

City of Virginia

October 13th, 2025

Meeting called to order: 7pm

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Call to Order

- a. Roll Call: Werner, Andrews, Shaner, Behrends, Werner present. Stanbridge not present.

III. Approval of Agenda

- a. Alderman Andrews made a motion to approve the agenda, Alderwoman Martin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a. Alderman Shaner made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and Alderman Andrews seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Treasurer's Report

VI. Approval of Monthly Bills:

- a. Alderman Andrews made a motion to approve the monthly bills and Alderman Shaner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Guests: Pat Noltensmeier, Don Beard, Andy Carpenter, Terry Ayers, Eric Whiford, Barb Ring, Kirk Scott, Michelle McCarty, Kristina Paul, Rena Kay Welch.

VIII. Public Comment:

- a. Mayor asks Andy Carpenter to stand and speak. Carpenter reads proclamation for October 22 2025 honor 1st Junior High baseball organized in 1955. Championship won that year by Virginia Redbirds, honoring achievement we are asking the community to wear red on October 22nd to acknowledge and recognize this team.
- b. Bernie: 7th grader on the team. Lutheran minister helped established the little league. Then the new superintendent, he was very passionate for athletics. Bernie said he was the driving force to get grade school tournament started. Team strength: pitching, Jeff Knight and Dave Walters. David Marr won a game in the first and second round pitching. Towanda was a small town about 800 people Northeast of Bloomington where championship game was., there was no dug out, bleachers, or fan bus. When came home there was no sirens, fire engines, we just came home and had an assembly then the Kiwanis club did a dinner a few weeks later.
- c. Richard Webster: Virginia was a great baseball town. A lot of fathers interested in baseball. First game there was a ceremony on square, had a parade marched up to park to the little league game. Everyone in Virginia went to the little league games. 500-600 people came.
- d. Dave Walters: thanked the council for recognizing, it is appreciated, grateful that we won't be forgotten. We learned the principals of having fun.

- e. Don Beard (Bushue HR): work for Bushue Group resources, work with the school district, deal with HR, risk management, personnel, consulting. Have a number of municipalities. Beard stated he had met with Mayor Clark and Alderman Andrews and went over the client services guide with them. Beard left a service agreement/contract with the Mayor tonight for review. He stated he meets with clients on quarterly basis, but available all the time. Mayor apologizes that we didn't get this on the agenda for tonight, will discuss, then schedule a special meeting in order to approve. Beard states just to contact him if anything is needed.

IX. Monthly Reports:

- a. **Police Chief (Kink):** Chief Kink gave council radio bid for new starcoms, CNK communications \$13k cheaper, portables trying to get that because they pertain to individual officers through the grant. Mobiles won't have enough money in budget to purchase. Alderwoman Martin asks how much? Mobile is \$9526 for 2, portable more expensive but hoping grant will pay for it but not sure. Chief Kink asked if there was a limit of money, he is authorized to spend without council approval? Mayor states doesn't think so. Alderman Andrews states have used up to \$5k as long as in budget in the past. Chief Kink stated Saturday night went well, there was a nice turnout. Alderwoman Martin states people seemed very receptive. Mayor asks if still ready for Wednesday? Chief Kink states yes last training tomorrow here, bodycams Wednesday morning, other than that we can go. Chief Kink thinks it's fair to let people know about ordinances, he will be very strict, and doesn't care about getting complaints. He stated he won't accept excuses, not going to allow stuff. Mayor states it's been too long to worry about feelings getting hurt.
- b. **Fire Chief(Stock):** 1 call fire, gas leak was the firehouse inside, valve leaking. Chief Stocks asks what to do with old blue tanker? Mayor states excess property. Attorney states sent out ordinance earlier today with doors, trailer, playground equip can amend to include dump truck. Chief Kink states want to add weapons to that too. Alderwoman Martin asks who will get this ready and get it publicized? Mayor states he assumes public works director. Alderwoman Martin states need pictures and good description. Attorney states that playground needs to be included in ordinance. Alderman Shaner asks how does that work with firearms? Mayor states will figure it out. Alderwoman Martin asks there is a site for surplus or are we doing local? Alderman Andrews states surplus government bids that way it goes out. Alderwoman Martin states with the doors and trailer there could be someone local interested. Attorney stated trailer, cabin chase 1984, playground equipment, and doors. Attorney states need specific on firearm. Chief Kink said can get that information to attorney tomorrow.
- c. **Public Works Director(Force):** not present
 - i. **Park Board:** done with log cabin days, very successful. Spooktacular is October 18th. Trying to get the playground equip to sold, looking for grants to replace. Park director will go to do plant maintenance at water plant during the winter.

