

CITY OF MASVINGO

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 4:50 P.M.

PRESENT: Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor S.Y Chiwara
Councillor R. Musekiwa
Councillor A. Tabe
Council E. Zishiri
Councillor S. Chikwangwani

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. K. Zvandaziva- Local Governance Student

OFFICIALS: Chamber Secretary
Finance Director
Director of Housing and Social Services
Acting Director of Engineering Services
Chief Internal Auditor
Assistant Committee Officer

379. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE.

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor S.Y Chiwara reported that she would preside over the election of the Chairperson of the Public Works and Planning Committee and Vice Chairperson. Her Worship the Mayor called for nominations for the post of Chairperson of the Public Works and Planning Committee.

Councillor A. Tabe moved a motion to nominate Councillor R. Musekiwa to be elected Chairperson of the Public Works Committee. The motion was seconded by Councillor E. Zishiri.

There being no counter motion, Councillor Richard Musekiwa was appointed as Chairperson of the Public Works and Planning Committee.

RESOLVED

THAT Councillor R. Musekiwa be appointed Chairperson of the Public Works and Planning Committee.

380. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor S. Chiwara called for nominations to fill the post of Vice Chairperson of the Public Works and Planning Committee.

Councillor R. Musekiwa moved a motion to nominate Councillor A. Tabe to be elected Vice Chairperson of the Public Works Committee. The motion was seconded by Councillor E. Zishiri.

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There being no counter motion, Councillor Aleck Tabe was appointed Vice Chairperson of the Public Works and Planning Committee.

RESOLVED

THAT Councillor A. Tabe be appointed Vice-Chairperson of the Public Works and Planning Committee.

[Her Worship the Mayor handed over the chairmanship of the proceedings to the Chairman elect, Councillor R. Musekiwa].

381. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

Consideration was given to the introductory report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services to the Chairman and members of the Public Works and Planning Committee. The report was to familiarise the members with functions of the department, terms of reference, the scope and nature of the monthly reports to the Committee, the water supply and demand

A. FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT

The functions of the Department are;

- Providing adequate potable water
- Constructing and maintaining infrastructure of the city
- Providing strategic guidance on land use practices
- Providing fire and rescue services
- Repair and maintain Council vehicles, plant, and equipment
- Collecting, treating, and disposing wastewater according to set standards
- Trafficable Roads and public lighting

B TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE DEPARTMENT

- i. Constitution of Zimbabwe Amendment number 20
- ii. Urban Councils Act (Chap 29:15)
- iii. Regional, Town and Country Planning Act (Chap 29:12)
- iv. Public Health Act (Chap 15:17)
- v. Land Survey Act (Chap 20:12)
- vi. Quantity Surveyors Act (Chap 27:13)
- vii. Roads Act (Chap 13:18)
- viii. Road Traffic Act (Chap 13:11)
- ix. Civil Protection Act (Chap 10:06)
- x. Shop Licences Act (Chap 14:17)
- xi. Water Act
- xii. EMA Act

C. DEPARTMENTAL ORGANOGRAM

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The report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services on the Departmental organogram was noted.

D. WATER SUPPLY CAPACITY AND WATER DEMAND

The Acting Director of Engineering Services reported that the city has a water demand of approximately 45,000m³/day, for residential, commercial and industrial use. However, the water treatment plant has a treatment and pumping capacity of 30,000m³ per day, but due to aged equipment, the plant was able to supply an average of 27,000m³/day (60% of demand) translating to a water supply deficit of 18,000m³ each day. It was reported that the treatment and pumping capacity of 27,000m³/day, was achievable when electricity is available round the clock. It was reported that, to meet the water demand, the Council had been shutting down the supply to the town for at least 12 hours. It was reported that when water is restored, the whole City would get water and it would run out progressively commencing with the areas furthest from the reservoirs or on high ground.

E. ALTERNATIVE WATER SOURCES

It was reported that Council had 46 community boreholes which provide alternative water supply to residents in times of water outages.

F. WASTEWATER TREATMENT

It was reported that Masvingo drainage system of two parts, one established in 1973 (simplified as old system) with a treatment capacity of 7,000 m³/d and another one established in 1997 (simplified as new system) with a short-term treatment capacity of 13,000 m³/d and a long-term treatment capacity of 30,000m³/d.

G. NON REVENUE WATER

It was reported that non Revenue Water was 42%. The City was also experiencing an average of three major water pipe bursts per day. It was also noted that Council had adopted smart water metering to reduce non revenue water. It was noted that residents were being encouraged to replace non functioning water meters. Committee members also highlighted the need for Council to provide individual water meters to Council shared accommodation.

H. CURRENT PROJECTS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION

The Committee noted the report of the Director of Engineering Services on status of projects being implemented by Council including construction of Rujeko Secondary School, extension of Runyararo Clinic and Mucheke Trunk Sewer Projects as indicated in the table below;

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Project	Location (Ward)	Budgeted Cost	Project Scope	Status	Start Date	End Date	Actual Cost to Date (\$)	Progress to Date	Outstanding Works
Rujeko secondary school	7	US \$606 750.49	Construction of 10 classroom blocks from substructure to superstructure	65%	March 2021	Dec 2021	ZW \$ 143 263 313.00	4 blocks completed	2 blocks in progress
Mucheke Trunk sewer	All wards	ZWL \$193 200 000.00	Construction of 7.2km of trunk sewer	78%	2011	Dec 2022	ZW \$ 118 108 844.68	5.6km laid	1.6km
Oliver street project	8	-	Servicing of 29 commercial stands	60%	Jan 2021	Dec 2023	ZW \$ 29 649 455.57	Water- 98% Sewer – 72% Roads – 0%	Water- 2% Sewer – 28% Roads – 100%
Mucheke light industry	3	-	Servicing of industrial stands	10%	Jan 2022	Dec 2022	ZW \$ 6 587 137.42	Cadastral BOQ for road works	Road construction, water line extension
Runyararo N/W Clinic Maternity ward	3	ZWL \$64 845 080 000.00	Construction of clinic maternity ward	10%	June 2023	Dec 2023	-	Setting out excavations	Superstructure Roofing Finishes painting
Westview Industry	8	-	Servicing of 16 industrial stands	50%	Jan 2021	Dec 2022	11 672.00	5 stands fully serviced and BOYQ of the remaining	Water and sewer for 11 stands

The Committee highlighted the need for a familiarisation tour of Council projects for members of the Committee.

I. CHALLENGES

It was reported that the major challenges facing the City in supplying water were inadequate water supply capacity, aged infrastructure, vandalism of the infrastructure and fuel for attending water problems.

i. Aged Infrastructure

It was reported that the Waterworks and pipelines were constructed between 1960 and 1974 and the equipment and pipelines are now experiencing frequent breakdowns. The breakdowns are severely affecting the water supply considering the constrained capacity.

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It was reported that there was rampant vandalism of the pipeline supplying water from the Waterworks to the reservoirs at Targets Kopje. It was noted that settlers along the pipeline were vandalizing the pipeline to access water, resulting in disruptions of the water supply, loss of water and expensive repairs. Residents were also vandalizing exposed pipes and valves in the distribution network.

iii. **Fuel Challenges**

It was reported that fuel was being sold in foreign currency despite the fact that Council was billing for services in local currency hence the need for Council to mobilize foreign currency to procure fuel for service delivery.

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

THAT the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services be adopted.

The meeting ended at 5:33 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2023

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK