

CITY OF MASVINGO

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1059TH ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON MONDAY 28
OCTOBER 2024 AT 5.05 P.M.**

PRESENT:

His Worship the Mayor Councillor A. Tabe
Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe
Councillor S. Chikwangwani
Councillor B. Hwata
Councillor W. Sitemere
Councillor T. Masimba
Councillor R. Musekiwa
Councillor M. Madhuna
Councillor B. Muchokwa
Councillor S. Manyanga
Councillor S.T. Marombedze
Councillor A. Time
Councillor E. Zishiri

IN ATTENDANCE:

Magwati L. District Development Coordinator's office

OFFICIALS:

Town Clerk
Chamber Secretary
Chief Environmental Health Officer
Director of Housing and Social Services
Finance Director
Acting Director of Engineering Services
Chief Internal Auditor
Estates and Valuations Officer
Human Resources Officer
Committee Officer
Assistant Committee Officers (2)

294. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

Before moving for the confirmation of minutes, the following correction was made;

On the attendance register, Councillor B. Hwata was recorded "ABSENT" and yet he sent an apology for the meeting. The minutes were corrected by recording Councillor B. Hwata on "Apologies".

On the proposal for Council Senior officials to record their absence in the minutes, the Town Clerk clarified that Council officials attended Council meetings on invitation.

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 30 September 2024 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

*Proposed by Councillor S. Manyanga
Seconded by Councillor E. Zishiri*

295. HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Before moving for the adoption of the minutes, the following correction was made:

On minute 278(A), recommendation number 2 to construct a Pay Toilet at Leopold Takawira Flea Market was amended by adding, “and a Public Toilet at Garikai Market”.

The amendment was moved by Councillor A. Time and Seconded by Councillor S. Manyanga.

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor M.adhuna seconded by Councillor R. Musekiwa

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee held on 7 October 2024 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”.

On stray animals in the City, the Town Clerk explained that Council did not have a by-law to impound and dispose stray animals by public auction. It was noted that the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) was focusing on the care of stray animals in the community. It was agreed that a by law should be crafted bylaws to deal with stray animals in the City.

On minute 279(B) debate ensued on the proposal for change of a Secondary School site to a primary school site for allocation to Francis Aphiri Primary School to construct a satellite School to address hot sitting challenges. The house expressed mixed feelings on the proposal. The Town Clerk explained that there was no more adequate land at Francis Aphiri Primary School for the construction of a 3 storey classroom block.

Council was no longer able to construct additional structures at the current site. The matter was referred back to the Committee after members failed to agree on the change of site near North West Medical Clinic, from a Secondary School site to a Primary School site.

The motion to refer the matter back to the Health, Housing Environmental Services Committee was moved by Councillor S.T. Marombedze, seconded by Councillor B. Muchokwa.

On the 2024 Constituency Development Fund, clarification was sought on the criteria used by the Member of Parliament for Masvingo Urban Constituency in identifying projects to be funded by the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) for year 2024. It was reported that the Member of Parliament engaged the community in coming up with the projects.

Concern was raised that there was serious corruption in the Municipal Police Section particularly in dealing with vendors and illegal transport operators in the city.

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

RESOLVED

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THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee held on 7 October 2024 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2024 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.
2. THAT Council engages the Zimbabwe National Army at a cost for shooting of stray dogs in the commonage.
3. THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to refer the report on tour of Municipal Cemeteries and Mucheke Hall conducted on 2 September 2024, to Management for consideration.
4. THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to prepare a report on engagement of financial institutions and other private developers to partner the City of Masvingo in housing projects, and submit to the Committee for consideration.
5. THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to facilitate the construction of a pay toilet at Leopold Takawira Flea Market, and a Public toilet at Garikai Market in the 2025 Council budget.
6. THAT the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
7. THAT the application by Jacob Mudavanhu, for a Liquor Development permit to operate a Bottle Store on Stand Number 469 Herbert Chitepo Street, Masvingo be granted.
8. THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to refer the proposed change of the secondary school site near North West Medical Clinic to a satellite Primary School, back to the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee for consideration.
9. THAT the request for the City of Masvingo to participate in the inter Council Schools competitions to be held in Mutare on 18 October 2024 be granted.
10. THAT the Chairman of the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee and other two Committee members be authorised to attend the inter Council Schools competitions in Mutare on 18 October 2024.
11. THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to make a budgetary provision for inter Council schools competitions in the 2025 Council budget.
12. THAT the application by Dr Matura of Charles Austin Theatre, for a Liquor Development Permit to operate a Bar be granted.

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13. THAT the Town Clerk be instructed to organise a half day Workshop to be attended by all Councillors and Management, to discuss the contents of the Memorandum of Agreement between Masvingo City Council (MCC) and Masvingo Rural District Council (MRDC) regarding housing developments in Remainder of Victoria Ranch and Lot A of Victoria Ranch housing schemes.
14. THAT the 2024 Constituency Development Fund (CDF) be utilized in the construction of Leopold Takawira Market Shed and drilling of a borehole at the market for water supply.
15. THAT the application by Taurai Madzivadondo, for a Liquor Development permit to operate a Bottle Store on Stand Number 3206 Mucheke , Masvingo be granted.
16. THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to facilitate the procurement of a gas stove for the women's club cookery training, in light of the current power outages.
17. THAT the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
18. THAT the Cash In Transit vehicle be transferred to the Municipal Police Section.
19. THAT the report of the Town Clerk be adopted.
20. THAT the engagement of Zimbabwe National Army on dog shooting in the commonage be referred back to Management for consideration.

296. PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor R. Musekiwa seconded by Councillor W. Sitemere

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee held on 21 October 2024 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”

On minute 283(viii) regarding high level of Non-Revenue Water, some members suggested that Council should take urgent corrective measures. Debate ensued on the causes of high non-revenue water in the city which was pegged at 43.42% for the month of September 2024. The need to account for all the water pumped into the city was highlighted. The Town Clerk advised that non-revenue water would only be significantly reduced after Council embarks on the rehabilitation of the water reticulation infrastructure in the City.

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 21 October 2024 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2024 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.
2. THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to refer the idea of introducing a nominal fee to consumers of treated water supplied by means other than the metered water reticulation system, to Management for consideration, it being noted that the idea would reduce non-revenue water.
3. THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to advise E. Chiguba, to advertise his intention for change of use of Stand Number 9566, Rhodene, Extension, Masvingo from residential to a Guest House, in terms of the Regional, Town and Country Planning Act, Chapter 29:12, Section 26 (3).
4. THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to refer the resuscitation of grounded vehicles to the Town Clerk for his attention.
5. THAT the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

297. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Before moving for the adoption of the minutes, the following correction was made:

On minute 291(A) the amount donated to Charles Austin Theatre was corrected to be USD500 and not USD1 000.00 as recorded.

The correction was moved by Councillor B. Muchokwa and seconded by Councillor M. Madhuna.

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor B. Muchokwa seconded by Councillor A. Time

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 23 October 2024 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”.

On minute 288(i) regarding purchase of equipment for the new land fill, it was reported that a Landfill Compactor was costing about USD700 000.00, management was still considering the affordable option of procuring a Dozer and Roller at a cost of about

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USD450 000.00. It was agreed that the purchase of equipment for the new landfill be given priority in light of the dangerous emissions from the old dumpsite in Runyararo West arising from burning of waste. It was also agreed that the old dumpsite be fenced off and guarded to avoid entry by scavengers who would cause fires.

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

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 23 October 2024 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2024 be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record and signed.
2. THAT the matter regarding the decommissioning of the Runyararo Dump site be referred to Management for further consideration.
3. THAT Council procures the conditions of service vehicle for the Deputy Finance Director.
4. THAT the report of the Finance Director be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
5. THAT the application by T.B. Maposa (120177) Accounts Clerk Expenditure for an educational loan of USD 400 payable at the prevailing interbank rate being fees towards a Master's Degree in Professional Accounting and Corporate Governance with Great Zimbabwe University be granted subject to conditions governing study loans and availability of funds in the educational loan account.
6. THAT the report of the Town Clerk be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
7. THAT Council makes a donation of USD 500 to Charles Austin Theatre towards the modelling event "Miss Charles Austin Theatre" scheduled to take place on 26 October 2024.
8. THAT Council leases an open space of land, LOT 2024/08/RCP-01 at Hillside Extension Business Centre to T. Mudzviti of Taunel Family Trust for the purposes of establishing a Recreational Park for a monthly rental of USD 54.00.
9. THAT the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

298. MOTION FOR COUNCIL TO TURN ITSELF INTO COMMITTEE.

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IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor A. Time, seconded by Councillor S. Manyanga

“THAT Council turns itself into Committee for purposes of confirming the minutes of the 1058th Ordinary Council In Committee meeting held on 30 September 2024, and adopting the Minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 22 October 2024”.

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

RESOLVED

THAT Council turns itself into Committee for purposes of confirming the minutes of the 1058th Ordinary Council In Committee meeting held on 30 September 2024, and adopting the minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 22 October 2024.

The meeting ended at 7.52 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2024

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK