

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, March 12, 2019

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

Absent: None

Mayor Cuffe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held February 26, 2019
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 19-005 Schedule of Bills
3. Approve the following travel requests:
 - A) Adam Hockman, Police Department, to attend the Meeting the Challenge Training on April 2-4, 2019 in Cloquet, MN cost of \$48.60
 - B) Nick Grivna, Police Department, to attend the Police K9 as a use of Force Training on May 14, 2019 in Edina, MN at a cost of \$125.00
 - C) Nick Grivna, Police Department to attend the Street-Smart Cop Patrol Tactics Training on August 28-29, 2019 in Duluth, MN at a cost of \$199.00
 - D) Rebecca LeMenager, Library, to attend the Horizon Acquisitions Training March 14, 2019 in Cloquet, MN cost \$75.40
 - E) Adam Metsa, Fire Department, to attend the NTOA-TEMS (National Officers Association, tactical Emergency Medical Support Training on April 14-17, 2019 in Andover, MN at a cost of \$509.96
4. Approve the Transient Merchant license for Donna Walls D/B/A Barb's Fried Bread

Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 19045 to make application to and accept funds from the IRRRB Residential Redevelopment Grant Program for the property demolition of 306 3rd Avenue South. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 19046 to make application to and accept funds from the IRRRB Residential Redevelopment Grant Program for the property demolition of 508 12th Street South and 232 5th Street South. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Johnson to approve the appeal hearing for Mr. Brian Jenson at 714 2nd Street South regarding violations of Chapter 17 Virginia Property Maintenance and Preservation Code and to approve an extension to the end of June 2019 on the required work required in the violations. Motion Carried.

A grant for the library was received in the amount of \$93,000 for ADA compliant upgrades. The grant will be used to purchase an alarm system and will have visual, audio and a PA system for notifications in case of emergencies.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 19047 authorizing the purchase of a new Audio Evacuation Addressable Fire Alarm System for the Library from Endresen Sound Company Inc. in the amount of \$54,322.25. Resolution adopted unanimously.

The current streetlight policy discusses the current lamps in the city and doesn't include the decorative lighting option. This change will reflect that option to be added in the policy.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 19048 amending the Construction & Maintenance of City Streetlights Policy for the City of Virginia. Resolution adopted unanimously.

The vacant lot at 418 Chestnut Street will be the location of the pass thru park with a Mining /Logging scene. The design is on the city website for viewing. www.viginiamn.us

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Biondich to adopt Resolution 19049 authorizing the City of Virginia to make application to and accept funds from the Downtown Streetscapes Program for the 418 Chestnut Pass Through Park. Resolution adopted unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting held March 5, 2019

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to authorize sending a letter of support for the YMCA Teen Center Development grant funding application with a building location to be determined at

a later date. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Biondich to approve the application for Exempt Permit for the Virginia Rotary Club Raffle to be held at the Kline Cuppoletti Park Facility on June 12, 2019.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 19050 approving the purchase of a 2019 Ford F550 4x4 Super Duty Chassis ambulance with liquid spring suspension from Premier Specialty Vehicles Inc. in the amount of \$260,014.00. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt Resolution 19051 approving the extension of the Lease Agreement with Northern Divide Bar and Eatery for a three year term with the fee remaining the same as the previous contract. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 19052 approving the agreement for Professional Services with S.E.H. for the 9th Avenue West Reconditioning Project in the amount of \$25,600. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to authorize sending a letter of support for Senate File 807 and House File 376 for expansion of Broadband Services to NE Minnesota. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve sending a letter of support for the St. Louis County Public Health & Human Services Department Suicide Prevention Grant Application. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Biondich to adopt Resolution 19053 approving the reassignment of Single Role Paramedic Patrick Fitzsimmons to a Dual Role Firefighter/Paramedic Position. Resolution adopted unanimously.

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. gave an update on the legislature session and the status of the sales tax. It is moving forward in the tax bill and we will know if it gets approved by the end of May.

The 5.4 million funding gap has moved out of committee to the transportation level. Also in the same bill is the naming of the bridge.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. and Allen Lewis testified before the legislature on behalf of the Public Safety Facility. Several residents emailed Governor Walz in support of the facility. The bill has been signed on to the House and the Senate. The document was well received, but there was some resistance on the facility itself. Several area Mayors did adopt Resolutions in support of the public safety facility.

Also in the legislature is a bill that would waive the sales tax on the purchase of items used in the construction of public safety buildings.

The Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness month was read by Mayor Cuffe, Jr.

Mr. Dante S. Tini was missing in action during the bombing at Pearl Harbor. His remains were recently identified and there will be a ceremony honoring him on May 25th 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m. to Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.in the Council Chambers.

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

Larry Cuffe, Jr. Mayor

Pamela LaBine, City Clerk