

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, March 13, 2018

The regular meeting of the City Council in 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: Councillor Paulsen, Johnson, Jorgensen, Baranzelli, Baribeau
Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (6)

Absent: None

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Johnson to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held February 27, 2018
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 18-005 Schedule of Bills
3. Approve the excluded bingo application for Roosevelt Elementary PTA to conduct a bingo on March 27, 2018 at the Miners Memorial Building.

Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Land of the Loon Festival – June 16 & 17, 2018:

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 18051 approving the use of Olcott Park June 16-17, 2018 for the Land of the Loon Ethnic Arts and Crafts Festival. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the parade permit for Saturday, June 16, 2018 for the annual Land of the Loon Parade. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Paulsen to allow D.A.R.E. to use the land located on the 600-700 blocks of 4th Street North, for public parking during the Land of the Loon Festival on

June 16-17, 2018. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Johnson to approve the request from Carly Gobats, The “Shop” Coffeehouse/218 Taphouse to block off the portion of Third Avenue the evenings of May 24, June 14, July 12, August 2, 23, and September 15, 2018, from 3:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for a musical event and to allow Artisan Vendor Tables on the sidewalk and allow the “Shop” to sell food on the sidewalk outside in the barricaded area. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 18045 authorizing the City of Virginia to accept funds from the State of Minnesota Fire Marshal Office for the joint Shared Services Program with the City of Mt. Iron. Resolution adopted unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole held on March 6, 2018:

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt Resolution 18046 for the issuance of Health Care Facility Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds by the Housing and Redevelopment Authority. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to adopt Resolution 18047 to hire Mr. Nathan Schuchard as a Mechanic for Public Works Department. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Johnson to approve the purchase of various equipment for the Golf Course: Salimander Range, Grill/Oven, prep table, ten burner range, char broiler, outside grill cooler at approximately \$15,255. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Johnson to approve the quote from Community Partners Research for the Comprehensive City Housing Study to analyze all housing in the City of Virginia total cost of \$18,500 to be shared with IRRRB. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Johnson to authorize City staff to work with Mr. Jobe on implementing the needs for the Meet Up and Chow Down Recharged Program and to allow them use of City property, Olcott Park and the Cline Cuppoletti building, to conduct the program. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve placing the payment of \$658,134.49 that was received from the VEEDA Loan repayment to an assigned Economic Development account within the General Fund. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve the VEDA Business Renovation Loan Guidelines with the recommended changes. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Paulsen to approve submitting an application for business development financing to the IRRRB on behalf of EDA with the request to be \$1 million to be used for various projects within the City. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve to extend the first right of refusal for SBB, Inc. for Parcel ID #090-0180-00308 located on Fourth Street North for an additional six months. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Johnson to incorporate the City survey for the Miners Complex with the ISD 706 survey that will be conducted by School Perceptions with an approximate cost of \$8,000. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to set the Board of Equalization Meeting for May 9, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 18048 approving the Encompass Professional Services Proposal for review of the drawings and specs for the Essentia Clinic Building at a cost of \$8,400. Resolution adopted unanimously

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 18049 approving the quote from NTS for the Geotechnical Evaluation for 2nd Avenue North and 9th North Avenue in the amount of \$10,080. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Paulsen to approve changing the date for the first payment on the Golf Course Lease to be due within 40 days and all other payments due at the first of the month with Mitch and Kelsey Kerfeld who will be taking over the lease of the Golf Course Restaurant.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 18050 to approve the wage adjustment and proposal for non-union employees as presented to the Committee for the period of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020. Resolution adopted unanimously.

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Councillor Johnson reminded all about the Green Envy event to be held at the Greenhouse Saturday, March 17, 2018 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Stew will be provided. The City will be having a booth in the North room of the Miner's Complex with information on the organizations within the City during the Home Sport and Travel show on March 22-25, 2018.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. noted that the City is moving forward and many factors have brought the City to this point over the last few years. Many citizens have stepped up to volunteer in the City. There are many exciting Economic Development projects taking place in the City too.

Councillor Jorgensen, gave an update on the Olcott Park Fountain, \$525,000 of private donations have been received. The Fountain Committee is setting priorities on the base bid for the fountain. There should be enough money to complete the fountain and the viewing area and hope to have running this summer. Councillor Jorgensen thanked Greg Gillness and the committee for an outstanding job on the Fountain Project.

Councillor Baribeau thanked the Public Works Department for an outstanding job of cleaning out the snow and ice in the alleys.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. discussed the blue bag program and noted that there will be some changes made in the future.

Several meetings are being held by the League of MN Cities with area legislatures regarding upcoming projects and to discuss the bonding bill. The Mayor will be meeting with the cities lobbyist, Ron Jerich, to discuss the Miner's project and funding for street repairs and the \$5.4 million shortfall for the Hwy 53 project. They will also discuss securing funding for the Public Safety building.

The meeting was adjourned 7:05 p.m. to Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.