

**VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, April 24, 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.

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held April 10, 2018
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 18-008 Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve the 2 AM license for Martini Inc. D/B/A Tommy's Rainy Lake Saloon & Deli.

Motion Carried

**APPEARANCES**

Mr. William Morgan was present to request that the Council waive the blight assessments of \$3,107.72 on a tax forfeit property located at 211 4<sup>th</sup> South Street. Mr. Morgan would like to purchase the 37.5 foot lot to erect a 24x28 garage. A title search was done on the property and there are unpaid utility and blight assessments. Mr. Morgan noted that the VPUC did waive the utility assessments.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to waive the blight fees provided the improvements made to the property are at least \$3,107.72.

Ayes: Councillor Johnson, Friedlieb, Baranzelli, Paulsen, Baribeau

Nay: Councillor Jorgensen

Motion Carried.

Mr. Dennis Yourczek was present to discuss the blight issues and the pending fine for his property

located at 109-113 3<sup>rd</sup> Street South and presented the Council with information regarding the timeline of the situation. Attorney Butorac noted that more time would be needed to review the information that was presented. A very lengthy discussion was held on the issue. Mr. Yourczek has not complied with several violations in regards to a storage container and repair of a garage. This information will be discussed at the next COW meeting with a representative from the engineering department present to discuss the ordinance violation.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to table the blight discussion on the property located at 109-113 3<sup>rd</sup> Street South until the next COW meeting to be held on May 1, 2018. Motion Carried.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

Bids for commodities for Public Works Department for year beginning May 1, 2018:

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt Resolution 18067 approving the quote from Morton International for crushed rock salt at \$83.70/ton. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 18068 approving the quote from Northwest Asphalt Maintenance for asphaltic concrete surface maintenance services for .58/ft. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to reject the bid received for Lubricants and Fluids as the bid submitted was incomplete. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to reject the assorted nuts, washers, and bolts bid as it was submitted late and to purchase the items thru the State Bid Listing. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to reject the Ferric Chloride bid from PVS Technologies, Inc. as the current contract that is in place is good through July 2018. Motion Carried.

City Administrator See-Benes noted that the Council agreed to discontinue the blue bag garbage system

over the next few months. It was noted that the ordinance will need to be amended to reflect this change and this is the first reading of the Ordinance.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to amend Ordinance Chapter 3, section 3.20 Rules and Regulations Relating to Refuse Collection and Disposal. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Paulsen to adopt Resolution 18069 for the Contamination Cleanup Grant through DEED for 118 Chestnut Street. Resolution adopted unanimously

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt Resolution 18070 for the Contamination Cleanup Grant through DEED for 529 Chestnut Street. Resolution adopted unanimously

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole held April 17, 2018

The ISD 706 Environmental Science Class attended the committee meeting and gave a presentation on the 2018 Silver Lake Shoreline Environmental Project. The class informed the Council of the type and location of where 25 new trees will be planted.

The Iron Range Engineering students gave a presentation on the proposed designs and the cost of a potential outdoor recreation area in Midway. Some of the suggestions for the park evolved from Midway residents. The students also had several ideas for the park and stayed within the allotted budget when designing the park.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt Resolution 18071 to acquire the land from State of Minnesota Department of Transportation in the amount of \$1,000 located at the SW ¼ of the NW ¼. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the Lease Amendment with United Taconite for the former state Right-of-Way with the updated changes in the lease agreement. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt Resolution 18072 to approve the Professional Services Agreement with SEH for the consulting work and design services for the Midway

Drive improvements. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to authorize DSGW to seek a Request for Quote for the power to Olcott Fountain and a Request for Proposals for Phase II of the Fountain Restoration. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 18073 to approve change order #1 increasing the contract amount by \$650 with Commercial Aquatic Engineering, Inc. for the Olcott Park Fountain project the site lighting. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to allow City staff to work with Mr. Darin Alto to devise a plan to allow for more parking on the North side of 2<sup>nd</sup> street by the Elks building. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve moving forward with the proposed location for the new Public Safety Center located along 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to amend Ordinance Chapter 2, section 2.07 Salaries of Mayor and Council this is the first reading of the Ordinance. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the Leave Sharing Donation Policy as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve the request from Dream Machines Motor Club to hold the Fuzzy Dice Cruise Night/Car Show August 17-18, 2018. Motion Carried.

#### COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Councillor Baribeau attended the VPUC meeting and updated the Council on the steam conversion. The VPUC is using the wood and coal boilers and are generating 18 Mega Watts of power. The North Dakota municipal utility has approved the conversion which will be finalized in June. Councillor Baribeau also discussed the Steam Conversion Loan Program. There will be more information presented to the public by the VPUC on May 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Miners Memorial Building North room.

Councillor Friedlieb attended the Library Commission meeting and was introduced to the Library board. The Friends of the Library book Sale will begin on April 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be an author at the library next week and the programs are free of charge.

On April 30, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. a representative from Senator Tina Smith's office will be at the Fire Hall for a listening session regarding the challenges faced by local EMS providers.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. informed the public of the Duke Skorich BBQ to be held on May 2, 2018 at the Yosemite Lutheran Church sponsored by the Virginia Rotary Club. Call 748-6666 if you would like to order.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. updated the Council on the tax language that is moving through the legislature. The request for the sales tax is up to a 1% increase to be used for the Miners Memorial Building. If successful there will be a question on the General Election ballot in November.

There is a legislative request of \$2 million for the Public Safety Complex for site acquisition and \$9 million in construction costs. The proposed site will be located along 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. More information will be presented in the future on the project.

Councillor Baranzelli thanked the Fire Department for the fantastic job on the two fires that took place in the City.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m. to Tuesday, May 8, 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