

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, APRIL 28, 2020

The 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: Councillor Paulsen, Friedlieb, Johnson, Baribeau, Biondich, Baranzelli, Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (7)

Absent: None

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held April 14, 2020

Item 5.2 was pulled by Councillor Paulsen for discussion. It was noted that the Tennis for All facility has been closed and the City should not pay the contractor. Also noted in the contractor should not be paid due to AFSCME contract language. After further discussion the invoice for the contractor will be withheld until the Tennis facility is open. The outside courts are available with signage noting the 6' rule. The second invoice in question was regarding Compudyne. They are working with Pantheon to transfer data to a new server and until complete Compudyne is still holding the cities data.

2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 20-008 Schedule of Bills withholding payment for Dave Gunderson and approving the Compudyne invoice.

Motion Carried.

APPEARANCES

Steve Trudeau, Kraus Anderson and Erik Wedge DSGW were present for discussion on the change order for Ewens field. The Council voiced several concerns regarding the change order for the Ewens Field Project. Brian Silber, Parks and Recreation Director gave an update on why the credit was removed from the original quote. Councillor Paulsen suggested Krause Anderson waive their fee on this project. Krause Anderson receives 2.5% on the project as construction manager. The Council suggested Kraus Anderson overlook the increase on the change order and accept the original proposal that was approved at the Council meeting on April 14, 2020 in the amount of \$144,391.44

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor to approve the Resolution for the change order request for the Ewens Field Demolition project less any credits in the amount of \$

Motion failed for lack of support.

Matt Reid from SEH provided documentation and explained to the Council the status of the 12th Avenue Street Project. The preliminary budget was below what was anticipated and the project is currently about \$72,000 under budget. The contingency was adjusted when the bids came in. When the final payment is requested \$13,800 was to be deducted for the additional engineering fees for the onsite work due to the delay of the project. After further discussion it was decided to waive the penalty to Mesabi Bituminous for the delay in the project.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to waive the penalty to Mesabi Bituminous on the 12th Avenue Street Project. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Bids for commodities for Public Works Department were received for year beginning May 1, 2020 and recommended by Ed Alto Public Works Director to approve the following Resolutions:

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 20072 approving the quote from Compass Minerals, Inc. \$88.44/ton for crushed rock salt. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Paulsen to adopt Resolution 20073 approving the quote from Northwest for Asphaltic concrete surface maintenance services \$1.04/ft. Resolution adopted Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 20074 for the Eveleth/Virginia Airport FAA CARES Grant. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the Memo of Understanding for the Interim Library Director position. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole held on April 21, 2020

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the quote from Takala Farms for the removal and hauling of excess bio-solids from the Wastewater Treatment Plant to be applied at United Taconite in the amount of \$16,600. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt the Resolution 20075 to apply for additional funding from the IRRRB for the Baileys Lake Trail Project in the amount of \$250,000. Resolution adopted unanimously.

After review the Council agreed to decline proceeding with the soil corrections for Parcel ID #090-0180-00401. No further action at this time

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt the Resolution 20076 to Order Demolition of Hazardous Structure located at 117 3rd Street North, Parcel ID #090-0010-00610. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 20077 for make application to and accept funds from the IRRRB Commercial Redevelopment Grant Program for 414-416 Chestnut Street. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 20078 approving the grant application for LCCMR for Design, Permitting and Construction Funding for the Silver Lake Trail Improvement Project. Resolution adopted unanimously.

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. noted that this is a difficult time for everyone and the City is looking for ways to cut staff in order to comply with the loss of revenue the City is foreseeing while still maintaining essential services financial stability. The City may furlough up to 28 employees during this time. The Mayor thanked staff for working together in determining how to work together to solve the issues.

Councillor Paulsen would like to add to the meeting agenda the EMS plan for discussion and to ask department heads to attend the meeting as well.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Paulsen to adopt Resolution 20079 opposing the 60-day deferral of property tax payments from May 15 to July 15 in St. Louis Count and send a copy to RAMS.

Ayes: Councillor Baribeau, Paulsen, Biondich, Baranzelli, Friedlieb, Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (6)

Nays: Councillor Johnson (1)

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. to Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

Larry Cuffe, Jr. Mayor

Pamela LaBine, City Clerk