

CITY OF MASVINGO

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1058TH ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL OFFICES, ON MONDAY 30
SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 4.51 P.M.**

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor Councillor A. Tabe
Councillor S. Chikwangwani
Councillor M. Madhuna
Councillor W. Sitemere
Councillor R. Musekiwa
Councillor B. Muchokwa
Councillor A. Time
Councillor E. Zishiri
Councillor S. Manyanga

APOLOGIES: Councillor S.T. Marombedze
Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe
Councillor T. Masimba

ABSENT: Councillor B. Hwata

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

266. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 2 August 2024 be taken as read,
confirmed as a correct record and signed.

*Proposed by Councillor A. Time
Seconded by Councillor S. Chikwangwani*

267. COMMUNICATIONS

(i). APOLOGIES.

The Town Clerk reported that Councillor T. Masimba, Councillor S.T. Marombedze and the Deputy Mayor Councillor D. Mberikunashe were unable to attend the Council meeting

It was also reported that the Chief Environmental Health Officer and the Acting Director of Engineering Services were in Harare on Council business.

268. HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor M. Madhuna, seconded by Councillor A. Time

“THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Health, Housing and Environmental Services Committee held on 16 September 2024 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”.

On minute 247 (ii) regarding installation of internet services at Mucheke Hall and Library, it was suggested and agreed that Council should consider providing internet services at all Council facilities.

On minute 250 (C), on cleansing services, it was reported that the state of cleanliness of public toilets in the Central Business District was not pleasing. The Chief Environmental Health Officer was instructed to attend to the matter.

On minute 251(C) regarding tour of FBC Building Society Housing projects in Harare, the house urged Management to expedite the servicing of Rujeko D. Residential stands through Public Private Partnerships (PPPs).

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 16 September 2024 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 14 and 19 August 2024 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.
2. THAT the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer be approved and adopted.
3. THAT the Council follows the procedure laid out by the Zimbabwe Investment and Development Agency (ZIDA) and Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act (PPDPA) to consider the expression of interest submitted on the development of residential stands in Masvingo.
4. THAT the appeal by Jeremiah Moyana for a liquor development permit to operate a Bottle store on stand number 28116 Hillside extension, be referred to Management for consideration.
5. THAT Council engages FBC Bank on their terms regarding the proposed development of Rujeko D Housing Project, and make a comparison with the terms from other financial institutions who have expressed intention to

develop and submit a report to the Committee for consideration.

6. THAT Management be tasked to consider the request for funding by Masvingo Wheelchair tennis to attend and participate at the Danhiko Annual Paralympic games, and submit same to Finance and General Purposes Committee.
7. THAT Council creates twenty (20) church stands in the City.
8. THAT the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to conduct a joint operation with officials from Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education and Zimbabwe Republic Police, to close illegal informal schools operating in the City.
9. THAT the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
10. THAT the report of the Town Clerk be adopted.

269. PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor R. Musekiwa Seconded by Councillor E. Zishiri

“THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2024 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”

On minute 255(A) regarding Non Revenue Water of 43% for the month of August 2024, the house raised concern that Council was losing a lot of revenue. It was highlighted that Council should source funds for the replacement of stuck meters, and also put in place strategies to curb illegal water consumption in the commonage among other approaches.

On minute 253 (i) and (ii) regarding observations of the Committee during a tour of the Municipal Workshop and Sewage Works Plant, it was resolved that all the findings of the Committee be referred to Management for consideration.

On water supply issues, it was reported that the residents around Zaka Street in Mucheke were not receiving water due to pipe blockages. The matter was referred to Management for consideration in the 2025 Council Budget.

On Council projects, the house agreed that Council should invite the Honourable Member of Parliament for Masvingo Urban Constituency to a special Council meeting to discuss utilization of the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) from Central Government.

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

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 20 August 2024 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 20 August 2024 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.
2. THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to refer to Management, the idea of utilizing waste water from the sewage Works to irrigate municipal gardens.
3. THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to determine the costs for rectifying defects identified at the Sewage Treatment plant and submit a report to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for funding.
4. THAT the donation by Nyasha C. Banhire of 20 units of 400W Solar Street lights for Crescent Drive, Morningside, Masvingo, be accepted and the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to install same along Crescent Drive, Morningside Masvingo.
5. THAT the Acting Director of Engineering Services be instructed to refer the servicing of Oliver Street commercial stands to Management to consider revisiting the cost of services for the whole project.
6. THAT the Finance Director be instructed to refer virement of funds from other projects in the 2024 budget towards procurement of an Excavator to Management for consideration.
7. THAT the report of the Acting Director of Engineering Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

270. 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 23 September 2024 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto”.

On minute 261 (K)(2) regarding attendance of Councillor R. Musekiwa and Councillor S.T. Marombedze at the 2024 Performance achievement workshop to be held in Cape Town, South Africa during the period 11-12 November 2024 organised by RockBlue, it was advised that the programme did not have a provision for policy makers. The recommendation was therefore turned down. The need to engage the partner to design training workshops covering policy makers in future was highlighted.

On the proposal to conduct a learning visit to Bulawayo and Mutare City Councils, to appreciate how Committee meetings are run, the Town Clerk indicated that such gaps would be covered by the Good Governance in Local Authorities in Zimbabwe programme, where all Councillors, Management, and Committee Officers would attend one of the Council meetings at the City of Kwekwe in November 2024.

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 September 2024 be adopted subject to the resolutions passed as follows:

1. THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 23 August 2024 be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record and signed.
2. THAT the donation of USD 800,00 to the Masvingo State Occasions Committee for the high-level State function held at the Great Zimbabwe National Monuments on 15 September 2024 be ratified.
3. THAT Council makes a donation of USD 1,000 towards the 2024 Presidential Annual Business Conference to be held in Bulawayo for the period 22-27 October 2024.
4. THAT members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee be authorised to attend the 2024 Presidential Annual Business Conference to be held in Bulawayo for the period 22-27 October 2024.
5. THAT Council makes a donation of USD 100,00 towards Masvingo Teachers College 2024 graduation ceremony to be held on 24 October 2024.
6. THAT the Finance Director be instructed to process USD 660 for transport and food expenses for the Masvingo Wheelchair Tennis Team to participate in the Danhiko Paralympic Games to be held in Harare.
7. THAT the Finance Director be instructed to process prize money of USD 100 to the Great Zimbabwe University 2024 Graduation Ceremony for the Best Student in Local Governance Studies.
8. THAT a delegation consisting of the Town Clerk, Eng E. Mukaratirwa, Water and Wastewater Engineer, W. Madzivadondo and Mr. I. Nyengera, Credit Controller be authorised to attend the 2024 Performance Achievement Workshop Series (PAWS) to be held in Cape Town, South Africa for the period 11-12 November 2024

organised by ROCKBlue at a cost of USD 6,306 subject to Cabinet approval.

9. THAT the Finance Director be instructed to virement funds from the Estate Account which had initially been budgeted to procure a TLB at a cost of USD 100,000 and a Bucket Truck for USD 80,000 to purchase an Excavator at a cost of USD 150,000.
10. THAT the report of the Finance Director be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
11. THAT the request by Mr A. Cummings for waiver of clause 15 of the lease agreement and transfer of funds paid in 2012 for Stand Number 27811 Zimre Park, Masvingo amounting to USD15 000 to his new Stand Number 29972 Oliver Street, Masvingo be approved.
12. THAT Council enters into a Deed of Settlement with Telecel Zimbabwe (Pvt) Ltd to pay off a debt of USD 90,900 being lease rentals for base stations for the period 1 January 2015 to 1 May 2024 as follows;
 - i) First installment of USD 10,000 paid by 30 September 2024
 - ii) Second installment of USD 8,000 paid by 31 October 2024
 - iii) Monthly instalments of USD 3,000 with USD 900 going towards monthly lease rentals for the three base stations and the remainder USD 2,100 servicing the accrued debt.
13. THAT Council authorises the signing of lease agreements with Telecel Zimbabwe (Pvt) Ltd for three base stations.
14. THAT the report of the Chamber Secretary be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.
15. THAT the application by Samuel Marindire (130118), for an educational loan of USD 625 to undertake a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Management with Zimbabwe Open University be granted subject to availability of funds in the educational loan revolving fund account and conditions governing study loans.
16. THAT the roadmap for the resuscitation of the Liquor Units and income generation projects which includes the formation of a special purpose vehicle to manage the operations, acquisition of a dedicated vehicle, filling of vacant posts and renovation of some units be adopted.
17. THAT tenants of Chiwororo and Manhede Beerhalls be handed over for debt collection over non-payment of lease rentals.

18. THAT the report of the Acting Town Clerk be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

271. MOTION FOR COUNCIL TO TURN INTO COMMITTEE

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 1057th Ordinary Council In Committee meeting held on 26 August 2024, and adopting the minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 18 September 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 1057th Ordinary Council In Committee meeting held on 26 August 2024, and adopting the minutes of the Human Resources and Gender Committee meeting held on 18 September 2024.

The meeting ended at 6.47 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2024

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK