

# City of Virginia

May 11th, 2026

**Meeting called to order: 7:01pm**

- I. Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. Call to Order**
  - a. Roll Call: Andrews, Stanbridge, Shaner and Behrends were all present. Martin and Werner were absent.
- III. Approval of Agenda**
  - a. Alderwoman Stanbridge approved the agenda, Alderman Shaner seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**
  - a. Alderwoman Stanbridge approved the minutes, Alderman Andrews seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- V. Treasurer's Report**

Absent.
- VI. Approval of Monthly Bills:**
  - a. Alderwoman Stanbridge approved the monthly bills, Alderman Shaner seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- VII. Guests:** Ronnie Paul, Michelle Carty, Terry Ayers, Eric Whitford
- VIII. Public Comment:** None.
- IX. Monthly Reports:**
  - a. **Police Chief (Kink):** Absent. Mayor read Chief's report as he was taking his youngest daughter to the airport heading back to Florida. 18 citations, 7 warnings, 23 traffic and 19 service calls.
  - b. **Fire Chief (Stock):** 2 mutual aids and several brush fires.
  - c. **Public Works Director (Force):** Shade and Dixon have gone through their first book in class and have completed all their plant tours. They do have a webinar this week with IRWA Dave McMillan, who will be in Litchfield for this training session. They flushed hydrants today and every hydrant worked nothing a rebuilt kit cant' fix. We may use 3 of the new hydrants purchased, but that's it. Things working well, nothing major. For BBQ, we will have lines painted and street sweeper. Lime stop machine \$55K.
    - i. **Park Board:** Alderman Andrews stated they had their meeting on April 15 at the pool. Quentin has been working on ball diamonds and water removal. Park has a new PA system louder and clearer. Quentin had the work camp crew helping with at the park. We had Touch a Truck at the park and was successful. A new charcoal grill was purchased. You will be able to pay your concessions with Venmo soon. Park is taking applications for 14 & up for part time @ 20 hours per week. There

will be a Memorial in honor of Gibby at the park. The pool slide will be back at the pool this season. We have approved the park agreement. There is concern for parking at Log Cabins Day.

- ii. **TIF:** 3 apps, 440, Andrews & Now & Then.
- iii. **Cemetery:** Cemetery bought a new mower for Russell. Jason French painted the cemetery shed. Next meeting is June 2 @ 3 p.m.
- iv. **Library:** No report – did not meet.
- v. **Animal Control:** Alderman Shaner mentioned they are changing ordinances and setting costs.

d. **Attorney's Report:** Absent.

e. **Mayor's Report:**

I appointed Dustin Fritsche to the Economic Development Committee. Flag placement will be on May 23 @ 8:30 a.m., and I will be there. Flag pickup will be on May 30 @ 8:30 a.m., and I will not be available. If you can join, it would be great.

Memorial Day @ 9 a.m. ceremony by Christian Women. Rexroat Prairie will be making renovations and gladly taking donations. On May 16, Bei Capelli grand opening taking place. I emailed our attorney, Erin, regarding the 2 vacant properties by Eric - need to obtain appraisal then surplus for bids. We need to receive 80% of appraised value. South side parcels – TIF funds – abandoned property to City – demo budget next year – liability issue.

Mt. Sterling will be sharing their code enforcement officer, Brian Wilson, \$18/hour with 9 hours a day on Tuesday which is OV court with no benefits.

f. **Aldermanic Reports:**

- i. **Werner:** Absent.
- ii. **Behrends:** 122 N Job St - needs cleaned up - used to be a house now a vacant lot. Merrimans? Tax sale? Andrews added a mess with several properties – high grass – post 2-day notice and push it and pay some bills.
- iii. **Shaner:** W Sylvan needs mowed and 1 torn down. W Springfield culvert – PWD needs to put gravel down. Street met and discussed secondary streets as well as trade-in backhoe.
- iv. **Stanbridge:** We discussed water rates, Gillcrest lift station and replacement of VRWS wells – not permanent – not pay maintenance.
- v. **Andrews:** No comment – jail has tall grass...
- vi. **Martin:** Absent.

X. **City Clerks' Report**

Deputy Clerk Paula apprised the council of the status of firehouse roof. Due to dragging feet with bid invitation, the insurance claim is now in mediation. At this time, we do not know if it will be a roof repair or roof replacement.

