

# City of Virginia

April 13th, 2026

**Meeting called to order: 7pm**

**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Call to Order**

- a. Roll Call: Martin, Andrews, Stanbridge, Shaner, Behrends, and Werner all present.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

- a. Alderwoman Stanbridge approved the agenda, Alderman Behrends seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**IV. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- a. Alderwoman Stanbridge approved the minutes, Alderman Shaner seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**V. Treasurer's Report**

Thanked committees to get the budget done.

**VI. Approval of Monthly Bills:**

- a. Alderwoman Stanbridge approved the monthly bills, Alderwoman Werner seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**VII. Guests: Terry Ayers, Eric Whitford**

**VIII. Public Comment:**

- a. **Terry Ayers:** middle of square on southside, there is poles on tires sticking up there, is there a purpose for them? Mayor asks near Snedekers? Whitford states in between Prairie Rose and Snedekers building, it used to have a snow fence on it. Ayers also stated there is trouble on the east side of the square on the south there is no parking there but people still park there. Sign faded, curb is not painted. Thanked police department, gave out several tickets over the last 5 months. Saw a trailer being pulled by a city truck with no lights on it. Chief states that has been addressed. Michelle McCarty asked the council if Virginia Police Department could give the Gazette the tickets that they issue for the police report for the newspaper, Chief Kink asked for every one? Chief Kink stated yes, he can do that.

**IX. Monthly Reports:**

- a. **Police Chief (Kink):** touch a truck went well, kids graduating from college applied for a FT officer position, will discuss with them. Several citations, distracted driving, calls for service, and traffic stops were done over the past month.
- b. **Fire Chief (Stock):** no report
- c. **Public Works Director (Force):** no report  
Mayor states water department dug a main, installed valve at the pool and meter at ball fields

- i. **Park Board:** Alderman Andrews stated the meeting on 3/25, discussed T-Mobile grant for playground equipment, church going to get old equipment out as soon as possible, no major leaks in the pool, 10-40k to dig and replace, no one can cope the whole thing, installed new valve will monitor, open memorial day, replaced hand sinks in bathhouses, new PA system, new cash boxes, applications for summer help are available, touch a truck was successful, clean up day 4/12, opening night 4/17, first ball games 4/18, working on diamonds, sending pool heater to surplus, asphalt pile will be going away, OMA and FOIA certification, looking at a park tractor possibility, working on estimate on new grill, fundraisers, payroll reimbursement is still being worked on, pickleball very popular. Martin on Wednesday nights for about 2 hours there is an open night, with instructors and equipment 4/15 next meeting
- ii. **TIF:** 2 apps, 1 approved, should that be on the agenda tonight? No, have the other one that is being reviewed.
- iii. **Cemetery:** no report
- iv. **Library:** no report
- v. **Animal Control:** meeting was cancelled, next 4/22

**d. Attorney's Report:**

**e. Mayor's Report:**

Some of the stuff is already on the agenda, want to add on the park agreement, we did not have a dollar value that the park would contribute to his salary, \$13500 is the amount. Genesis going to try to get it on water bills, website, it's on FB, it worked with the water break that happened. 4/18 Virginia Open, Mayor states he participated with a bus on a touch a truck, OMA and FOIA all should have completed form within 30 days of appointment/election. Paula and Behrends is yearly. Boards are subject to this as well.

**f. Aldermanic Reports:**

- i. **Werner:** contract with the county, will discuss later
- ii. **Behrends:** thanks to all for making it smooth for the budget this year, visited water plant, told them they are doing great and continuing great work.
- iii. **Shaner:** 4/24 is Arbor Day, Mrs. Birdsell's class is going to use this as a project at the park
- iv. **Stanbridge:** water sewer on 20<sup>th</sup> to decide on rates.
- v. **Andrews:** SRM dinner on 4/20 at 5pm
- vi. **Martin:** talked about 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fire house, been talking to the fireman would like to do something June 6<sup>th</sup> during BBQ at their biscuits/gravy breakfast. The rest of the report is enclosed in a separate sheet.

**X. City Clerks' Report**

Clerk Cox addressed the council about the possibility of fireworks at the BBQ.

**XI. Consent Agenda**

**XII. Items Removed from Consent Agenda for Further Discussion:none**

**XIII. Old Business**

- a. Discuss and Take Action on City Budgets (Cemetery, Park, Library)-2<sup>nd</sup> reading**  
With nothing further to discuss, Alderwoman Stanbridge made a motion to approve city budgets, Alderman Andrews seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- b. Discuss and Take Action for FY26/27 City Budget- 2<sup>nd</sup> reading**  
With nothing further to discuss, Alderman Shaner made a motion to approve the FY26/27 City Budget (2<sup>nd</sup> reading), Alderman Behrends seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- c. Discuss and Take Action on Park Agreement**  
Andrews wants to table until after Park Meeting this week
- d. Discuss and Take Action on Cemetery Agreement**  
With nothing further to discuss, Alderwoman Stanbridge made a motion to approve the cemetery agreement, Alderman Shaner seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- e. Discuss and Take Action on Intergovernmental Agreement for Policing**
  - i. Mayor states the council has a negotiating copy with sheriff signature. Mayor states it is cheaper than hiring a third city officer, max is 20 a week, chief will manage, same agreement as last time. With nothing further to discuss, Alderwoman Stanbridge made a motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement for policing, Alderwoman Martin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**
- f. Discuss and Take Action on Resolution for 2008 Chevrolet Truck to Surplus**  
With nothing further to discuss, Alderman Andrews made a motion to approve the resolution for 2008 Chevrolet Truck to Surplus, Alderwoman Stanbridge seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Discuss and Take Action on Resolution for Appointed City Clerk Position**
  - i. Have not worked out details, Mayor states in the resolution it is left for a later date, need to combine elected job description with Office Manager position. With nothing further to discuss, Alderwoman Stanbridge made a motion to pursue the resolution for appointed city clerk, Aldman Behrends seconded, motion carried unanimously.**

**XIV. New Business**

- a. Discuss and Take Action on Opening for Bids for Virginia Fire House Roof**
  - i. Mayor states 4 bids for firehouse roof:**
    - 1. Campbell Construction, Jacksonville \$49950
    - 2. Roofing Associates, Myer Roofing, Springfield \$53406
    - 3. Whitney Roofing, Effingham \$64275.95
    - 4. Blue Line Roofing and Exteriors, Peoria \$78865

Martin is in favor of Campbells. Andrews asked if you went back in and reframed, put shingles on it if that wouldn't be the better way to solve this. Martin states she

discussed with engineer and he asked if the walls were strong enough to handle that extra work. He said a good composite roof should last a long time. Mayor states not sure how long the current one has been on there. Andrews states so part of this is going through insurance? Martin states yes but not sure how much yet, they were trying to figure out how old the current roof is. Shaner states insurance would probably not agree to whole new structure. Mayor states we don't know the load bearing of the walls either. With nothing further to discuss, Alderwoman Martin made a motion to go with Campbell Construction for the Fire House roof, Alderwoman Stanbridge seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**b. Discuss and Take Action on Ordinance for Liens/Water Bills Non-Payments-Revise from City Treasurer to City Attorney (Waive 1<sup>st</sup> reading)**

Mayor not received anything from attorney yet. Andrews thought it was in the packet, it is in the packet. With nothing further to discuss, Alderman Andrews made a motion to waive the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the ordinance for liens/water bill non payments, Alderwoman Stanbridge seconded, motion carried unanimously. Alderwoman Stanbridge made a motion to approve the ordinance for Leins/Water bills Non Payments, Alderman Andrews seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**c. Discuss and Consider City of Virginia Employee Pay Raises for FY26-27**

Stanbridge states thought we were going to do the COLA? Andrews states that is what is built into the budget, 3%. Mayor states so if we approve the budget, we approve the raises. No vote.

**d. Discuss and Take Action on FY26/27 Appropriation Ordinance- 1<sup>st</sup> reading**

Used all the figures from the budgets for the appropriations. With nothing further to discuss, Alderwoman Stanbridge made a motion to approve FY26/27 appropriate ordinance 1<sup>st</sup> reading, Alderman Behrends seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**e. Discuss and Consider City Wide Clean Up Dates**

Mayor states think we are good with the fall. Need to discuss with Tanner. Martin states John usually approves it and likes to do it before Halloween (Oct 18-24<sup>th</sup>). No action. Andrews states it is on the streets committee agenda

**f. Discuss and Consider Definitive Date for Fire Hydrant Flushing**

Force wants to do one in the spring and one in the fall. May 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday and Tuesday, would prefer to do during the week which would probably eliminate the firehouse May 11-12. Fall 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon Tues in Oct (19-20). Stanbridge states city wide may interfere with those dates. Mayor states just looking at the calendar to start planning. When we get ability to install 9 hydrants, tanner and stock can sit down and schedule when they will occur. No action taken

**g. Discuss and Take Action on an Ordinance Authorizing the Create of AD Hoc Committees**

Mayor states committee of citizens can take the time to research if we are needing to do a lengthy project, such has housing. It would be on volunteer basis. Would need to devise a community of citizens. Committee would need to develop meeting schedule

and adhere to it. Mayor states they would put an advisory report together, they could make no final decisions. With nothing further to discuss, Alderwoman Stanbridge made a motion to approve the ordinance authorizing the create of AD Hoc committees, Alderman Andrews seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**h. Discuss and Take Action on an Ordinance Amending Titles 3 and 11 of the Virginia City Code- 2<sup>nd</sup> reading**

With nothing further to discuss, Alderwoman Stanbridge made a motion to approve the ordinance amending Titles 3 and 11 of the Virginia City Code 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, Alderwoman Werner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**i. Discuss and Take Action on a Resolution of the City of Virginia in Support of Municipal Housing Authority**

Mayor states Illinois is trying to take us out of zoning, as he reads it. This is a sample resolution that came from IL municipal league. Basically, it's stating that we should be able to. With nothing further to do discuss, Alderwoman Stanbridge made a motion to approve the resolution of the City of Virginia in support of Municipal Housing Authority, Alderman Behrends seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**j. Discuss and Take Action on OEDC 2026 Contribution**

City always gave a donation of a percentage of per capita, this year would be \$729. Andrews if we have economic development we haven't really had anything new other than a restaurant, Martin states Chad Winters is chair of that and he can answer those questions. Martin states they really do a lot for the community. Mayor states the coordinator is Dustin Fritsche. With nothing further to discuss, Alderwoman Martin made a motion to approve the OEDC 2026 Contribution, Alderwoman Werner seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**k. Discuss and Take Action on Summer Help**

Andrews states this is the PWD

**l. Discuss and Take Action on Water Department Lead**

Andrews states this is also the PWD

**m. Discuss and Take Action on PWD Credit Card**

Mayor states this would be for emergencies only and he can't plan for it. Some places we go to we don't have accounts. Andrews asks limit recommendation? Chief states he thinks his is \$5k? With nothing further to discuss, Alderwoman Stanbridge made a motion to approve the PWD credit card, Alderman Behrends seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**n. Discuss and Take Action on a Resolution of the City of Virginia in Support of the Illinois American 250 Commemoration**

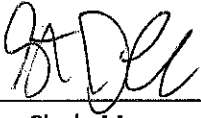
With nothing further to discuss, Alderwoman Stanbridge made a motion to approve the resolution on the City of Virginia in support of the Illinois American 250 Commemoration, Alderman Andrews seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**XV. Executive Session**

**XVI. Action to be taken following Executive Session**

**XVII. Adjournment**

- a. At 807pm Alderwoman Stanbridge made a motion to adjourn the council meeting, Alderman Werner seconded, motion carried unanimously.



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Steve Clark, Mayor



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Ashley Cox, City Clerk