

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, April 23, 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, Baranzelli, Biondich, Baribeau, Mayor Cuffe Jr. (6)

Absent: Councillor Friedlieb (1)

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance

Fire Chief Allen Lewis presented the fire fighters that have been promoted within the unit over the last year. Chief Lewis gave a synopsis of each person's position. The following fire fighters have been awarded promotions:

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| 1. Scott Frederickson, Deputy Fire Chief | 7. Frank Roark, Division chief of Training |
| 2. Joel Martinson, Battalion Chief | 8. Mikell Ruedebusch, Captain |
| 3. Robert Olivanti, Lieutenant | 9. Tiffany Larson, Lieutenant |
| 7. Lisa Hanover, Lietunant | 10. Jake Keehl, Engineer |
| 5. Dave McClellan, Engineer | 11. John Carlson, Engineer |
| 6. James Hipple, Engineer | 12. William Fischer, Engineer |

Mr. Matt Reid, SEH, gave an update on the 12th Avenue West Improvement Project. He noted the location and when the project will begin. There will be some night time work to eliminate the traffic issues during the day. There will be a mill and overlay, sidewalks, and pedestrian crosswalks as well as decorative street lighting. This is a State Aid Project that will cover the cost of the improvements.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 19064 approving the bid from Mesabi Bituminous for 12th Avenue West Improvement project in the amount of \$731,420.35 Resolution adopted unanimously.

Mr. John Neville of AMERESCO answered questions regarding the proposed City Building Energy Efficiency Improvement Plan. The project is self-funded and AMERESCO would guarantee the savings to the City. If the City doesn't not proceed with the project after the final details are proposed the fee of \$35,000 would be due to AMERESCO.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Biondich to adopt Resolution 19065 to enter into a Project Development Agreement with AMERESCO for the City Building Energy Efficiency Improvement Plan. Resolution adopted unanimously

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held April 9, 2019
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 19-008 Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve the following Travel Requests:
 - A.) Chris Clark, Fire Department to attend the Fire Scene Examination Training, June 25-27, 2019 in Duluth cost of \$355.00
 - B.) Stephanie Wichlacz, Library to attend the 3rd Annual NE MN Library Staff Serving Youth Unconference May 11, 2019 in Grand Rapids, MN cost of \$124.28.
 - C.) Jared Kral, Police Department, to attend the Computer Digital Investigations Training May 29, 2019 in Owatonna, MN cost of \$432.00
 - D.) Britt See-Benes, Pamela LaBine, Kris Johnson to attend the MCFOA Region II Training May 17, 2019 in Keewatin, MN cost of \$90.00 total

Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Biondich to adopt Resolution 19066 to Fill-The-Boot-Campaign for the Virginia Fire Department Local 390. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Bids were received for commodities for Public Works Department for year beginning May 1, 2019:

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 19067 approving the quote from Compass Minerals \$87.35/ton for Crushed rock salt. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Biondich to adopt Resolution 19068 approving the quote from Northwest Asphalt for asphaltic concrete surface maintenance services \$.68/ft. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the request from AEOA for a letter of support to apply for funding for the Senior Care Consultant Program . Motion Carried.

Finance Director Sherry Erickson gave an update for the requested transfer of funds from the City investment accounts.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 19069 approving the transfer of \$1,000,000 from the Investment Accounts held with Northland Securities to the City General

Fund. Resolution adopted unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel Committee Meeting held April 16, 2019

Moved by Councillor Biondich, supported by Councillor Paulsen to table the process to hire two Utility Workers for the Parks and Recreation Department until the next Committee of the Whole meeting on May 7, 2019.

Aye: Councillor Baribeau, Friedlieb, Paulsen, Biondich, Johnson, Baranzelli (6)

Nay-Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (1)

Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Johnson to direct the City Administrator See-Benes to proceed drafting a Non-D.O.T. Drug and Alcohol Policy. Motion Carried.

Committee of the Whole held April 16, 2019

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve submitting a non-binding letter of intent for the sale/conveyance of city owned property to ISD #706/2154 for Parcel B south of Bourgin Road for the new school facilities project. Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 19070 in support of the proposed collaborative new school facilities project between ISD #706 and ISD #2154. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to approve the quote from Northeast Technical Services for Material Testing Services for 12th Avenue West Reconditioning Project in the amount of \$6,389. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the quote from Northeast Technical Services for Material testing services for the Midway Drive Improvement Project in the amount of \$9,178. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Paulsen to adopt Resolution 19071 to make application to and accept funds from the IRRRB Residential Redevelopment Grant Program for the property

demolition of 106 3rd Street North. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the request from Dream Machines Motor Club to hold the Fuzzy Dice Cruise Night/Car Show August 16-17, 2019. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Biondich supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 19072 in support of the 148th Fighter Wing. Resolution adopted unanimously.

City Administrator See-Benes noted the following were tabled at the Committee of the Whole meeting for further information: the potential city property acquisition and the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Resolutions.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Johnson to approve submitting a letter to the MPCA on the planned amendments for Water Quality Standards. Motion Carried.

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Councillor Johnson wrote a poem for national poem week and read the poem at the council meeting. It was titled Virginia a Hard Word to Rhyme.

Councillor Baribeau gave a report from the VPUC meeting. The steam conversions completed to date are 300 with 400 more to convert. They are ahead of schedule on the project. There will be updates on the utility bills regarding the conversion. The Honda Hills site will not be coming to fruition. The cost of the project was more than anticipated. The VPUC Commission approved the revised street light policy. The RAMS meeting on April 25th will include a tour of Twin Metals.

Councillor Biondich gave an update on the Library meeting. The Library is planning an escape room for children. The May 1st book sale is in the works a bag of books is \$15.00 Care Partners is hosting a Swedish Meatball Fundraiser that will be held at Holy Spirit Church on Thursday, April 24th from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. informed the public that a Duke Skorich will be held on May 1st at Gethsemane Lutheran Church call 748-6666 to place an order.

Britt See-Benes gave an update on the beach clean-up day set by the Lake Committee. It will be held June 1st and June 2nd with a rain date of June 8th or June 9th

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. to Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

Mayor Cuffe, Jr.

Pamela LaBine, City Clerk