

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, February 25, 2020

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia, Minnesota, was called to order by Mayor Cuffe, Jr. at 4:30 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.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Greg Sandous introduced himself. He is a representative from Frandsen Bank and has submitted information regarding the investments of the bond proceeds for the Miner's Event and Convention Center.

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held February 11, 2020 and the Special Meeting held February 21, 2020
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 20-004 Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve the Excluded Bingo application for Roosevelt Elementary PTSA to conduct a bingo on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at the Miners Memorial Building
4. Approve the following travel requests:
 1. Mel Claviter and Mike Twaddle, Public Works Department to attend the Collection System Operators Conference March 23-25, 2020 in Brooklyn Park MN total cost of \$1,381.04
 2. Patrol Officer Noah Buhr, to attend the Street Smart Cop training August 17-18, 2020 in Minneapolis cost of \$513.00
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Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The council was presented with three proposals for the investment of the bond proceeds for the Miners Event and Convention Center. The three proposals were submitted from Bakertilly Municipal Advisors, The 4M Fund and Frandsen Bank. Finance Director Erickson recommended to approve the account be set up with the 4M Fund. There are no fees required with the investment and it was agreed to spread the wealth over the investment companies. We have relationships with all three of the advisors. The 4M fund is with the League of

MN Cities, the City currently banks with Frandsen and have also used Bakertilly Advisors in numerous transactions. Mr. Sandous noted that the proposal from Frandsen does matches the 4M fund proposal. Mr. Paul Steinman gave an update on the proposals and the no fee proposals is always beneficial for the City.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the recommendation from City staff to us the 4M fund for the investment company through the League of Minnesota Cities.

Motion for the bond proceeds from the Miner's Event and Convention Center. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting held on February 18, 2020

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the VAHA Lease Agreement for one year commencing March 8, 2020 contingent upon verification of the background checks are executed by VAHA. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 20043 to Purchase Parcel ID# 90-0135-0030 from Gethsemane Lutheran Church Located at 901 4th Street South in the amount of \$39,500.00. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the proposed job description and the newly created position for the Community Relation Officer and allow to post internally. Motion Carried.

Councillor Friedlieb discussed the job description proposed and Councillor Paulsen question if it should be posted internally. City Administrator See-Benes was contacted during the meeting and it was recommended that it be posted internally to follow the hiring policy and to be transparent in the process. Councillor Paulsen would prefer the recommendation from the Police Chief as the administrator wasn't in attendance at any of the meetings during this discussion.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Johnson to approve the Opioid Abuse Project Coordinator Position and job description and to post internally.
Aye-Councillor Friedlieb, Johnson, Biondich, Baranzelli, Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (5)
Nay-Councillor Baribeau, Paulsen (2)
Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with LELS for Special Assignments wage of a 4% increase over the base pay for the position of Community Relations Officer Position. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Kaylee Fallos for the Dual Role FF/Paramedic IAFF Local 390. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the purchase of the KSB Mixer from Quality Flow Systems in the amount of \$12,759.00 and to replace the belt for \$2,244.39 as recommended by People Service for normal maintenance at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and to purchase the belt immediately. Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Biondich to direct the City attorney to present the counter offer to Essentia Health consistent with the discussion held in closed session. Motion Carried.

Councillor Johnson noted that he would like to continue the discussion at Committee level on the proposed Chicken Ordinance that was recommended from Planning and Zoning. He noted that it is preferred to vote yes or no on an ordinance rather than just not discuss it.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Baribeau to deny approval of the proposed Chicken Ordinance that was presented to the City Council by the Planning & Zoning Commission.
Aye: Councillor Baribeau, Friedlieb, Paulsen, Baranzelli, Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (5)
Nay: Councillor Biondich, Johnson (2)
Motion Carried.

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Councillor Baribeau gave an update on the VPUC meeting that was held on February 24, 2020. The President is Jeff Marwick, Vice President Bruce Johnson and Secretary Jim Makowsky. The meeting time will be at 3:30 p.m. No injuries were reported in December. Two new boilers will be installed once the conversion is complete. Cost of the boilers is \$180,000. There was a few more water breaks but nothing severe.

City Clerk Pamela LaBine noted that the Clerk's office will be open for Absentee Voting on Saturday, February 29, 2020 and the polls will be open on Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and all precincts will vote at the Miner's Memorial Building

The Mayor noted that he has a conference call with the DNR on the Essar Steel project Friday February 28, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

The state of the city report is complete and the Mayor will send to the council for review and will then address to the city through all sources.

Councillor Johnson gave an update on the spaghetti feed that was held for the Public Safety Building.

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m. to Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

Larry Cuffe, Jr. Mayor

Pamela LaBine, City Clerk