

City of Virginia

February 9th, 2026

Meeting called to order: 7pm

- I. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. **Call to Order**
 - a. Roll Call: Martin, Andrews, Stanbridge, Shaner, Behrends, Werner all present.
- III. **Approval of Agenda**
 - a. Alderwoman Stanbridge made a motion to approve the agenda, Alderman Behrends seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - a. Alderwoman Stanbridge made a motion to approve the minutes, Alderman Shaner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- V. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. No treasurer's report
- VI. **Approval of Monthly Bills:**
 - a. Alderwoman Stanbridge made a motion to approve the monthly bills, Alderwoman Werner seconded. Motion carried unanimously
- VII. **Guests:** Terry Ayers, Eric Whitford, Mike Lowe
- VIII. **Public Comment:**
- IX. **Monthly Reports:**
 - a. **Police Chief (Kink):** 14 citations, 2 written warnings, 1 arrest, 2 ordinance violations, 25 calls for service
 - b. **Fire Chief (Stock):** 1 wreck, 3 fire calls
 - c. **Public Works Director (Force):** repaired 2 main breaks, replace 12 in valve at treatment plant, pump runs good, things have been repaired that were needed, located line for new solar field project, assisted school w sewer issues that was clogged in their clean out, 2 employees in IRWA apprenticeship program and will start any time
 - i. **Park Board:** no meeting due to winter
 - ii. **TIF:** nothing to report
 - d. **Attorney's Report:** commended Chief Kink on enforcing the ordinance, look forward to continuing to work with him
 - e. **Mayor's Report:** thanked to Tanner and crew doing outstanding work, conditions have been unbearable, congrats treasurer and husband on new baby, Heneghan having 40 year celebration March 20th if interested mayor has invite to get you signed up to attend.
 - f. **Aldermanic Reports:**
 - i. **Werner:** police committee reviewed budget, Chief Kink preparing budget proposal, closer to have budget done

- ii. **Behrends:** thanked Alderman Andrews for organizing committees' guidelines to help with budgets
- iii. **Shaner:** street committee discussing budget
- iv. **Stanbridge:** thanked tanner for leadership and all his hard work, getting a lot of positive feedback from community, will create budget soon
- v. **Andrews:** thanked tanner as well, doing a great job, ordinance committee talked about nuisance ordinance getting it put back together and getting details done that will help people understand it clearer, updated procedures for snow emergency, meet 16th for streets to discuss budget, personnel meeting with Bushue Feb 25th will get things started rolling
- vi. **Martin:** asked about the proposal for ordinance code enforcement office, is that salary in police budget? Mayor states will discuss
- vii. **City Clerk's Report:** thanked Tanner and the crew for all their hard work getting the water main breaks fixed

X. Consent Agenda

XI. Items Removed from Consent Agenda for Further Discussion:none

XII. Old Business

a. Discuss and Take Action on AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER -Second Reading

- i. Mayor asks for amendments people have to propose. This is an assist for the chief. We are still dealing with issues from a few years ago because we did not have someone who could enforce the ordinances. It would help us clean up the town, raise property values, its s a long-term project. Attorney is going to sit down with Mt sterling, Rushville, to develop a plan to share ordinance officers. Alderman Andrews stated previous Ordinance Officer was paid \$15 for like 5 hours a week. Alderwoman Martin stated we did get a good software program. Mayor Clark states was aware of software but couldn't find it, but think we found it. Alderwoman Martin states we had to buy it, may have had a subscription with it, not sure. Attorney Laegeler asks Alderwoman Stanbridge who at courthouse would use that software, Alderwoman Stanbridge states she can find out. Alderman Andrews states that the big thing is consistency, that has been a problem in the past. Alderwoman Martin states Winchester has a water person that they don't need full time so he does a split position between ordinances and water dept. Chief Kink if they are going to be under the police department, no one will be treated differently. Alderman Andrews just asks for consistency. Attorney states that council has to have the authority to hire for this position. Alderwoman Martin asks attorney if we should hold on approving this? Attorney recommends to approve the Ordinance Officer position and then will amend later to fine tune it. Alderwoman Martin states she thinks Chief Kink should have authorization to get who he wants and then council approves. With nothing further to discuss, Alderman Andrews made a motion to approve the ordinance

establishing a code enforcement officer, Alderman Shaner seconded. Yes votes:
Martin, Andrews, Shaner, Behrends No votes: Stanbridge, Werner

XIII. New Business

i. none

XIV. Executive Session

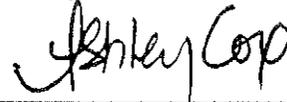
XV. Action to be taken following Executive Session

XVI. Adjournment

a. At 728pm, Alderwoman Stanbridge made a motion to adjourn the council meeting,
Alderman Behrends seconded, motion carried unanimously.



Steve Clark, Mayor



Ashley Cox, City Clerk