**XI. Consent Agenda**

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

**XIII. Old Business**

**a. Discuss and Take Action on FY26/27 Appropriation Ordinance-2<sup>nd</sup> reading**

Alderwoman Stanbridge made a motion to approve FY26/27 appropriation, Alderman Shaner seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**b. Discuss and Take Action on an Ordinance Authorizing the Creation of Ad Hoc Committees-2<sup>nd</sup> reading**

Alderman Shaner made a motion to approve the creation of Ad Hoc Committees, Alderwoman Stanbridge seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**c. Discuss and Take Action on Park Agreement**

Alderwoman Stanbridge made a motion to approve the park agreement. Alderman Andrews seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**XIV. New Business**

**a. Discuss and Take Action on Well No. 7 & 8 Pump & Motor Replacement**

No action taken. This has been turned into Snedekers for insurance claim of \$64,834.00. Lightning struck on April 12 with electrical power spike/major surge.

**b. Discuss and Take Action on Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code – Waive 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

This is to pay MFT bills - \$71,120. Alderwoman Stanbridge made a motion to approve the resolution for maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code. Alderman Shaner seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**c. Discuss and Take Action on Vandevanter Preventative Maintenance Contract**

Lift stations panel baked in sun – electronics - \$2,120 annual inspection. Alderman Shaner made a motion to approve the Vandevanter preventative maintenance contract, Alderwoman Stanbridge seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**d. Discuss and Take Action on Ordinance Amending the City's Waterworks Fee Schedule – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Alderwoman Stanbridge made a motion to approve amending the City's Waterworks Fee Schedule with a meeting next week with minimums of \$2 water, \$1 sewer and 75 cents overage and 50 cents bulk water. Alderman Shaner seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**e. Discuss and Take Action on Resolution Amending Water Rates Set Forth in Bulk Water Purchase Agreements With Rural Water Districts**

Alderwoman Stanbridge made a motion to approve resolution amending water rates set forth in bulk water purchase agreements with rural water districts @ 50cents. Alderman Shaner seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**f. Discuss and Take Action on Restriping Around the Square**

PWD stated old \$4,125 and this year \$4,630.71. No action taken. City will be touching up before BBQ.

**g. Discuss and Take Action to Declare Motor Grader Surplus**

Alderman Shaner said it started. Alderwoman Stanbridge made a motion to declare motor grader surplus. Alderman Andrews seconded. Alderman Shaner voted NO, and Alderman Behrends voted NO which resulted in a tie. Mayor Clark casted his vote of YES for tiebreaker, motion carried.

**h. Discuss and Take Action on Repair or Trade-In of City Back Hoe and Motor Grader**

PWD stated 2 solenoids out, and CAT will charge \$2100 for 8 hours. Alderman Andrews added tires – what's next. CAT will give \$40K for backhoe and \$5k for grader with annual balloon payment of \$21,329.60. PWD added John Deere will give \$61K for backhoe and \$4K for grader with annual balloon payment of \$20,934.60. Alderman Shaner asked what if someone wants to pay \$4K. PWD said would not like to sell online rather keep it together. Alderwoman Stanbridge made a motion to take action on repair or trade-in of city backhoe and motor grader. Alderman Andrews seconded. Alderman Shaner voted NO, and Alderman Behrends voted NO which resulted in a tie. Mayor Clark casted his vote of YES for tiebreaker, motion carried.

**i. Discuss and Take Action on Replacement of Sewer Lift Station Pumps at Gillcrest**

PWD stated 3 lift stations \$25K spares. Alderwoman Stanbridge made a motion to take action on replacement of sewer lift station pumps at Gillcrest. Alderman Andrews seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**j. Discuss and Take Action on Lime Removal at Water Plant**

Oros Environmental will charge \$38/cubic yard, and we have 3,640 totaling \$138,320.00 for hauling. We probably have 3 loads to haul. No action taken. Mayor proposes market there with agriculture people.

**k. Discuss and Take Action on Reimbursement to Hickory Road Water Customers**

No action taken.

**XV. Executive Session: None**

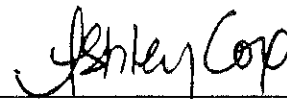
**XVI. Action to be taken following Executive Session**

**XVII. Adjournment**

- a. At 7:57pm, Alderman Shaner made a motion to adjourn the council meeting, Alderwoman Stanbridge seconded, motion carried unanimously.



Steve Clark, Mayor



Ashley Cox, City Clerk