

CITY OF MASVINGO

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1050th ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL OFFICES, ON MONDAY 29 JANUARY 2024 AT 4.45 P.M.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor Councillor A. Tabe
Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe
Councillor S. Chikwangwani
Councillor M. Madhuna
Councillor T. Masimba
Councillor R. Musekiwa
Councillor B. Muchokwa
Councillor S. Manyanga
Councillor A. Time
Councillor S.T. Marombedze

APOLOGY: Councillor W. Sitemere
Councillor E. Zishiri

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms T. Mahaso - Public Administration Intern

OFFICIALS: Town Clerk
Finance Director
Director of Housing and Social Services / Acting Chamber Secretary
Chief Environmental Health Officer
Senior Health Officer
Chief Internal Auditor
Acting Deputy Finance Director
Acting Human Resources Officer
Committee Officer
Assistant Committee Officers (2)

018. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 29 November 2023 and 15 December 2024 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record, and signed.

Proposed by Councillor A. Time
Seconded by Councillor S. Manyanga

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Seconded by Councillor T. Masimba

019. MATTERS ARISING

On the meeting held on 29 November 2023, minute 531(7) on the creation of a secondary school site in Zimre Park, near Clovelly Township, Councillor B. Muchokwa indicated that he did not see the wisdom in the creation of a Secondary school in Zimre Park when there were two existing Secondary schools in the area, he felt that ideally the land should be reserved for a public primary school in Clovelly. It was noted that Council collectively agreed for creation of a public secondary school.

On the meeting held on 5 December 2024, minute 538 (A), on the report on flooding on sections of Runyararo West, where Council instructed the Town Clerk to mobilise equipment to clear waterway to ensure smooth flow of runoff from the catchment, the Town Clerk reported the matter was pending and delays in actioning the matter were due to the rains.

020. COMMUNICATIONS**(i). Apologies.**

The Town Clerk reported that the Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe attended the meeting and was excused due to illness whilst Councillor E. Zishiri and Councillor W. Sitemere could not attend the meeting due to circumstances beyond their control. The report was noted.

021. HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor M. Madhuna seconded by Councillor S. Manyanga and Councillor R. Musekiwa

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee held on 10 January 2024 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”.

On minute 003 (C) on Cleansing, Refuse Collection and Disposal, members urged for urgent repairs to Council refuse collection trucks. It was reported that the matter was addressed at the Public Works and Planning Committee meeting.

On minute 004 (B) on the application for land in Rhodene by the Catholic Diocese of Masvingo, clarity was sought on why the Church was being given preferential treatment since they have several properties in the same residential area. The Town Clerk clarified that the applicant did not receive any preferential treatment instead applications were being considered as they came.

On minute 005 (A) a proposal was made for Council to procure its own vehicle towing truck instead of relying on partnerships with private players. It was clarified that Council was in the process of procurement of a smaller towing truck.

WHEREUPON the original motion was put as the substantive motion and it was

RESOLVED

1. THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 6 November 2023 be taken as read, confirmed as correct records and signed.
2. THAT the Chief Environmental Health Officer be instructed to prepare a report on the

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Activities and adequacy of Ward Health Clubs and submit to the Committee for consideration, in light of the new Ward Boundaries arising from the 2023 harmonised elections.

3. THAT the Chief Environmental Health Officer be instructed to explore the possibility of procuring Mental Health drugs for Council clinics to mitigate against the effects of substance abuse and other mental health challenges.
4. THAT the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
5. THAT the application by Catholic Diocese of Masvingo, for a residential stand in Rhodene or ZIMRE Park for the construction of the Bishop's House be granted subject to availability of suitable stands in the preferred areas.
6. THAT the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
7. THAT the Town Clerk be tasked to explore reviewing the service agreement between Thunder Run and the City of Masvingo in respect of provision of vehicle towing away services.
8. THAT the report of the Town Clerk be adopted.

022. PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor R. Musekiwa seconded by Councillor S. Manyanga and Councillor S. Chikwangwani

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee held on 17 January 2024 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”

On the status of refuse collection trucks, it was reported that of the three refuse trucks, two were operational whilst one refuse truck (FAW) was awaiting procurement of spare parts.

On minute 007 (A)(iii) on the status of the treatment works where Council lost 102 hours of pumping due to loadshedding, a proposal was made for Council to migrate to alternative power source like solar energy. The proposal was noted.

On minute 007 (A) (viii) on the significant decline on non-revenue water, the Acting Director of Engineering Services reported that the Department reduced reaction time in attending to water leaks by increasing manpower in the Water Fitting teams.

WHEREUPON the original motion was put as the substantive motion, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee held on 17 January 2024 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2023 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.
2. THAT Mr L & N Mapfumo be authorised to advertise in the press, in terms of the Regional, Town and Country Planning Act, Chapter 29:12, following their application for change of use of Stand Number 29965 Eastvale, Masvingo, from residential to a Guest House.
3. THAT Mr T. S. Maverera of Plot No 19 Flesk Morningside be permitted to advertise in terms of the Regional, Town and Country Planning Act, Chapter 29:12, following his application for change of land use on Plot No 19 Flesk Morningside, from agricultural plot to commercial mixed use.
4. THAT the Chamber Secretary be instructed to organise a tour of plots 70 and 71 Flesk Masvingo, by the Public Works and Planning Committee to appreciate the layout of the two properties before a decision could be made on the application for subdivisions of the plots by C. Banhire.
5. THAT request by the Acting Director of Engineering Services, for authority to access and utilise USD180 000, 2024 devolution funds towards City of Masvingo Master Plan review process be granted.
6. THAT the Chamber Secretary be instructed to organise a tour of the Municipal Workshop by the Public Works and Planning Committee.
7. THAT the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

023. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor B. Muchokwa seconded by Councillor S. Manyanga

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 22 January 2024 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”.

On minute 014 (B) on collaborative structures for housing development with CBZ Bank, it was clarified that CBZ was not the sole partner, Council would invite other potential partners for housing development.

On minute 014 (C) on the provisional offer of land to Mr N. Marima, correction was made on the applicant 's address where “Zimre Park” was replaced with “Rhodene”.

WHEREUPON the original motion was put as the substantive motion and it was

RESOLVED

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 20 November 2023 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:
2. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2023 be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record and signed.
3. THAT the Town Clerk be instructed to formulate a Local Economic Development Plan for presentation to Council by the end of March 2023.
4. THAT Annual Registration fees for Plan Drafters and Architects be abolished and replaced with plan submission fees per plan.
5. THAT the report of the Finance Director be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
6. THAT the request for funding amounting to USD 3200 to complete electrification works and facilitate the construction of toilets at Tanaiwa Hostels be approved.
7. THAT Management be tasked to engage the Commercial Bank of Zimbabwe (CBZ) to partner Council in the servicing of Runyararo Northwest high density residential stands or Rhodene low density residential stands.
8. THAT Management be instructed to expedite the preparation of relevant processes such as title survey and environmental impact assessment (EIA) with a view of inviting potential partners in housing development to make their presentations on servicing models for various projects in the city.
9. THAT the payment plan of twelve equal monthly instalments payable in hard currency to settle cost of land amounting to USD 168,516.62 for a piece of land measuring 36 794m² adjacent stand number 30588 Rhodene, Masvingo offered to Mr. N. Marima for Junior Marima Private Limited for the expansion of Junior High School be approved.
10. THAT the Finance Director be instructed to pay affiliation fees for Masvingo United Football Club amounting to USD 3,610 for the 2024 soccer season.
11. THAT the request by Wangu Mazodze Football Club for financial assistance towards payment of affiliation fees for the 2024 soccer season be turned down given that the Club is privately owned.
12. THAT Wangu Mazodze Football Club be granted one day per week free use of Mucheke Stadium for training purposes for the 2024 Soccer Season.

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13. THAT the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolution passed in relation thereto.
14. THAT the application for early cession of stand number 27810 Zimre Park Commercial Area, Masvingo measuring 6028m² from Mr. Kainet Moyo to Mr. Admire Mano to facilitate development of the property using a bank facility be approved.
15. THAT the report of the Acting Chamber Secretary be approved and adopted subject to the resolution passed in relation thereto.

024. MOTION FOR COUNCIL TO TURN INTO COMMITTEE

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor B. Muchokwa seconded by Councillor R. Musekiwa

“THAT Council turns itself into Committee for purposes of confirming the minutes of the 1049th Ordinary Council in Committee meeting held on 29 November 2023 and adopting the minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 18 January 2024”

WHEREUPON the original motion was taken as the substantive motion, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT Council turns itself into Committee for purposes of confirming the minutes of the 1049th Ordinary Council in Committee meeting held on 29 November 2023 and adopting the minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 18 January 2024.

The meeting ended at 5.34 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2024

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK