

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, January 8, 2019

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia, Minnesota, was called to order by Mayor Cuffe Jr. at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Present: Councillors Baribeau, Johnson, Paulsen, Friedlieb, Baranzelli, Biondich, Mayor Cuffe Jr. (7)

Absent: None

Mayor Cuffe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt the Consent agenda as follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held December 11, 2018 the Truth and Taxation meeting held on December 11, 2018 and the Reorganizational meeting held January 2, 2019
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 19-001 Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve the following travel requests:
 - A) Kris Johnson to attend the Municipal Clerks Institute May 6-10, 2019 in St. Cloud, MN cost of \$1,311.92
 - B) Krystina Nickila to attend the ICC upper Great Plains Region III Institute February 4-8, 2019 in Chaska, MN cost of \$1,770.36
 - C) Lisa Hanover and Tiffany Larson, VFD, to attend EMS Today Conference in National Harbor, MD February 18-23, 2019 cost of \$2,878
4. Approve the Excluded Bingo application for Virginia Band Boosters, Inc. to conduct a bingo on January 20, 2019 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to Adopt Resolution 19027 designating depositories for 2019. Resolution adopted unanimously.

The Council discussed designating city paper. The Hometown Focus only had one publication a week. The City does utilize the Hometown Focus but one needs to be designated as the official paper.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt Resolution 19028

Designating the Mesabi Daily News as the Official Newspaper for the City of Virginia for 2019. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 19029 approving the suggested modifications to Joint Powers Agreement for the NE Emergency Communications Board. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Baribeau to appoint Police Chief Mattson to the Regional Advisory Committee and Deputy Chief Nickila as the alternate for 2019. Motion Carried.

Max Gray Construction was the low bidder for Phase II of the Thunderbird Mall. It was recommended by DSGW to approve the low bid.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve Resolution 19030 approving the low bid to Max Gray Construction for Phase II of the Thunderbird Mall Project in the amount of 403,800. Resolution adopted unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 19031 approving the quote from Abate Tek for asbestos removal of two homes in the amount of \$2,500. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 19032 for Change Order No. 5 from Mesabi Bituminous increasing the contract for the Waschke Project by \$7,215. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to adopt Resolution 19033 for the Final Pay Request No. 7 from Mesabi Bituminous in the amount of \$17,215 for the Waschke Project. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 19034 for the Final Pay Estimate from Lenci Enterprises for 118 Chestnut Street in the amount of \$48,000. Resolution adopted unanimously.

The Councillor requested a complete expense report on 118 Chestnut Street.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Baribeau to receive the Fire Department Shared Services Study with Mt. Iron. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to refer the information received from the MN DNR regarding goose management to the Parks & Recreation Commission for review. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the Wastewater Treatment Agreement with Joy Global Surface Mining, Inc. for five years beginning January 1, 2019. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Biondich to allow the Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability to use two city owned golf carts for Earth Fest on Saturday April 13, 2019. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve one day of administrative training for City Staff and to close City hall and the Library on January 24, 2019. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve updating the City Purchasing Policy by adding the Park & Recreation Director to the Level One category for purchases of up to \$2,500. Motion Carried.

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Biondich to change the time of the regular council meetings held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. beginning on January 22, 2019. Motion Carried.

Councillor Johnson stated there will be a walk on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 21st meeting at noon at City hall and walking to the Virginia High School for a program.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. spoke of the late Tom Rukavina and what a tremendous loss it will be for the whole Iron Range and gave condolences to the family.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. to Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers