

City of Virginia

November 10, 2025

- I.** Pledge of Allegiance
- II.** Call to Order
 - A.** Roll Call: Martin, Andrews, Stanbridge, Shaner, Werner Present. Behrends absent.
- III.** Approval of Agenda
 - A.** Andrews moved to approve the agenda; motion seconded by Stanbridge. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV.** Approval of Minutes
 - A.** Stanbridge moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on October 13, 2025; motion seconded by Werner. Motion carried unanimously.
 - B.** Stanbridge moved to approve the minutes from the special held on October 27, 2025; motion seconded by Werner. Motion carried unanimously.
- V.** Treasurer's Report
 - A.** Treasurer is working on TIF reporting; she provided a report on Tax Revenues. Stanbridge moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; motion seconded by Shaner. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI.** Approval of Monthly Bills
 - A.** Martin questioned city cleanup bill being about \$5K more than what was quoted – PWD Force reported surcharges for fuel and environmental; he is contesting those surcharges, as they were specifically waived in the bid. Attorney Wilson Laegeler recommended holding off on payment until they resolve the issue on the surcharges. Stanbridge moved to pay the monthly bills excluding the bill to GFL for city cleanup; motion seconded by Werner. Martin, Andrews, Stanbridge, and Werner voted yay; Shaner voted nay.
- VII.** Guest:
 - A.** Julio Barrenzuela, a friend of the owner of the new Mexican restaurant, Mary Flor. Mr. Barrenzuela expressed the business is seeking a liquor license, as they would really like to sell liquor at the restaurant. Business was down due to lack of alcoholic beverages. Mr. Barrenzuela invited questions; none were asked.
 - B.** Jerry Ayers raised complaints about speeders on Main Street/RTE 78 as well as the prevalence of UTVs in town. He expressed opposition to UTVs on the square.
- VIII.** Public Comment:
 - A.** None.
- IX.** Monthly Reports:

5. Martin – Still working on list of buildings. Tile work in hallway is finished. Need to sort through storage and get rid of old records. Praised janitorial staff. Reported electrical outdoor lighting will be inspected/repared the next day. City council has given Christmas goody bags to seniors in past; Martin wants to keep this going. About 20 people are needed to help, and they hand them out about a week before Christmas. They are seeking donations, which can be made at City Hall; there was a bit of a cushion from last year. But federal government has cancelled funding relied. Meals have doubled in price, which is why they are hoping for donations by mid-December. Folks are very grateful for the program: Salute to Seniors.

H. City Clerk – No report

X. Consent Agenda

- A. Stanbridge moved to approve the agenda, consisting of Item A; motion seconded by Werner. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Old Business

- A. Stanbridge moved to approve the second and final reading of the annual tax levy; motion seconded by Andrews. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Stanbridge moved to cash out Principal Financial Group Shares. Discussion: these shares consist of non-vested employment benefits of prior employees. If cashed, the proceeds would be deposited into General. City has until July 2026 to cash out the shares. No one seconded the motion, so it died.
- C. Andrews has reviewed the liquor license ordinance and discovered errors. The City has issued 7 Class A licenses, but the ordinance only authorizes 5. Andrews moved to increase the number of Class A licenses to 8 and the number of Class D licenses to 4; motion seconded by Stanbridge. Motion carried unanimously. Shaner moved to grant Mary Flor a Class A license; motion seconded by Werner. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Chief Kink conducted an informal traffic study, which indicated the three parallel parking spaces at the Beardstown Street and South 2nd West Street would be suitable for police parking. Attorney Wilson Laegeler will draft an ordinance authorizing this exclusive use.
- E. PWD Force reported two quotes for a street light on Sage Drive: a \$1600 quote to self-install and a \$5000 quote from Ameren. Stanbridge moved to authorize PWD Force to purchase materials and install the proposed light at a cost not to exceed \$1600; Shaner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. New Business

- A. Discussion on the security proposals detailed in Chief Kink's report. Martin opined that the \$12K expenditure should go onto next year's budget and expressed concern about uncertainty as to where we are financially. Chief Kink said we can break it down into different pieces of the proposal/could piece-meal the system. Mayor asked about dipping into the CD, which has just enough to

