

CITY OF MASVINGO

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1043RD ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON TUESDAY, 2 MAY
2023 AT 5.15 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Deputy Mayor Councillor W. Mawende
Alderman S. Maridza
Councillor R. Kamuzonda
Councillor A. Tabe
Councillor R. Musekiwa
Councillor A. Chiteme
Councillor D. Mberikunashe

APOLOGIES:

His Worship the Mayor Councillor C. Maboke
Councillor B. Beta
Councillor S. Manyanga

IN ATTENDANCE:

Magwati L. District Development Coordinator's Office
Mapamba R: Public Administration Graduate Trainee
Madubeko V. Local Governance Studies Student: GZU
Mudzamiri F: Local Governance Studies Student) GZU
Mabarani M: Local Governance Studies Student) GZU
Muzivi T.: Public Relations Student

OFFICIALS:

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

213. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2023 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

*Proposed by Councillor R. Kamuzonda
Seconded by Alderman S. Maridza*

214. COMMUNICATION.

The Town Clerk reported that His Worship the Mayor Councillor C. Maboke, Councillor S. Manyanga, and Councillor B. Beta were not able to attend the meeting.

215. HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor R. Musekiwa seconded by Alderman S. Maridza

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee held on 4 April 2023 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”.

On minute 147(A)(d) on the proposed City of Masvingo Educational Scholarship Programme, the recommendation was amended to read “***School fees, uniforms and related items such as their stationery will be paid for by Council up to Grade 7. For Secondary education, the scholarship will cater for a full package e.g., related expenses and boarding fees.***”

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

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee held on 4 April 2023 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed;

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2023 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.
2. THAT the matter regarding tiling of all Clinic floors for improved hygiene and uniformity, be referred to the Public Works and Planning Committee meeting for consideration.
3. THAT the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
4. THAT the proposal to introduce City of Masvingo Educational Scholarship Programme to Council Schools be granted subject to the following conditions;
 - a. Only beneficiaries from Council Schools will be offered scholarships for the first year 2023 and programme to be rolled to cover other schools in the city.
 - b. The grant will be applicable to students that are academically talented but coming from a very underprivileged family e.g orphans, etc. The existing structures at Council Schools (the BEAM Committee will be used to identify these less privileged children).
 - c. Each School will submit a minimum of 5 children whose names will be submitted to the Director of Housing and Social Services for further scrutiny and approval.
 - d. School fees, uniforms and related items such as stationery will be paid for by Council up to Grade 7. For Secondary education, the scholarship will cater for a full package e.g. related expenses and boarding fees.
 - e. The scholarship to university level will cater for the total fees (tuition and boarding).
5. THAT Council provides labour service for the construction of a Computer Laboratory for Rujeko Secondary School, subject to the School Development

Committee handing over the block to Council upon completion.

6. THAT the application by Hardlife Piki for a Liquor development permit to operate a bottle store on stand number 30173 Runyararo Southwest, be granted.
7. THAT the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
8. THAT the report of the Town Clerk be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

216. PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Before moving for the adoption of the minutes, a correction was made on page 8, on minute 152 (J)(i) on the word 'instructed'.

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor R. Kamuzonda seconded by Alderman S. Maridza

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee held on 9 March 2023 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”

Minute 152 (A) (iii) on Treatment works, it was reported that the resolution which instructed the Acting Director of Engineering Services to refer the sourcing of funds for the Water Works Solar project, to the Finance and General Purposes Committee, was reportedly referred to Management and therefore this would be duplication of a standing resolution. Therefore, the item was withdrawn from the minutes.

Members highlighted the need to prioritize road maintenance, drainage clearance and pothole patching in the commonage.

Members also proposed for an appreciation tour of infrastructure and development projects which were implemented by Council within the commonage. On Ward Development Fund projects, the Town Clerk reported that there were outstanding works in Ward 3, 5, 6, and 7 and were awaiting procurement of materials.

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 9 March 2023 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed;

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2023 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.
2. THAT William Chipadza of stand Number 1431 (25 Protea Avenue), Rhodene, Masvingo, be given an opportunity to advertise in terms of Section 26 (3) of the Regional, Town and Country Planning Act Chapter 29:12, his application for change of use from low density residential to Clothing Design Consultancy and Training Centre.

ADES

3. THAT the application by Africa and Clara Vaida Moyo for change of use of Stand Number 719 (4 McGhee Avenue) Rhodene, from Low Density Single Family Residential to Multiple Family Cluster Housing be turned down on the basis that the stand size of 2 043.53m² was smaller than the stand size permissible for cluster developments in Rhodene of 3 000m². **ADES**
4. THAT Mrs and Mr. Kondongwe of Stand 1193, Paterson Street, Rhodene, Masvingo, be advised to advertise in a newspaper circulating in the area, their application for change of use of their premises from Low Density Single Family Residential to Boarding House. **ADES**
5. THAT Akudzwe Charles of Stand Number 27087 ZIMRE Park, Masvingo be advised to advertise in the press in terms of the Regional, Town and Country Planning Act Chapter 29:12, Section 26 (3), his application for change of use of Stand 27087 ZIMRE Park, Masvingo, from residential to a Private School. **ADES**
6. THAT Margret Mapfumo of Stand Number 27272 ZIMRE Park, Masvingo be advised to advertise in the press in terms of the Regional, Town and Country Planning Act Chapter 29:12, Section 26 (3), her application for change of use of Stand 27272 ZIMRE Park, Masvingo, from residential to a Lodge. **ADES**
7. THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to refer the establishment of a Secondary School in Runyararo Southwest suburbs in 2024, to Management for consideration. **ADES**
8. THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to organise a tour of the landfill project by the Public Works and Planning Committee at the next meeting. **ADES**
9. THAT the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

217. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor A. Chiteme seconded by Alderman A. Maridza

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 19 April 2023 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”.

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 19 April 2023 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed.

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2023 be taken as read, confirmed as correct record, and signed.
2. THAT the Finance Director be instructed to reduce expenditure and focus on critical service delivery mandates and maintenance of key infrastructure.
3. THAT Council authorises its legal representatives and officials to negotiate for flexible payment terms with ZETDC over the settlement of the electricity debt amounting to ZWL 205 million as at 27 February 2023 whilst making representations to Treasury to settle Government Departments' debts to Council.
4. THAT the report of the Finance Director be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
5. THAT the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolution passed in relation thereto.
6. THAT Council adopts the budget for the attendance of the 2023 Zimbabwe International Trade Fair (ZITF) Exhibitions to be held in Bulawayo for the period 24-29 April 2022 at a total cost of ZWL 44,631,250.18 being travel and subsistence for eight officials and nine Councillors excluding the Town Clerk and Mayor, it being noted that as a cost cutting measure, Councillors would attend the fair for one day.
7. THAT Council adopts the 2022 travel and subsistence rates for the 2023 Zimbabwe International Trade Fair (ZITF) Exhibitions as follows it being noted that the allowances will be paid at the prevailing interbank rate;

	(USD)
• Breakfast	120
• Lunch	120
• Dinner	120
• Accommodation	350
• Travel and Subsistence	15
8. THAT Councillors attending the 2023 Zimbabwe International Trade Fair (ZITF) Exhibitions be paid 50% Mileage claims based on Automobile Association of Zimbabwe (AA) Rates for use of own transport to attend the fair for one day and the balance of the mileage paid in due course.
9. THAT the report of the Town Clerk be approved and adopted subject to the resolution passed in relation thereto.

218. MOTION FOR COUNCIL TO TURN ITSELF INTO COMMITTEE.

IT WAS MOVED BY Alderman S. Maridza, seconded by Councillor R. Musekiwa

“THAT Council turns itself into Committee for purposes of confirming the minutes of the 1042nd Ordinary Council in Committee meeting held on 27 March 2023 and adopting the minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 12 April 2023 and Audit Committee meeting held on 20 April 2023.

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 1042nd Ordinary Council in Committee meeting held on 27 March 2023 and adopting the minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 12 April 2023 and Audit Committee meeting held on 20 April 2023.

The meeting ended at 5.38 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2023

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK