

ZIMBA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, ZIMBA ON TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY, 2025 AT 09:30 HOURS.

PRESENT:

Councillors:

Loveness Chigora
Tobias Kenabanyama
Agent Munenge
Anne Mutunda
Ivan Seemani
Michael Majuba
Stanford Bbeule
Charles Sichaabi
Edgar Meleki
Michelo Simweemba
Siachibaka Mabby
Siabasimbi Lweendo
Maunga Douglas
Timothy Masaka

Council Chairperson
Deputy Council Chairperson

His Royal Highness (*Chief Sipatunyana*)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Officers:

Collins Simoonga
Vincent Mwanza

Annety Hamachili
Wachama Swana
Dr. Milimo Kayawa
Munyansu Douglas
Patricia Muyanga
Arabel Mwanza
Emmanuel Mweemba
Chimuka Siatembo
Bethel Mweemba
Masamu Innocent
Nalumino Sunday
Ndumwai Madabwali
Rabecca Tembo
Sarah Hanyama
Mainza Maambo
Mastone Moonze
Sitali Tabo
Dominic Silwanga
Kayula Mwiche
Namushi Kashweka
Brian Mwamba
Marian Chiposa

Council Secretary
Director Human Resource and
Administration
Director Planning
Director Engineering
District Health Director
District Education Board Secretary
Fisheries Assistant
Senior Procurement Officer
Social Economic Planner
Internal Auditor
Senior Agriculture Officer
District Cultural Affairs Officer
Assistant Director Engineering
Community Development Officer
Water and Sanitation Engineer
Social Economic Planner
Social Economic Planner
Assistant Public Relations Officer
Senior Health Inspector
District Aids Coordination Advisor
Senior Human Resource Officer
Senior Legal Assistant
Assistant Procurement Suppliers Officer
Accountant

Chihwanda Obert
Muchimba Winner

Buildings Inspector
Committee Clerk (**Recorder**)

IN ATTENDANCE BY INVITATION: -

Mulamfu Robnison	District Commissioner
Lazarus Sikawaala	Community Member
Samuel Sinzala	Community Member
Patrick Michilo	Community Member
Thomboziya Muwamba	Marketing Facilitator Care
Vivian Ngoma	Coordinator Care
Tamara Nyirenda	Executive Officer

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

The National Anthem was sung, thereafter, Director Human Resource and Administration Mr. Vincent Mwansa opened the meeting with the word of prayer.

NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice convening the meeting was read by the Council Secretary and the meeting was called to order at 11:02 hours.

WELCOMING REMARKS

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Council Chairperson welcomed the members for the meeting and requested them to participate freely during the proceedings.

Councillors were further urged to serve the community and to be fully involved in the Council decision-making processes.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENT

The Council Chairperson made the following communications and announcements, that undertook from the last Ordinary Council meeting;

The Council Chairperson informed the house that **on the 1st January, 2025** undertook an exercise where she received new year babies and made some donations.

She was impressed with the high levels of hygiene that the health workers continue to exhibit while carry out their duties.

on **9th January, 2025** the Council Chairperson was among the senior government officers that witnessed the commencement of the road rehabilitation program under the constituency development fund.

During the event, she took it upon herself to propose that the Ompie road which was commonly called Chuundwe road be named after the

former Mapatizya Member of Parliament who by then was the Local Government Service Chairperson Mr. Ackson Sejani.

The purpose of the proposal to name the road after him, was simply to recognize the services that the man rendered to our district and the nation at large.

She requested management through the office of the Council Secretary to take this proposal seriously and guide on how that road can be named after Mr. Ackson Sejani, if it means consulting other stake holders such as road development agency, kindly take that route until the road is given the right name.

The Council Chairperson was accompanied by some officers from the Council management and featured on voice of Kalomo radio program, where they interacted with members of the Community and responded to some concerns from the people.

On **6th February, 2025** the Council Chairperson was among the leaders that witnessed the flagging off event for tree planting exercise under the cash for work.

It was stated that the local authority had procured 1,200 plants to be planted in the central business district and other public institutions such as schools and health posts.

she called upon the Councillors and other community leaders to support the initiative of planting trees in our locality as it was the rightful path to environmental conservation. She stated that climate change is real and all of us should stand up and join the fight to lessen its impact of our lives.

on the same day, she joined the District Commissioner Mr. Robinson Mulamfu in visiting few of the dams that would be maintained by the government through the department of water affairs and sanitation. She informed the house that the government had started the maintenance of all the 44 dams in Zimba district, she urged the civic leaders to support the exercise in order for us to harvest enough water for our livestock and domestic use after the rain season.

In conclusion, the Council Chairperson sent this message to the farmers in the district, especially those that were accessing sustainable agriculture financing facility that they should put the money to good use.

