

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, April 10, 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, Friedlieb
Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (7)

Absent: None

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. read the Proclamation for the Mesabi Humane Society.

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held March 27, 2018.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 18-007 Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve a temporary liquor license for the Lyric Center on May 23, 2018.
4. Approve exempt permit for St. Michael's Foundation to conduct a raffle on September 20, 2018.
5. Allow any Mayor, Council or City Administrator to attend the LMC Annual Conference in St. Cloud, MN on June 20-22, 2018 cost of \$620.00 each.

Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt Resolution 18061 for the "Fill the Boot Campaign" for the Virginia Fire Fighters. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Discussion was held on the AFSCME contract. Councillor Jorgensen noted that he wasn't in favor of approving the contract. The contract negotiations did go to mediation. The mediator was present last week and all parties agreed on the contract.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 18062 approving the contract with AFSCME for a three year period from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020.

Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt Resolution 18063 for the LCCMR Grant Fund Application for Baileys Lake piers and walking trail. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt Resolution 18064 hiring Ms. Jaclyn Braiedy as a Patrol Officer. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 18065 approving the sale of surplus equipment. Resolution adopted unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole held April 3, 2018

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to waive the blight assessment fees on the property located at 216 7th Street South, in the amount of \$1,369.82, contingent upon proof of investment into the property. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to allow the City Administrator to work with Bridgeview Development on the creation of north/south turn lanes on Hwy 53 and to request written documentation from MNDOT District One Engineer on the approval of the construction of the turn lanes and to seek financing potentials. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to accept the plans and specifications and authorize advertising for bids on the 2018 Road Reconditioning Project. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to allow City staff to work with the property owner and to clarify the specifications of the request for a widened curb cut at 1315 2nd Avenue South. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Johnson to approve the discontinuation of the single family residential blue bag system and request City staff present a proposal to the Council to increase the single family residential garbage rates. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to direct City staff to negotiate a

purchase price for the 27 acre parcel located at More Drive in Midway owned by a private resident and to follow the same procedures that have been used in the past for the purchase of property. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to Direct staff to move forward to explore all options available for the acquisition of the commercial property known as 090-0089-00010 located in Midway including eminent domain. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Paulsen to make a recommendation to Revive approving the Railroad Theme as a concept design for the lot at 529 Chestnut Street. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the project specific Memorandum of Understanding with AEOA Youth Build and City of Virginia to construct a platform for the City Council Chambers for the audio/video equipment at City Hall. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 18066 supporting local decision-making authority and present to the League of Minnesota Cities. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Baribeau to continue to have the City sponsored annual fireworks display on the 4th of July. Motion Carried.

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 to discuss the downtown initiative and implementing a loan program through VEDA. Councillor Jorgensen gave a presentation on suggestions for different types of loans and various interest rates and incentives. Councillor Friedlieb thanked Councillor Jorgensen on the work he did on the presentation.

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Councillor Jorgensen informed the Council that a \$25,000 donation was given to the Olcott Fountain Fund. An RFP will be forthcoming for work to be done on the Olcott Fountain.

Councillor Friedlieb attended the listening sessions regarding the Miner's Complex. He commended Councillor Baribeau on his presentation on the project as well as Kraus Anderson. The project would be very good for the City.

Councillor Baribeau noted that the surveys were mailed by the school district #706 to all residents in the City. The survey is a combined effort between the City and the School district. There will be several listening session once more information is collected regarding the sales tax, the design of the building etc.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. introduced and welcomed Mr. Gary Friedlieb, to the Council.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. noted that the sales tax will be a generic request on the House bill HF3830 and will be introduced on Wednesday, April 11, 2018. It is a request for cities to implement a sales tax without having to go to the legislature for approval. Senator Barr is presenting the bill and it will have a line item stating that any sales tax collected by a city will be deducted from the cities LGA.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m. to Tuesday, April 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.in the Council Chambers.

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

Larry Cuffe, Jr. Mayor

Pamela LaBine, City Clerk