- ii. **TIF:** no new requests, amount we get this year was 20k more than last year. Mayor asks if annual report was filed, Paula not sure, will ask treasurer
- d. **Attorney's Report:** no formal report other than agenda items
- e. **Mayor's Report:** thank everyone for calls, texts, cards for my mom. Last week missed getting HR thing on the agenda. Questions need to ask chief.
- f. **Aldermanic Reports:**
 - i. **Werner:** short meeting to review radios and bodycams, it is important that city goes with that radio because that is what county has, proposal for online policy manual will add to next meeting, discussed possibility of new squad car/don't have quote.
 - ii. **Behrends:** make sure everyone drives safe and watches for kids with Halloween coming up and the city wide pick up
 - iii. **Shaner:** school crossing zone, need flashing sign to brighten up the area, police presence will slow people down, lights in new hosing place potentially solar
 - iv. **Stanbridge:** not present
 - v. **Andrews:** ordinance committee discussed a few things, Andrews not been present to get in agenda. Will discuss get treasurer salary increase for next voting cycle. Will come up next time for discussion. Park ordinance one was camping and boating that would like to get removed, will be on next agenda. UTV/Golf cart ordinances, there are number of things to be discussed like allowing UTV on square and in park. Will add that to the next meeting. Personnel: Bushue HR, talked about water/sewer opening there were 3 quality candidates, all excited to be joining the department. He is trying to develop own training program and making sure that we are state compliant. Went to Snedeker Risk Convention talked about good things with contracts, policing, there was just a lot of information
 - vi. **Martin:** building committee is plugging away, just little things now, think taken care of all the big things.
 - vii. **City Clerk's Report:** nothing to report
- X. **Consent Agenda**
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- XI. **Items Removed from Consent Agenda for Further Discussion:**
- XII. **Old Business**
 - a. **Discuss and take action on bids for City Wide Clean Up**
 - i. **GFL:** \$8400 if we use 12 like projected up to 5 ton, took off all extra charges. Alderwoman Martin states we do have in policy that will do one truck load, after that people have to pay \$150 a load. GFL lower than LJ and ATeam. They went ahead and got us on the books now, Tanner just need to call and confirm. Alderwoman Martin thinks they have used the one at the water plant before. With nothing further to discuss, Alderwoman Martin made a motion to approve

the GLF bid for city wide clean up and Alderman Behrends seconded, motion carried unanimously.

XIII. New Business

- a. Proclamation to honor and recognize the Virginia Redbird Jr. High Baseball team who won the very first IESA state tournament in 1955**
 - i. Took care under guests
- b. Discuss and take action on movable radios and in car computers**
 - i. Alderwoman Martin asks computers are covered but radios are not? Chief Kink stated trying to get computers too. Alderwoman Martin asks do we want to approve anything is covered by the grant? Mayor asks from CNK. Chief Kink states that is for radios. Mayor states that is for portables and mobiles, computers are not in this bid? Chief Kink responds no. \$9431 for computers, stands and antennas. Alderwoman Martin asks if it is covered ingrant? Chief Kink states waiting for response. Mayor states computers \$9431 can set that as a limit pending grant approval. Radios: trying to get portables the mobiles won't be but trying to get portables including in grant. Chief Kink states \$5k per portable, that is pending grant approval. Chief Kink states have to buy all same time due to programming. Radios purchase for 19714 with both portables and mobiles, with possiblereimbursement from grant. With nothing further to discuss, Alderman Behrends made a motion to approve the radios and in car computers and Alderwoman Martin seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- c. Discuss and take action on playground equipment**
 - i. Mayor asks if can waive the first? Attorney states no. Make it known that it is amended to approve everything. With nothing further to discuss, Alderwoman Martin made a motion to approve action on playground equipment and Alderman Andrews seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Discuss and take action on Principal Financial Group Inc 2,024 shares \$104,640.80**
 - i. Mayor states have option to cash in, Paula states it's a 6 months window. Table this.
- e. Discuss and take action on Animal Control Budget of \$8,667.18**
 - i. Mayor asks every year? Yes. Generated by per capita times 5.38. Alderwoman Martinstates we should continue. Alderwoman Martin made a motion to approve the Animal Control Budget and Alderman Behrends seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Supplemental Appropriation – Waive 1st reading**
 - i. Mayor to cover SCADA for water plant. Added to VRWS under contractual services. Can discuss bid process for SCADA? Attorney states yes. Would recommend that you led this bid but there are few contractors that work on this particular SCADA, only one that is located in Illinois. You can bypass bid lettingprocess by 2/3 vote with full council, Alderwoman Stanbridge would still have to be counted to approve this project without the bid process. Mayor states

SCADA fails, making water is an issue. \$171k from Richards Electric but we did appropriate for \$200k there was other cost in there. Mayor asks for a motion to accept Richard Electric bid not to exceed \$200k, we have the funding in CDs that would probably cover the whole thing. Alderwoman Martin asks how soon can start working? Mayor states have to build it and bring it in and install it. Tanner thinks it could be 1 month or month and a half. With nothing further to discuss, Alderman Andrews made a motion to waive the first reading and Alderman Behrends seconded, motion carried unanimously. Alderman Behrends made a motion to approve the \$200k budget and Alderwoman Werner seconded, motion carried unanimously. Alderman Andrews made a motion to approve the supplemental appropriation and Alderman Shaner seconded, motion carried unanimously.

g. Tax Levy – 1st Reading

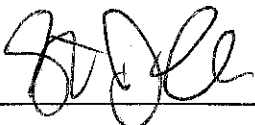
- i. Council reviewed. With nothing further to discuss, Alderman Behrends made a motion to approve the 1st reading of the tax levy and Alderman Andrews seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. Executive Session

XV. Action to be taken following Executive Session

XVI. Adjournment

- a. At 801pm, Alderwoman Martin made a motion to adjourn the council meeting and Alderwoman Werner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



Steve Clark, Mayor

Ashley Cox, City Clerk