OC/888/02/25

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27TH DECEMBER, 2024

Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 27th December, 2024 were presented to the house for confirmation of which members scrutinised and deliberated upon, after which and on a proposal by Councillor Anne Mutunda duly seconded by Councillor Agent Munenge, it was;

RESOLVED That;

Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 27th December, 2024 (Minute No. OC/816/12/24 – OC/821/12/24), be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings of the Council.

OC/889/02/25

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 20TH JANUARY, 2025

Minutes of the meeting of Finance and General Purposes Committee were presented to the house for adoption, after which members deliberated and on a proposal by Councillor Meleki Edgar and duly seconded by Councillor Ivan Seemani, it was;

RESOLVED That;

Minutes of the meeting of Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 20th January, 2025 (Minute Nos. FGP/822/01/25 – FGP/833/01/25), be adopted as part of the proceedings of the Council.

OC/890/02/25

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON 23RD JANUARY, 2025

Minutes of the meeting of Audit Committee were presented to the house for adoption after which members deliberated and on a proposal by Councillor Agent Munenge and duly seconded by Councillor Stanford Bbeule, it was;

RESOLVED That;

Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 23rd January, 2025 (Minute Nos. AUD/834/01/25– AUD/836/01/25), be adopted as part of the proceedings of the Council.

OC/891/02/25

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF PLANS, WORKS, DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6TH FEBRUARY, 2025

Minutes of the Plans Works and Social Services Committee were presented to the house for adoption after which members deliberated

upon and on a proposal by Councillor Micheal Majuba and duly seconded by Councillor Michelo Simweemba, it was;

RESOLVED That;

The minutes of the Meeting of Plans, Works, Development and Social Services Committee held on 6th February, 2025 (Minute Nos. PWD/837/02/25– PWD/887/02/25), be adopted as part of the proceedings of the Council subject to the following amendments,

Under minute No. PWD/862/02/25, members of the house deliberated on the matter at lengthy and on a proposal by Councillor Agent Munenge and duly seconded by Councillor Ivan Seemani, it was;

RESOLVED That;

The construction of the Skills Training Centre under the Zambia devolution support programme be taken to Kabanga under Simwatachela Ward.

OC/892/02/25

STAFF APPOINTMENT

It was brought to the attention of the Council the Local Government Service Commission had appointed officers to various categories as tabulated here below:

S/N	NAME	POSITION	DATE REPORTED
1	Mutalu Kakoma	System Analyst	February 2025
2	Wongani Mzumara	Council Advocate	February 2025
3	Namushi P. Kashweka	Senior Legal Assistant	February 2025
4	Mutema Muteme	Ass Electrician Engineer	February 2025
5	Chanza Kenny	Senior Legal Assistant	February 2025
6	Mwanamoomba Caren	Architect	February 2025
7	Prezi Simata	Fire Fighter	February 2025
8	Nina Siabonzu	Fire Fighter	February 2025
9	Silwanga Dominic	District Aids Coordination Advisor	February 2025
10	Tabo Sitali	Senior Health Inspector	February 2025

The report was **NOTED**

OC/893/02/25

STATUS ON CASH FOR WORK-ZIMBA DISTRICT

It was revealed that cash for work program was a drought response initiative that was launched by Government aimed at providing temporal financial relief to the vulnerable households that were affected by the 2023/2024 drought. The program was being implemented across 87 districts including Zimba. It was stated that the program offered short term employment opportunities enabling participants to earn income while contributing to local development.

The status update for the cash for work program for the period September to December, 2024 was attached

Members deliberated on the matter, thereafter the report was **NOTED**

OC/894/02/25

CALENDAR OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

A proposed Calendar of Council and Committee meetings for the civic year 1st September 2024 to 31st August 2025 was presented to the Council for approval

Members deliberated on the matter and upon a proposal by Councillor Agent Munenge and duly seconded by Councillor Stanford Bbeule, it was;

RESOLVED That;

A proposed Calendar of Council and Committee meetings for the civic year 1st September 2024 to 31st August 2025 be Approved

OC/895/02/25

RECRUITMENT OF OPERATORS

It was reported that Council through the Human Resource Management Committee meeting held on 17th December, 2024 successfully recruited four (4) heavy duty equipment operators after an advert which was placed on 5th December, 2024.

S/N	NAME	POSITION	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
1	Fusire Johnnes	Tipper Operator	January 2025
2	Justine Kabayame	Backhoe Operator	January 2025
3	Dzuku Zulu	Roller Operator	January 2025
4	Arthur Chuuka	Grader Operator	January 2025

The report was **NOTED**

There being no other business to transact, the meeting was declared closed at 15:20 hours with a closing prayer from District Education Board Secretary Mr. Douglas Munyansu.

SIGNED THIS..... DAY OF..... 2025

SIGNED:
COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON