

**CITY OF MASVINGO**

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON THURSDAY 7 AUGUST 2025 AT 4. 51 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor R. Musekiwa (Chairman)  
Councillor W. Sitemere  
Councillor E. Zishiri  
Councillor B. Hwata  
Councillor S. Chikwangwani

**OFFICIALS:** Chamber Secretary  
Acting Director of Engineering Services  
Water and Waste Water Engineer  
Internal Audit Manager  
Housing and Social Services Manager  
Monitoring and Evaluation Officer  
Assistant Committee Officer

**209. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2025 be taken as read, confirmed as correct records and signed.

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

**210. MATTERS ARISING**

**(i). Mucheke Light Industry Stand servicing progress**

On coencernas by the Commitete regarding the delays in completing the servicing of the project, the Actign Director of Engineering reported that equipment would be hired from CMED to undertake outstanding works.

**(ii). Lack of water supply to households along Chibi, Moyondizvo and Vambire Streets in Mucheke**

Concern was raised that households along Chibi, Moyondizvo and Vambire Streets were not receving water supply. It was indicated that the matter was being attended to and procurement of materials to rectify the problem was in progress.

**211. 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 July 2025.

**Minutes: Public Works and Planning Committee: 7.08.25****(i). Water Treatment Chemical Stock Levels**

It was reported that stocks of Aluminum Sulphate would be adequate for about 44 days, hydrated lime was stocked to meet requirements for the next 48 days, Chlorine Gas lasting 16 days, and adequate stocks of Chlorine HTH and Activated Carbon were available for use when needed. The report was noted.

**(ii). Intake Tower**

It was reported that Pump number 4, 5 and 6 were operational during the month of July 2025.

**(iii). Treatment Works**

It was reported that Pump Number 2 and 3 were operational during the month under review, and pump number 1 had been taken for repairs. All other pumps had been greased.

**(iv). Chemical Dosing Pumps**

It was reported that dosing equipment was operating well. The report was noted.

**(v). Water Supply situation**

It was reported that the water level of Lake Mutirikwi as at 30 July 2025 was 93.68% with capacity of 1 291 012 Mega litres. On the installation of pressure reducing valves to regulate pipe pressure and reduce pipe bursts, it was highlighted that Water Meters would be procured and installed before installign the valves.

**(vi). Water Quality**

It was reported that the treated water met the World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines and the Standards Association of Zimbabwe (SAZ) standards.

**(vii). Water Fitting**

It was reported that the Section recorded 120 pipe bursts, 4 water connections, 202 water meter replacements during the month of July 2025. The report was noted.

**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 and Rujeko Pump Station, Effluent Pump Station, and Biological-Nutrient Removal Plant for the month of July 2025.

**(i). Sewage Reticulation**

**Minutes: Public Works and Planning Committee: 7.08.25**

It was reported that Seven hundred and thirty four (734) blockages had been recorded and attended to during the month of July 2025, whilst five hundred and sixty nine (569) wheelbarrows of grit were removed from the grit channels. Three hundred and twenty six (326) bins of waste were removed from the grit screens, and three (3) sewer connections were fixed during the same period.

On sewer line blockages, it was proposed and agreed that the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services should include a cumulative monthly analysis of sewer blockages to enable members to understand the trend.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to prepare a report on cumulative monthly analysis of sewer blockages to enable members to appreciate the trend. **ADES**

**(ii). Raw Pump Station**

It was reported that Pump No.2 had been operational during the month of July 2025 and 133 078m<sup>3</sup> of raw waste water had been pumped to the treatment plant. The need to erect a perimeter fence to avoid trespassers was highlighted.

**(iii). Rujeko Pump Station**

It was reported that Pump No. 2 had been operational during the month of July 2025 and 152 061m<sup>3</sup> of raw wastewater had been pumped to the Treatment Plant.

**(iv). Primary Settling Tanks (PST).**

It was reported that all Primary Settling Tanks (PST) were operational during the month of July 2025.

**(v). Digesters**

It was reported that Digester No. 2 was operational, whilst digester number 1 had been decommissioned. The report was noted.

**(vi). Effluent Pump Station**

It was reported that both Pump No. 1 and no 2 were operational during the month of July 2025. The pump stopped after producing noise on the electric motor. A total of 104 904m<sup>3</sup> of raw waste water had been pumped to Standard farm in July 2025.

**(vii). Trickling filters**

**Minutes: Public Works and Planning Committee: 7.08.25**

It was reported that Trickling filter No. 2 was operational during the month of July 2025. The other two filters required attention on the distribution pockets and arms. The report was noted.

**(viii). Biological Nutrient Removal Plant (BNRP)**

**Anaerobic Zone**

It was reported that 2 stirrers, 1 and 4 were operational during the month of June 2025.

**Anoxic Zone**

It was reported that three (3) stirrers, 1, 2 and 4 were operational during the month of July 2025.

**Aeration Zone**

It was reported that eight (8) aerators were operational during the month of July 2025 (numbers 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13 and 14).

**RAS Pumps**

It was reported that two RAS pumps were operational during the month of July 2025.

**Clarifiers**

It was reported that both clarifiers were operating without the rotating bridge for sludge consolidation.

**Cascade**

It was reported that the Cascade was operating well with clear effluent being disposed into the river course.

It was highlighted that there was a maintenance plan for the BNRP to improve the quality of waste water being discharged into the river.

**C. TOWN PLANNING, SURVEY AND TRANSPORT**

**(i) CHANGE OF USE APPLICATIONS**

It was reported that Council had prepared a report to the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works for possible upliftment of the conditional moratorium.

**(ii). MASTER PLAN REVIEW PROGRESS REPORT.**

**Minutes: Public Works and Planning Committee: 7.08.25**

It was reported that the Master Plan approved by Council had been submitted for Ministerial approval. It was also reported that a five day workshop had been organised by the Ministry of Local Government and Public Works, where presentations on the Master Plan were done. It was explained that the presentations focused on Report of Study, Written Statement, overview of the Proposed Master Plan Infrastructure projects and cost, Display of the main Master Plan Map, Public exhibition objections and how they would be addressed. The report was noted.

**D. BUILDING INSPECTORATE**

It was reported that fourteen (14) Building Plans were approved for Victoria Ranch in the month of July 2025 and a total amount of USD 6 467.00 was raised in plan fees. For the rest of town, 21 Building plans were approved and a total of USD 8 444.00 was raised in plan fees. The report was noted.

**E. WORKSHOP AND TRANSPORT**

The report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services on the state of Council fleet by Department for the month of July 2025 was considered. It was reported that 44 vehicles were operational out of a fleet of 73, which translated to 60% availability for service delivery.

Clarification was sought on why Council was outsourcing vehicle servicing for some of the vehicles? It was explained that Council Workshop did not have the capacity to service some of the vehicles in addition to the fact that some vehicles were still on warranty. The need to service the Council fleet internally and cut costs was highlighted.

**F. ROAD MAINTENANCE**

The report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services on the activities of the Road Maintenance Section for the month of July 2025 covering gravel patching, tar patching, drainage maintenance, signage installation, silt hauling and ZINARA Fund projects were considered.

On Treasure Consultants Housing Project in Runyararo South West, the Committee raised concern that residents were being billed for service charges but the roads and water supply network in the area was incomplete. The Acting Director of Engineering Services was instructed to prepare a detailed report on the status of Treasure Consultants Housing Project and submit to the Public Works and Planning Committee for consideration.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to prepare a detailed report on the status of Treasure Consultants Housing Project in Runyararo South West and submit to the Public Works and Planning Committee for consideration.

**Minutes: Public Works and Planning Committee: 7.08.25**

ADES

**(i). 2025 ZINARA Programme**

It was reported that the Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructural Development had confirmed that the process of procuring a Grader using ZINARA funds was on course. It was highlighted that meanwhile Council would hire a Grader from Central Mechanical Engineering Department (CMED) to undertake the road maintenance projects.

**G. PROJECTS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY COUNCIL.****CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES IN COUNCIL SCHOOLS****(i). Runyararo Maternithy Ward.**

It was reported that excavation, substructure and slab had been completed, and that construction of the Superstructure was in progress. The project was at 45% completion stage.

**(iii). Oliver Street Commercial Stands Servicing**

It was reported that Water and Sewer reticulation had been completed and roads construction was 10% complete. The overall project completion status was 70%.

**(iv). Mucheke Light Industry Stands Road Construction**

It was reported that the project was at 60% completion. Water , sewer connection, culverts and storm water drains had been completed. On roads dumping of base 2 gravel was underway. The report was noted.

**(v). Truck Stop (Ablution Facilities)**

It was reported that excavation, and sub structure was at 100%. Backfilling was 90% complete. The outstanding works were slab, superstructure and roofing, and that materials for Brickwork would be available. The overall project completion was 35%.

The Committee indicated that the Truck Stop ablution facilities should be built by face bricks to portray a good image of Council to the public. The idea was noted but the Acting Director of Engineering Services advised that the limiting factor was financial constraints.

**(vi). Runyararo Community Swimming Pool.**

It was reported that construction of walls had been completed, and that materials requisitions were in progress for ablution facilities.

**(vii). Tower Lights Maintenance**

**Minutes: Public Works and Planning Committee: 7.08.25**

It was reported that four (4) Tower lights have been repaired in the commomage during the month of July 2025. The report was noted.

**H. 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. 59 p.m.

**CONFIRMED THIS**

**DAY OF**

**2025**

**CHAIRMAN**

**TOWN CLERK**