- A.** Police Chief: First, Chief Kink provided a proposal for building security at City Hall. There would be a separate system for the evidence room. There was another bid for a security system from Barcom, but it was not compliant with the bid proposal. The current bid meets the needs. Second, Officer Crowder and Chief have really started working – 21 traffic stops, 4 citations, 2 criminal arrests, 3 community events. They are going to be very busy. Lots of ordinance violations. They will be cracking down. There is a lot to get caught up on. Third, Chief obtained the new police car and is getting stickers for the car.
- B.** Fire Chief: Reported 1 gas leak.
- C.** Public Works Director: PWD Force is busy getting ready for winter. Had a pump go down, got it back up and running. Tree trimming is under way. PWD Force received lime/sludge permit from EPA. Should be able to get rid of all lime.
- D.** Board Reports
1. Park Board: Valves have been shut off; pool is officially closed. People looking at playground equipment to take down. Log cabin days was successful. Board is looking for new grill for the ball diamond as well as a PA system. Next meeting was scheduled for November 19.
 2. TIF Board: No new requests. Currently, the account has approximately \$46K; should be \$174K in the next tax cycle.
- E.** Attorney: No formal report.
- F.** Mayor: Christian Women had a good breakfast for veterans; there was also veterans program at the school. Source water protection plan has been received by EPA. Mayor has met with engineers to discuss water infrastructure improvements. Mayor requested a special meeting on the 24th to discuss. Having trouble finding an interested buyer for the surplus dump truck. PWD Force has saved us all with the pump motor failure – lots of backing up – they got it cleaned up and repaired; Mayor expressed thanked the crew. Illinois Rural Water has an apprenticeship program to train plant operators; Mayor would like to send someone. Mayor expressed frustrations with the citywide cleanup – abuse of good will by some – Council needs to come up with a better plan for next year. Mayor ensured the lead service line requirements have been complied with; will check with engineer to confirm.
- G.** Aldermanic Reports
1. Werner – Relayed a lot of positive feedback on Virginia PD.
 2. Shaner – Relayed a lot of positive feedback on Virginia PD.
 3. Stanbridge – No report
 4. Andrews – Ordinance Meeting scheduled for 11/17. Personnel working with Bushue to schedule a meeting to start on employee handbook. Andrews praised street crew and their removal of barricades. Expressed that PWD Force is doing an outstanding job. Noted brown water issue has not been raised in quite a while. Invited community to report if there are issues.

cover the proposed expense. Mayor asked about priority if piece-mealed; Chief Kink said evidence room would be the priority. Shaner expressed need for security on the whole building; Chief Kink agreed security is necessary. Paula detailed experiences of disgruntled citizens in City Hall and was asked to retrieve the specific amount left in the CD. Andrews expressed agreement with Martin regarding the need to be cautious spending but also understands the urgent need for security; per Andrews, if we have the funds in the CD, he would be in favor of spending the money on the system. Martin does not want to spend every last dollar. Paula reported there is \$13168 in the CD. Werner stated the security system is a necessity from a safety standpoint. Mayor is in favor because we have the money in the CD and the staff is here alone. Andrews moved to cash in the CD and to authorize those funds to be used to install the \$12K security system. Werner, Andrews, Shaner voted yay; Martin and Stanbridge voted nay. Motion carried.

- B. Council discussed a desire to raise the treasurer's salary to \$8000 beginning with the next election cycle. EWL will prepare an ordinance.
- C. Andrews proposed deleting Sections 3-8-2 and 3-8-4. EWL will prepare an ordinance.
- D. Andrews discussed several additions and deletions to the UTV ordinance, and specifically expressed a desire that UTVs be allowed on the square. The Council was in unanimous agreement. EWL will prepare an ordinance.

XIV. Executive Session

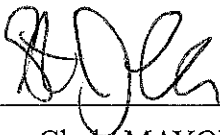
- A. None

XV. Action to be Taken Following Executive Session

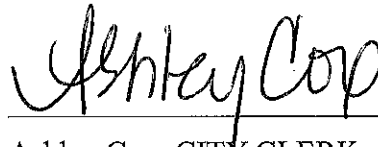
- A. None

XVI. Adjournment

- A. Stanbridge moved to adjourn; motion seconded by Werner. Motion carried unanimously.



Steve Clark, MAYOR



Ashley Cox, CITY CLERK