

CITY OF MASVINGO

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON THURSDAY, 9 NOVEMBER
2023 AT 4.38 P.M.**

PRESENT: Councillor R. Musekiwa (Chairman)
Councillor A. Tabe
Councillor S. Manyanga
Councillor S. Chikwangwani
Councillor E. Zishiri

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

473. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2023 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

Proposed by Councillor A. Tabe

Seconded by Councillor S. Chikwangwani

474. MATTER ARISING

(i). Tour of Stand Number 9047 Shudu Street, Target Kopje, Masvingo.

The tour of Stand Number 7049 Shudu Street, Target Kopje Masvingo was conducted after the Committee, by minute number 436(B)(iv) of 5 October 2023, granted the applicant, Mr Tapiwa Chamboko, permission to advertise in the press, his application for change of use from residential to a Guest House. During the tour of the premises, the Committee raised concern that the lodge was already operating without Council approval. Debate ensued. The Acting Director of Engineering Services was instructed to investigate the matter.

On the same note, the Committee raised concern about unregistered boreholes in the city. The Acting Director of Engineering Services was instructed to make a report on the status of all boreholes in the city with a view to fine and register all such boreholes.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

1. THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to submit a report on the status of all borehole in the city with a view to fine and register all unregistered private boreholes. **ADES**
2. THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to investigate the status of Stand Number 7049 Shudu Street, Target Kopje on whether it is operating as a Lodge. **ADES**

Minutes: Public Works and Planning Committee: 9/11/23**475. 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 October 2023.

(i). Water Treatment Chemical stock levels

It was reported that Aluminium Sulphate would last for 48 days, hydrated lime was stocked to meet requirements for the next 16 days, Chlorine Gas lasting 60 days and Chlorine HTH would last for 14 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.

(iii). Treatment Works

On treatment works, it was reported that pumps number 1 and 3 were operational during the month of October 2023. However the Section lost 56 hours of pumping due to load shedding and power cuts.

(iv). Chemical Dosing Pumps

On the status of chemical dosing equipment, it was highlighted that two chemo feeders were operational.

(v). Water Supply situation

On water levels, it was reported that Lake Mutirikwi was 92.24 % full as at 1 November 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 70 pipe bursts, 11 water connections, 68 water meter replacements and 8 sewer connections during the month of October 2023. The report was noted.

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(viii) Non-revenue Water

It was reported that the non-revenue water for October 2023 was 34.9 % which translated to ZWL 1 589 165 072.3530. On stuck water meters the Committee raised concern that most property owners were not interested in replacing their meters hence Council was losing revenue. The Finance Director was reminded to encourage property owners with stuck water meters to replace their meters. Or else Council would take the option of cutting water supplies to all properties with stuck meters.

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 October 2023.

(i). Sewage Reticulation

It was reported that three hundred and eighteen (318) blockages had been recorded and attended to during the month of October 2023, whilst four hundred and sixty four (464) wheelbarrows of grit had been removed from the grit channels. Two hundred and eighteen (218) bins of waste were removed from the grit screens. The report was noted.

(ii). Raw Pump Station

It was reported that one pump had been operational during the period under review.

(iii). Rujeko Pump Station

It was reported that the station was operational during the period under review.

(iv). Primary Settling Tanks (PST)

It was reported that four PSTs have been operational during the month receiving all the influent into the plant. This was because inflow was being diverted from the BNRP which is currently being desludged. There was need to desilt PST Number 4 to complete maintenance of overloaded PSTs as was done in PSTs Number 2 and 3. The report was noted.

(v). Digesters

It was reported that flushing and deblocking of pipes was underway, and removal of dried manure from the pond was also in progress.

(vi) Effluent Pump Station

It was reported that one pump was operational at the station. The report was noted.

(vii) Trickling filters

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It was reported that all filters were receiving effluent from the Primary Settling Tanks though filter number 1 and 3 were not operational. The report was noted.

(viii) Biological Nutrient Removal Plant (BNRP)

(a). Anaerobic Zone

It was reported that the dewatering pump was operating from the anaerobic zone, which has a high content of water with less sludge in it.

(b). Anoxic Zone

It was reported that all aerators were now suspended far away from sludge level. It was highlighted 98885that removal of sludge from the zone had begun.

(c). Aerators

It was reported that all Aerators were now suspended far away from the sludge level.

(d). RAS Pump station

It was reported that RAS Pump station was not operational, awaiting completion of the BNRP maintenance.

(e). Mixed Liquor Pumps

It was reported that new electrical fittings have been requested to restore the functionality of both or all the pumps.

(f). Clarifiers

It was reported that both clarifiers were now operational, awaiting completion of the maintenance process in the BNRP.

B. TOWN PLANNING, SURVEY AND TRANSPORT

(i). APPLICATION TO ACQUIRE COUNCIL LAND ADJACENT TO STAND NUMBER 3201 ZAMBUKO STREET , CHESVINGO.: UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services on the application by the United Methodist Church expressing their intention to acquire the Council land adjacent to their Church, for the purpose of establishing a Vocational Training Centre. The size of land was 2 245 square meters. The application was granted on a lease with option to purchase.

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THAT the application by the United Methodist Church In Zimbabwe to acquire the piece of land measuring 2 245 square meters adjacent to Stand Number 3201 Zambuko Street, Chesvingo, for the purpose of establishing a Vocational Training Centre be granted on a lease with option to purchase. **DHSS**

(ii). APPLICATION FOR EXTRA LAND TO ESTABLISH A PLAYGROUND ADJACENT TO STAND 21045 ZUVA STREET, RUNYARARO WEST, MASVINGO.

