

# VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

**CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, March 27, 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 Baribeau to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held March 13, 2018
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 18-006 Schedule of Bills.
3. Travel Requests
  - a. Jeff Cielocha and Thomas Hegge VFD, to attend the Creating Environments for Professionals Conference in St Paul, MN April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at a cost of \$370.00
  - b. Dustin Erickson and Thomas Hegge, VFD to attend the Perspectives in Thinking Conference in St. Paul April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at a cost of \$370.00
4. Approve exempt permit for Holy Spirit Church to conduct a raffle on May 5, 2018
5. Approve a temporary liquor license for Holy Spirit Church on May 5, 2018.

Motion Carried

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 18052 to fill a vacant City Council seat to appoint Gary Friedlieb to fill the position for the remainder of the unexpired term expiring December 31, 2018. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve submittal of FY18 IRRRB Community Infrastructure Grant for widening and maintenance for 10<sup>th</sup> Street South Improvements.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Johnson to submit an application to the IRRRB Community Infrastructure Grant for FY18 for Midway Drive Improvements, widening and reconstruction of Cuyuna Drive, Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 18053 to approve the 2017 Year End Transfers. Resolution adopted unanimously.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting held on March 20, 2018

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 18054 approving the Lease Purchase of a 2018 Elgin Pelican NP Street Sweeper with Merchants Bank Equipment Finance for five years and annual payments of \$38,791.02 for the Public Works Department. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 18055 approving the purchase and replacement of ten (10) 2018 E-Z-GO TXT Golf Car 13HP Kawasaki Gas Powered Engine from Versatile Vehicles Inc. at a cost of \$4,495 each. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to allow the City Administrator to proceed with the development agreement with Twin Cities Hospitality, LLC for the purchase of City parcels, 090-0010-05050 and 090-0010-05040. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Baribeau to table the request for waiver of assessments from the property owner at 216 7th Street South until more information is received. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to adopt Resolution 18056 to approve submission of the grant application and accepting funds from the Culture and Tourism Grant Program for the Pass Through Park at 418 Chestnut Street from the IRRRB. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt Resolution 18057 to

approve the decreasing change order #4 for the Waschke Site Project in the amount of \$9,036.00. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 18058 to approve Pay Request #6 to Mesabi Bituminous in the amount of \$77,533.38 for the Waschke Project. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the Striping Cooperative Agreement with St. Louis County for 2018 not to exceed \$5,000.

Ayes: Councillor Jorgensen, Baranzelli, Baribeau, Paulsen, Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (5)

Nays: Councillor Johnson (1)

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the St. Louis County Classification of Tax Forfeited Parcels within the City of Virginia on the list presented to the Council as non-conservation. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Johnson to request St. Louis County withhold the tax forfeited blighted properties Parcel No. 90-10-10230, 90-60-3850, 90-150-313 from the upcoming land sale. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the Cooperative Agreement with St. Louis County for the rehabilitation of 9th Avenue North from 18th Street North to Trunk Hwy 53. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 18059 calling on all local and county government units to consider the development and adaptation of a region wide "Dig Once Policy" for broadband installation. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to adopt Resolution 18060 to approve submitting an application to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for the MN GreenCorps Host Site for 2018-2019. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Johnson to approve the draft community survey

by School Perceptions, LLC. Motion Carried.

## COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Miners Memorial Complex listening sessions are scheduled for Thursday, April 5th at 6:00 p.m. and Friday, April 6th at noon to capture more public input regarding the Miners renovation. The session will be presented by Krause Anderson.

Councillor Baranzelli wished Leonard Youngman Happy Birthday, Mr. Youngman is 107 years old today.

Councillor Jorgensen gave an update on the Parks & Recreation meeting. The Commission finalized a draft tree ordinance. There were a couple changes and it will be forwarded to the City Council for review.

Councilor Baribeau attended the VPUC meeting and informed the Council of the new time of the meetings, they will be held at 4:30 p.m. instead of 3:30 p.m. the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. The VPUC discussed the MN Municipal Utilities Commission and the Excel Energy contract. There will be a 30 day comment period after May 1, 2018. The first steam conversion listening session will be held on May 3, 2018. No time has been scheduled.

MN DOT will hold a coffee and conversation on April 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. to noon at the MN DOT office in Virginia.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. read the 2018 Sexual Assault Proclamation for Awareness for the Month of April.

The City will be doing several home demolitions in Virginia throughout the summer.

The Mayor spoke with Ron Jerich regarding the \$5.4 million funding gap request. He noted that it is now included in the governors transportation bill.

A letter was received from the Virginia Study Club regarding the revitalization and suggestions to improve Chestnut Street.

Revive Virginia will be holding the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Marty Cleanup on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. or when finished.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. to Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

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Larry Cuffe, Jr., Mayor

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Pamela LaBine, City Clerk