

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, January 22, 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 Johnson, Paulsen, Friedlieb, Baranzelli, Biondich, Mayor Cuffe Jr. (6)

Absent: Councillor Baribeau (1)

Mayor Cuffe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. read the Proclamation for the Friends of the Library

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the consent agenda as follows pulling two training requests, one for the Fire Department and one for Administration for verification of costs and budgetary information and clarification on the schedule of bills.

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held January 8, 2019
2. Approve the following travel requests:
Fire Department:
 - A) Approve Chris Clark to attend the MN State Fire Marshals Conference, April 15-17, 2019 in Eagan MN cost of \$544.00
 - B) Approve Chris Clark to attend the MNIAAI Conference March 26-29, 2019 at St Cloud, MN cost of \$809.00Administration:
 - A) Approve Britt See-Benes and Pamela LaBine to attend the MCFOA Annual Conference March 19-22, 2019 at St. Cloud MN, cost of \$1,027.76 each
3. Approve the Exempt Permit for Range Metal health Center to conduct a raffle on May 16, 2019 at Olcott Park
4. Approve the Temporary Liquor application for the Friends of the Greenhouse for the Taste of the City Brewfest on March 2, 2019 at the Miner's Memorial Building

Councillor Friedlieb questioned the travel request for the Fire Department to attend the Coalition of Greater MN Cities and if the cost was for both or one attendee. It was noted that it is \$290 for both to attend. Clarification for the LMC Legislative Action Day travel request and the cost is in the 2019 budget.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Paulsen to approve the travel request for Mr.

Allen Lewis and Mr. Scott Fredrickson to attend the Coalition of Greater MN Cities, January 29-30, 2019 at St. Paul, MN cost of \$290 for both to attend. Motion carried.

Councillor Paulsen requested pulling the Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 19-002 for the Schedule of Bills for discussion on the invoices regarding IT work. It was noted that an email was sent regarding the detail on the invoices that were being paid.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 19-002 for the Schedule of Bills. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Paulson to approve various department Administration to attend the LMC Legislative Action Day on February 20-21, 2019 at St. Paul, MN approximate cost of \$484.51 each. Motion Carried.

APPEARANCES

Mr. Noel Schmidt, Superintendent and Mr. Murray Anderson, school board member both with Independent School District #706 were present to give an update on the school relocation and highlighted the results of the survey that was conducted. There is state funding available for these types of projects and there would also be a tax increase to the residents. There will be a vote at the school board level. If the boards don't approve there isn't a need to continue with the . If yes, then the community will be able to vote on the project with options. The school board will vote at the end of February. If approved it was requested for the City to pass a resolution in support of the proposed project. Everything will remain intact as far as the College in Schools and the PSEO offerings and the academy model will add more offerings for the students. There is more information on the school website as well as the school Face Book page.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Biondich to adopt Resolution 19035 to hire Ms. Lacey Slayden as a Single Role Paramedic to the Virginia Fire/Ambulance Department on for after February 1, 2019. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to appoint Mr. Jacob Littler to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a three-year (3) term ending February 1, 2022. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to re-appoint Jeffrey Marwick and Bruce Johnson to the Public Utilities Commission for a three-year (3) term ending February 1, 2022. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Biondich to re-appoint Hannah Sipola to the Library Commission for a three-year (3) term ending February 1, 2022. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Biondich, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to re-appoint Rocci Lucarelli to the Advisory Hospital Commission for a three-year (3) term ending February 1, 2022. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting held on January 15, 2019

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve advertising seeking quotes for the ATV Trail Connection Project. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve SEH to proceed to work with St. Louis County 2019 9th Avenue West Reconditioning Project. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Biondich to approve the purchase of additional body cameras, redaction software and a new computer for the Police Department in the amount of \$25,145. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the \$500 Sponsorship for Iron Range Youth in Action for the Young Leaders Convention on February 11, 2019. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to approve the Fire Department Annual Recognition Banquet at the Virginia Elks Club at a cost of \$30.00 per Employee. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to approve the recommendation to increase the cable fees at Washington Manor by \$10 per month per unit to accommodate the potential future cable increases in lieu of raising rent. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to submit the resident request for a driveway extension to Planning and Zoning for determination. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Paulsen to appoint Councillor Biondich to the VEEDA board for a four-year term. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Johnson to rescind the Resolution 18155 designating the Royal bank of Canada as one of the City investment firms for 2018. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 19036 designating Northland Securities as the cities investment firm for 2019. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to invite Superintendent Dr. Noel Schmidt to the next council meeting to update on the proposed school relocation. Motion Carried.

Personnel Meeting held on January 22, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Biondich to appoint Luke Olson to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a three-year (3) term ending February 1, 2022. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to appoint Mike Mohar to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a three-year (3) term ending February 1, 2022. Motion Carried.

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Councillor Johnson gave an update on the Peace and Unity March that was held on January 21, 2019. There were 200 people that marched and 300 attended the program held at the Virginia High School and presentation of the proclamation.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. reminded the public that City Hall and the Library will be closed on Thursday, January 24, 2019 for a full day of employee training.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m. to Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.