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services on the application by Edenvale Preparatory School in KMP Runyararo West, to acquire extra land adjacent to their school. It was advised that the applicant be allowed to lease the piece of land measuring 5 710 square meters for the purpose of using it as playgrounds. The Committee accepted the proposal on lease basis.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by Edenvale Preparatory School in KMP Runyararo West, to acquire extra land adjacent to their school measuring 5 710 square meters for playgrounds be granted on lease basis. **DHSS**

(iii). APPLICATION FOR SUBDIVISION OF STAND NO. 28634 CHARUMBIRA DRIVE, MASVINGO TOWNSHIP: EZRA CHADZAMIRA

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services on the application by Honourable E.R. Chadzamira, for subdivision of Stand number 28634, Charumbira Drive, Masvingo measuring 5 951 square meters. The subdivision was meant to create two stands, one stand measuring 2 037 Square meters and remainder would be measuring 3 914 square meters. The application was granted since the subdivision met the minimum requirements.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the application by Honourable E.R. Chadzamira, for subdivision of Stand number 28634, Charumbira Drive, Masvingo measuring 5 951 square meters into two portions measuring 2 037 square meters and the remainder measuring 3 914 square meters be granted. **ADES**

(iv). APPLICATION FOR LAND TO CONSTRUCT A SCHOOL ALONG BULAWAYO ROAD IN ZIMRE PARK: JADECON CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING.

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services on the application by Jadecon Construction, for land to construct a secondary school. It was advised that the land between ZIMRE Park and Clovelly Township was suitable for development of a Secondary School. The Acting Director of Engineering Services was instructed to create a Secondary School site in ZIMRE Park near Clovelly Township, and dispose of same to developers in terms of the land disposal policy of Council.

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THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to create a Secondary School site in ZIMRE Park near Clovelly Township. **ADES**

C. BUILDING INSPECTORATE

It was reported that 49 building plans were approved in Victoria Ranch during the month of October 2023 and a total of USD 13 646.00 was raised in plan fees. For the rest of town a total of 16 building plans were approved and a total amount of USD11 198.00 was raised from plan fees.

D. WORKSHOP

The report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services on the state of the Council fleet by Department for the month of October 2023 was considered. It was reported that an aggregate of 37 vehicles were functional for operations out of a total fleet of 60 which translated to 62% availability.

The Committee raised concern on the Leibher Dozer which had been down for too long, particularly given that there were no signs of success with Vitrans Engine Services in Mutare where the Dozer had been for repairs. The Committee was of the view that repair of the Dozer was no longer possible after considering the amount of money Council had spent on the machine to date. It was suggested and agreed that the Council Dozer be withdrawn from the current service provider in Mutare and have it parked in the workshop as a way forward.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to withdraw the Council Liebher Dozer from Vitrans Engine Services in Mutare, whilst Council maps a way forward on the piece of equipment. **ADES**

E. ROAD MAINTENANCE

The activities of the Road Maintenance Section for the month of October 2023 covering tar and gravel patching, drainage maintenance, gravel hauling, signage installation, culvert construction, premix manufacture, Kerbstone lining, brick moulding and catchpits cleaning was considered.

It was highlighted the ZINARA funds were being utilised on pothole patching. With regards to the 2024 ZINARA programme it was reported that the proposed roads would be discussed by the Committee.

On outstanding servicing of Mucheke Light Industry stands, it was reported that servicing of the stands was awaiting delivery of materials.

F. BUILDING MAINTENANCE

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

G. FIRE SECTION

It was reported that the Section recorded and attended to seven road traffic accidents in the month of October 2023. On Building Fires, the section recorded and attended to four incidents. On veld fires, the section attended and recorded one incident at Mangwandi.

On very very important Person (VVIP) services, the Section provided escort to the presidential team who had come at the occasion of the Graduation Ceremony at Great Zimbabwe University.

H. PROJECTS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY COUNCIL

(i). Dikwindi Primary School

It was reported that perimeter wall construction was in progress at 40% of 800m to be completed, and electrification of two blocks had been completed.

(ii) Rujeko Primary School

It was reported that Superstructure brickwork of a new block was in progress at 50%.

(iii). Rujeko Secondary School

It was reported that Internal and external painting of the computer laboratory completed. Plastering of 5th and 6th block had been completed, and flooring of 5th and 6th blocks completed. The percentage of completion was at 70%.

(iv). Francis Aphiri Primary School

It was reported that slabbing for a 2x2 classroom block was in progress at 70%.

(v). Shakashe Primary School

It was reported that paving was in progress, at 95% complete.

(vi). North West Maternity Clinic

It was reported that plastering and flooring had been completed. The project was now a 70% progress completion stage.

(vii). Tanaiwa Project

It was reported that plastering and cable laying of 4 toilets had been completed. The project was at 40% of electrification.

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(viii). Safe Market

It was reported that water connection, painting of Crèche and police base had been completed. Fencing and floor tiling for the Creche and police base and toilets have been completed. Roofing of the main shade was in progress at 60% (Safe Market). The overall completion progress rate was at 85%. The report was noted.

(ix). Oliver Street Commercial Stands Servicing

It was reported that water reticulation was at 99% complete. Construction of manholes was at 88%, excavation of rocky areas at 90%, steel pipe laying done. Council would engage a Dozer to start road clearing. The report was noted.

I. 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.

The meeting ended at 5.48 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2023

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK