

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, February 11, 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 Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Biondich to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held January 28, 2020 and the Special Meeting held on February 4, 2020
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 20-003 Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve the Following Travel Requests:
 - (A) Police Department:
 1. Chad Nickila, Police Department to attend the Advanced Pistol/Rifle Instructor Course March 16-19, 2020 in Alexandria MN cost of \$701.19
 - (B) Council and Administration:
 1. LMC Legislative Conference 2020 in St. Paul, MN March 18-19, 2020 cost \$109 per person \$170 for hotel, plus mileage
 - (C) Fire Department:
 1. Dustin Erickson & Zach Yurczyk to attend the National Firefighter Cancer Symposium February 26-29, 2020 in Miami FL cost of \$1,850.00 each
 2. Erik Jonassen to attend the FDIC Conference April 19-25, 2020 in Indianapolis IN cost of \$476.00
4. Approve the Exempt Permit for Range Mental Health to conduct a raffle at Olcott Park on May 14, 2020
5. Approve the Temporary Liquor License for Friends of the Greenhouse event on March 21, 2020

Motion Carried

APPEARANCES

Mr. Erik Wedge, DSGW, presented a recommendation for acquiring a B-3 Commissioning Agent for the Miners Event and Convention Center Project. An agent is required by DEED for the Minnesota state funding and to oversee the MECC project. It was recommended to approve EAPC at a cost of \$49,500. EAPC has also included an envelope fee in their bid of \$12,000.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve EAPC as the B-3 Commissioning Agent for the MECC at a cost of \$49,500 and the envelope fee of \$12,000. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Paulsen to change the time of the Council meeting on February 25, 2020 to begin at 4:30 p.m. due to Caucus being held. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 20041 for the final payment to St. Louis County for the 9th Avenue West Reconditioning project in the amount of \$297,622.54. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Biondich to adopt Resolution 20042 to hire Brooke Dahl for the part-time Library Clerk position. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Information was presented from the Planning & Zoning meeting held on February 3, 2020. The proposed chicken ordinance was recommended to be forwarded to the Council for consideration. The attorney will review the ordinance and it will be discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting on February 18, 2020.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street & Alley Committee Meeting held February 3, 2020

Councillor Baribeau reviewed the meeting information for the Council.

Committee of the Whole Meeting held February 4, 2020

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Johnson to deny approval of the LIVEBARN contract per the recommendation of the city attorney. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Johnson to approve the Letter of Understanding for the Public Works Administrative Assistant to pay the wage stipend of \$110.00 per week. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the scope of work from Flaherty Hood for the Northern Heights Environmental Project in the amount not to exceed \$15,000. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to allow the City Attorney and City Administrator and relevant staff to negotiate a contract with Essentia relative that was discussed in closed session. Motion Carried.

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. noted that Britt See-Benes is recuperating from her surgery and will be in contact with staff remotely.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. informed the Council of the Chamber Dinner to be held on February 28, 2020.

Councillor Baranzelli noted that all voting will be taking place at the Miner's Memorial building for all elections held in 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m. to Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

Larry Cuffe, Jr. Mayor

Pamela LaBine, City Clerk