

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, January 28, 2020

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia, Minnesota, was called to order by Mayor Cuffe, Jr. at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Absent: None

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Biondich to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held January 14, 2020 and the Public Hearing January 14, 2020
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 20-002 Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve the following Travel Requests:
 - (A) Police Department:
 1. Henry Trunk, Police Department to attend the Advanced Search & Seizure March 10-12, 2020 in Anoka MN cost of \$690.00
 2. Nicole Mattson to attend the MN Chief's of Police Conference April 19-22, 2020 in St. Paul MN cost of \$872,00
 3. Katherine Kral to attend the Crisis Intervention Team Training March 5-6, 2020 in Duluth MN cost of \$338.63
 - (B) Council and Administration:
 1. Legislative Action Day 2020 in St. Paul, MN March 11, 2020 cost \$70 per person \$150 for hotel, plus mileage
 2. Kris Marafioti and Britt See-Benes to attend the MN Clerks & Finance Officers 2020 Annual Conference on March 17-19, 2020 in St. Cloud MN at a total cost of \$1,556.68.
4. Approve the Temporary Liquor license for the Lyric Center on February 14, 2020

Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb adopt Resolution 20034 approving the issuance of health care facilities refunding revenue bonds by the Duluth Economic Development Authority to refinance a project located in the city. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt Resolution 20035 for change Order #4 with Casper Construction for the Midway Drive Project no change in project costs. Resolution adopted

unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve Pay Estimate #5 for the Midway Drive Project to Casper Construction in the amount of \$139,179.56 Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Paulsen to appoint Tom Bartovich to the Virginia Economic Development Authority for a six (6) year term beginning January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2025. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to appoint Police Chief Nicole Mattson to the NE MN Emergency Communications Board, RAC, for 2020 and Deputy Chief Chad Nickila as the alternate. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to appoint Fire Chief Allen Lewis to the NE MN Emergency Communications Board, ECB, for 2020 and Deputy Fire Chief Scott Fredrickson as the alternate. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the purchase of media equipment for cable broadcasting in the amount of \$22,333.00 Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Johnson to amend Resolution 20030 to add Municipal Advisors Northland Securities and Baker Tilly. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Johnson to approve submission of the Pay Equity Report for 2020. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting held January 21, 2020

Directed city staff to form a task force to continue discussion with CRD and the Economic Development Contract and review at the next Committee of the Whole meeting, Councillor Paulsen and Councillor Johnson agreed to be on the task force.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to approve an addendum to the contract with Community Resource Development and to allow payment of 10% of each project not to exceed \$50,000. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Johnson to approve the Washington Manor budget with a 1.5% increase in the rental rate at Washington Manor for 2020. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Johnson to allow Dana Hiltunen, HRA Executive Direct to proceed with quotes for resetting of the windows at Washington Manor. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to allow the City Attorney to review the contact with LIVEBARN and present to Council with recommendation.

Aye: Councillor Friedlieb, Johnson, Baranzelli, Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (4)

Nay: Councillor Paulsen, Biondich, Baribeau (3)

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the amendment to the Lease Agreement with Virginia Youth Hockey Association. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the affidavit concerning Real Property Contaminated with Hazardous Substances for former Griener Troy Lot (525 1st Street South). Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to approve the Resolution 20037 authorizing the hiring of Riley MacLean as a Patrol Officer. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Biondich, supported by Councillor Baribeau to send a letter in response to St. Louis County regarding the increase in tipping fees. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Biondich to adopt 20038 Change Order #3 to decrease the Olcott Park Fountain Restoration Phase 2 (\$5,000.00). Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Biondich to adopt Resolution 20039 to approve the Final Pay Estimate #6 for the Olcott Park Fountain Phase 2 to Gardner Builders in the amount of \$53,620.47 Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to appoint Councillor Paulsen as the liaison to VEEDA Committee. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Biondich to adopt the Resolution 20039

authorizing a Special Assessment against the property located at 815 13th Street North for Blight Remediation. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to allow the City Attorney to list the deficiencies in the current proposal with Essentia and present to Council for review. Motion Carried.

The Council respectfully decline the offer for acquisition of the Coca Cola Bottling property.

Personnel Committee Meeting held January 22, 2020

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Baribeau to appoint Carly Gobats and re-appoint Allan Bier to the Parks and Recreation Commission each for a three (3) year term beginning February 1, 2020 and ending February 1, 2023. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to appoint Thomas Teasck and James Makowsky to the Public Utilities Commission each for a three (3) year term beginning February 1, 2020 and ending February 1, 2023. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Biondich to re-appoint Arlene Jershe and appoint Jan Pepelnjack to the Library Commission each for a three (3) year term beginning February 1, 2020 and ending February 1, 2023. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to re-appoint Mary McReynolds and Roger Hoffman to the Planning and Zoning Commission each for a three (3) year term beginning February 1, 2020 and ending February 1, 2023. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held on the purpose of the Hospital Advisory Commission and to recommend to the Charter Commission to consider abolishment of the Commission.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Johnson to re-appoint Nancy Rosewall to the Hospital Advisory Commission each for a three (3) year term beginning February 1, 2020 and ending February 1, 2023. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the application for the HEIDA grant thru St. Louis County in the amount of \$90,000 and be the Fiscal Agent for the grant. Motion

Carried.

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Councillor Johnson gave an update on the Martin Luther King March that was held on January 20, 2020. Approximately 200 people were present. Councillor Friedlieb gave a presentation and Mayor Cuffe, Jr. read a proclamation.

Councillor Biondich gave an update on the Library Commission meeting. It was noted the elevator was installed and should be assessable soon.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. attended the Friends of the Library annual meeting and noted that it was very informative.

City Clerk Pamela LaBine informed the public that absentee voting has begun for the Presidential Primary until March 3, 2020 and if anyone would like to vote absentee they can request an application or come to City Hall Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Terry Hartika updated the Council on the request for the additional equipment that will be purchased. For the General Public watching he noted that with the current cameras there is a longer lag time in the live council meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m. to Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

Larry Cuffe, Jr. Mayor

Pamela LaBine, City Clerk