern was raised on the fallen perimeter wall which has exposed the home to intruders. The Director of Housing advised that the home has its own managing structures under a Management Committee and Council was only playing an

oversight role. Council was making strides to capacitate the Management Committee to address such issues. The concern was noted.

With regards to recreation activities, it was noted that Council should equip the Rhodene swimming pool with lifesaving equipment as well as a diving board.

K. PARKS SECTION

The report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the Parks Section for the month of October 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 payments was considered. The report was noted.

The Director of Housing and Social Services noted that a tree planting exercise would be conducted in the City with the assistance of partners. It was also reported that the Kernan Park was vandalised, with several planted trees cut down. A request was made for fencing of cemeteries.

Clarity was sought on the ownership of the Golf Club and Sports Club, it was clarified that Council has an oversight role, but the clubs are community facilities, made up of membership. A request was made for the Councillor for the Ward 10 to be seconded as a member to the clubs, which the Town Clerk advised that if a Councillor wishes to be a member of the club, Council would facilitate payment of membership fees.

L. 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.

470. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

A. ACTIVITIES OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE FOR OCTOBER 2023

i OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

Guarding of premises

It was reported that the Section was responsible for providing security to the following Council premises;

- Chesvingo Administration Office
- Runyararo West Clinic
- Target Kopje
- Building Brigade
- Workshop
- Municipal Stores
- Civic Centre
- Bushmead

- Rhodene Water Tanks
- Mayor's Residence, Town clerk's residence
- Mazorodze Clinic
- Rujeko Isolation Centre
- Masvingo Mucheke Stadium.
- Runyararo Borehole
- Runyararo Clinic
- Sewage Works
- Landfill
- Runyararo west borehole

ii. Joint operations:

It was reported that the section was conducting continuous Joint operations with other stakeholders such as Housing, Health and Debt collection unit in the enforcement of Council By- Laws.

The table below summarised the offences attended to and the revenue raised from fines;

OFFENCES /ACTIVITY	ARRESTS	AMOUNT US\$	AMOUNT RTGS
Traffic			
Failure to purchase parking disc	30	600	
Continuous parking after expiry of disc	503	5030	
Storage fee	10	390	
Pick and drop at undesignated points	20	800	
Impound fee (other traffic offences)	47	940	
Wrong parking (other traffic offences)	18	540	
TOTAL	628	8300	
LICENCING			
Shop license	183	3 660	
Push carts	9	90	
Selling gas without permit	4	100	
TOTAL	196	3850	
VENDING			
Perishables	14	300	
Groceries	18	540	
Potatoes	29	770	
Non-perishables (bales)	61	1 160	
Blocking Pavements	2	60	
TOTAL	124	2830	
COMMONAGE (Environmental)			
Illegal extraction of gravel	1	10	
Defecating	8	40	
Littering	18	180	
Stray cattle	24	170	
TOTAL	51	400	
Drilling of Borehole	-	-	
TOTAL			
HEALTH			

Potato chip fryer	-	-	
Selling of Sadza	-	-	
Total			
BOOMGATE COLLECTIONS			
Croco Motors	676	6760	
WID	394	3940	
L.Takawira	66	665	
TOTAL	1136	11365	
GRAND TOTAL	2135	26745	

The following proposals were made;

- i. Creation of a rank in Eastvale suburb, to address the issue of commuter buses which were now ranking in Eastvale suburb near Hellen McGhie Primary Schools, whilst avoiding the police in the Central Business District.
- ii. Creation of a Traffic section in Council, to make patrols in the commonage and attend to other issues.
- iii. Equipping of the Municipal Police with radios for communication and a Drone for traffic control.

B. ANALYSIS OF REVENUE COLLECTED

It was reported that the section collected and banked cash from Croco Motors Terminus, Downtown terminus, Garikai Market, Civic Centre, Chiwororo Beerhall, Chidavaenzi Bottle store, Rujeko Beer, Runyararo West Clinic, Runyararo Clinic, Mucheke Clinic, Rujeko Clinic and City of Masvingo Nursery.

C. DOGS

It was reported that the 2 Municipal Police dogs were under training.

D. GARIKAI MARKET

It was reported that the section provided security to Revenue Collection activities at Garikai Market.

E. Adoption of Report

RESOLVED

THAT the report of the Town Clerk be adopted.

The meeting ended at 6:50 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2023

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK