

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, MARCH 24, 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.

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Fire Chief Allen Lewis addressed the Council to give an update of the current COVID-19 preparations in the area. Chief Lewis is in daily contact with County, State and Federal authorities with education correspondence. He thanks his staff for prepping in the weeks early obtaining additional personal protective equipment. Moving forward it will be challenging to receive this additional PPE.

Mayor Cuffe Jr. announced that the City does have an Emergency Operation Plan. Chief Lewis has been appointed as the Emergency Manager and the Assistant Fire Chief has been appointed as the Assistant Emergency Manager. He also announced the National Guard has been called in by the Governor to help deliver PPE to all the municipalities. These distributions are based on the number of calls the area averages per year.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 5.1 Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held March 10, 2020 and Minutes of the Special Meeting March 31, 2020.
- 5.2 Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 20-006 Schedule of Bills.
- 5.3 Approve the Following Travel Requests:
 - (1.) Police Department:
 - A. Riley Maclean to attend the EVOC Training, June 23-24, 2020 in St. Cloud MN, cost of \$607
 - B. Nick Grivna to attend the K9 Narcotic Training, March 19-20, 2020 in Anoka MN, no cost (This will be rescheduled to a later date)
 - C. Allen Lewis to attend the Executive Leadership Symposium, April 16-19 in Emmitsburg, MA, no cost (This training was cancelled until further notice)

Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 20048 for the transfer of City property to Twin Cities Hospitality, LLC (2nd reading). Resolution adopted unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb supported by Councillor Biondich to adopt Resolution No. 20049 declaring a local emergency effective immediately. Resolution adopted unanimously. This will invoke the city's disaster plan and authorize other appropriate community containment and mitigation strategies.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting held March 17, 2020

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to authorize city staff to work with Jenna Bellanger and Essentia Health in provide the Essentia Health Quit Challenge to City of Virginia employees as time allows. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Biondich to Adopt Resolution No.20050 Ordering a Negative Declaration on the need for an Environmental Impact Statement for the City of Virginia Environmental Assessment Worksheet. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Biondich, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to move both the Design Study Service Agreement and the Professional Services Contract with NEO Partners, LLC for broadband feasibility study to the March 31, 2020. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 20051 to purchase a 1999 International dump truck in the amount of \$18,000 for the Public Works Department. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to move the discussion of an increase to the garbage rates, and determine the increase after review of the specific garbage expenses at the next Committee of the Whole meeting April 7, 2020. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve Pay Estimate No. 4 to Mesabi Bituminous for the 12th Avenue Improvements in the amount of \$108,743.94. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve revising 2019 Resolution No. 19182 by removing Bourgin Road and adding Pine Mill Court to the revised 2021-2023 Street Project list as recommended by staff. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to authorize staff to proceed with the feasibility study and public hearing process for the 2021-2023 Street Project. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the Dream Machines 2020 Fuzzy Dice Cruise Night and Car Show on Friday and Saturday, August 14-15, 2020. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt Resolution No. 20052 authorizing the City of Virginia to make application to and accept funds from the IRRRB Residential Development Grant Program for 117 11th Street South (090-0060-00550). Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Biondich to adopt Resolution No. 20053 authorizing the City of Virginia to make application to and accept funds from the IRRRB Residential Development Grant Program for 230 2nd Street South (090-0010-11800). Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to Adopt Resolution No. 20054 authorizing the City of Virginia to make application to and accept funds from the IRRRB Residential Development Grant Program for 504 4th Street South (090-0010-15450). Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution No. 20055 authorizing the City of Virginia to make application to and accept funds from the IRRRB Residential Development Grant Program for 506 4th Street South (090-0010-15340). Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt Resolution No. 20056 authorizing the City of Virginia to make application to and accept funds from the IRRRB Commercial Redevelopment Grant Program for the property located at Ewens Field. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the recommendations of the Review Committee to approve the changes to the Accounting Clerk III, Lead Mechanic, Heavy Equipment

Operator, Library Maintenance/Clerk, Library Clerk/Media, Library Clerk, Park & Rec Positions and Building Maintenance/repair positions. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the Letter of Understanding with AFSCME for Lead Mechanic. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution No. 20057 to hire Mr. Andrew Carlson as a Single Role EMT. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt Resolution No. 20058 for the Police Department's request for a lateral transfer for Patrol Officer John Hodgkins. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Entitlement Transfer Agreement that will authorize transferring the 2020 Entitlement to the City of Tower as repayment from Entitlements borrowed. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the recommended language changes to the current Investment Policy. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to Direct City staff and the City Attorney to continue follow up communications with Essentia Health in reference to City of Virginia hospital negotiations. Motion Carried.

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

The Council will be holding future meetings either by phone or electronically moving forward until further notice.

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m. to Tuesday March 31, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

Larry Cuffe, Jr. Mayor

Kris Marafioti, Administrative Assistant