

City of Virginia

Special Meeting

August 26th, 2025

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Call to Order
 - a. Roll Call: Martin, Andrews, Behrends, Werner all present. Stanbridge and Shaner not present
- III. Consent Agenda
 - a. Remove Randy McClure and Chris Barrett from City of Virginia Lockbox #197
 - b. Add Steve Clark & Griffin Giovannini to City of Virginia Lock Box #197

Alderman Andrews made a motion to approve the consent agenda including the removal of Randy McClure and Chris Barret from City of Virginia Lockbox #197 and adding Steve Clark and Griffin Giovannini to City of Virginia Lock Box #197 and Alderman Knous seconded. Motion carried unanimously

- IV. Items Removed from Consent Agenda for Further Discussion:

- V. Old Business:

A. Discuss and take action on Ameren Rates

Mayor Clark stated there are two new packages from Integrity. Brad Laegel who was the former representative affiliated with Integrity. He represents several different electrical suppliers. Quotes both with AEP energy. Alderwoman Martin asks if we have to lock into an agreement? Mayor states that would be the same as that has done in the past, just for city accounts. Mayor states we did an aggregation 10 years ago where they can come in and talk with citizens. Homefield is what we had before. Alderwoman Martin asks what the difference is? Mayor states one is 36 months .08890, 48 months .08790. Alderwoman Martin asks what if the rates go down and we are locked into this? Mayor and Alderwoman Andrews states they don't think it will go down. Mayor states with all of the AI production facilities going in and no coal fired plants running right now I don't see any electricity going down any time soon, would be fine with 36 month. Council reviews. Alderwoman Martin states 48 months she would be good with. Alderwoman Andrews states it could go either way with the difference of price. Alderwoman Martin

makes a motion to approve the 48 month quote, Alderwoman Werner seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

B. Discuss and take action on Authorizing Scranton's to install (2) Trane units

Alderwoman Martin worked to find these guys, there was a smoke scare at City Hall. Scrantons replaced the blower motor. So, we need this done. On 9/18, the \$40k matures for building itself from leftover money from construction, will cash that out. Half goes into general fund, then will pay for this, whatever is left will go back into a CD for the building. Alderwoman Andrews asks if we need to have appropriation? Attorney Laegeler states any time you are spending money out of a line item it has to be appropriated unless you can fit this expense in a line item, can do supplemental at next meeting. Alderwoman Martin states the roof was supposed to come out of that, not sure what it costs, don't think it did because CD is still there. Think it must have come out of general budget. Mayor asks if needs authorization to expend the CD? Attorney stated incorporate that into the motion on this. Alderwoman Martin made a motion to expend the CD to fund the two Trane units from Scranton's, Alderman Andrews seconded. Motion carries unanimously.

C. Authorize and take action on Police Chief's Petefish Credit Card w/ \$5000 limit

With nothing further to discuss, Alderman Behrends made a motion to approve the Petefish Credit Card with a \$5000 limit for the Police Chief, Alderwoman Werner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Discuss and take action on Purchase of 3 New Computers – Mayor, Police Chief, Public Works Director

Alderwoman Martin asks if we can exchange that one for someone else? Paula states it will get wiped and get ready for the new deputy. Mayor states already purchased through Amazon. Paula states the 9 pin doesn't match up so need new cords. PWD Force was waiting to get his and planned to do it today but can't because the cords don't match. Alderwoman Andrews states he has a box of cords he can bring. Mayor states he does as well. Alderwoman Martin states geek squad is \$180 dollars a year will cover 5 computers. Mayor states the Police Chief's can come out of the grant, Alderwoman Martin thinks already bought out of the grant. Mayor will look into that. Alderwoman Martin states we need security on all of them. Alderman Behrends made a motion to approve the purchase of the 3 new computers, Alderwoman Werner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Discuss and take action on Mayor's Authority to Set Hours of Operation at City Hall

Mayor, Alderman Andrews and Attorney Laegeler looked through and Mayor doesn't have authority to do that right now. Mayor proposing a short term 3 weeks open 8-12 then would be close for staff to do catch up work. Alderwoman Martin asks why? Arenzville Rural and Cass Rural, Eric trying to get caught up with reports and paperwork. This would allow them to get everything done. Alderwoman Martin thinks public would have a fit. Alderman Andrews stated the public has been very understanding when we have been forthcoming and accepting of what we are doing. It is important that we

communicate to public. Alderwoman Martin asks if Eric could work night hours? Mayor states to he could get off at noon then come back after 4pm. Not sure what this will look like but will discuss options to fit all the needs of the staff and the public. Communication will be forthcoming to the public when decision is made. Alderman Andrews made a motion to approve giving the Mayor authority to set hours of operation of City Hall, Alderman Behrends seconded. Alderwoman Werner voted yes and Alderwoman Martin voted no.


VI. Executive Session – Personnel

At 636pm Alderman Behrends made a motion to go into Executive Session, Alderwoman Werner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

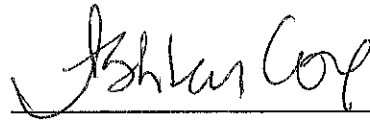
The council returned at 655pm from Executive Session.

No action taken.

At 655pm Alderman Andrews made a motion to adjourn the council meeting, Alderwoman Martin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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Steve Clark, Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashley Cox", written over a horizontal line.

Ashley Cox, City Clerk