

**VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, May 8, 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, Friedlieb  
Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (6)

Absent: Councillor Baribeau (1)

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Eric Sundquist, Sunny's Magic Bar, was present to notify the Council that he has sold his bar to someone new and thanked the Council for their help and allowing him to operate a business in Virginia.

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held April 24, 2018.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 18-009 schedule of bills.
3. Approve travel request for Sherry Erickson to attend the MCFOA HR Best Practices training on May 17, 2018 at Ranier MN cost of \$30.00
4. Approve on sale liquor license for Ms. Nikki Heyn D/B/A Nikki's Magic Bar.

Motion Carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

A reminder was made by Mayor Cuffe, Jr. that there will be some adjustments in the garbage rates in the future to make up for the cost of the revenue for blue bags.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to amend Ordinance Chapter 2, section 2.07 Salaries of Mayor and Council. Motion Carried.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt Resolution 18074 to hire two single role EMT's Ms. Linda Palcich-Wald and Ms. Katherine Parks on or after May 21, 2018. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the development agreement between VEDA as the Project Manager and the Virginia Foundation as the Grant Manager for the renovations at 118 and 529 Chestnut Street. Motion Carried.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting held May 1, 2018

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to allow the property owner at 109-113 3<sup>rd</sup> Street an extension of 90 days or until August 31, 2018 to remove a storage container. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Paulsen to forgive one half of the special assessment on the property located at 109-113 3<sup>rd</sup> Street South after the property owner has complied with the current Zoning/property maintenance code violations. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to allow an 8' extension of the curb cut at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue entrance of the 12<sup>th</sup> Street South alley. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to allow City staff to work with Critter Care Pet Clinic to design the curb cut and discuss responsibility of payment for materials and labor. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Paulsen to rescind the motion made by the Council on August 8, 2017 to change the traffic flow at Olcott Park and to leave the direction of traffic as it currently is set.

Aye: Councillor Friedlieb, Paulsen, Baranzelli, Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (4)

Nay: Councillor Johnson, Jorgensen (2)

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to support the Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability (IRPS) application for the AARP grant for access for the elderly in order to pave the area around the community garden located at 216 Chestnut Street.

Aye: Councillor Jorgensen, Johnson, Baranzelli, Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (4)

Nay: Councillor Paulsen, Friedlieb (2)

It was noted for the record that Councillor Paulsen will not support the motion on the basis that it would improvements would be better served in a different location than the Chestnut Street Community Garden due to issues of the cleanliness of the garden. Her decision is not based on the handicap assess ability.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Jorgensen request SEH to provide the City with a cost estimate for the soil remediation of the Finntown Flyway/2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to authorize City staff to proceed with the proposed Plat Concept for the Finntown Flyway/2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue development area. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to adopt Resolution 18075 approving the Professional Services Agreement with SEH for the platting of the area known as Finntown Flyway/2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue development area. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt Resolution 18076 approving the bid received from Mesabi Bituminous for the State Aid 2018 Road Reconditioning Project for 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street South in the amount of \$334,498.09 Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Paulsen to request SEH to obtain quotes for the paving of the Kline Cuppoletti parking lot. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Johnson to approve the sidewalk and entrance revisions at the Range Recreation Civic Center at no cost to the City of Virginia. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to direct City staff to continue to work with ERATS for a potential School Resource Officer at the Academy for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Paulsen to approve the 2018 Pigeon Control

Contract with Gornick's Nuisance Wildlife Control for the trapping of pigeons, the contract *does not* include shooting. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to approve the request from the Laurentian Chamber of Commerce for the donation of merchandise from the Virginia Golf Course. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Paulsen to adopt the new interest rates for the Business Renovation Loan Program (formerly known as Storefront Loans), Rural Business Enterprise Loans and Business Subsidies (loans over \$75,000) as recommended by VEDA. Motion Carried.

Councillor Paulsen requested that the VEDA loan information be posted on the City website.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the quote received from Hometown Electric for the electrical work at the Olcott Fountain in the amount of \$25,490. Motion Carried.

#### COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Councillor Friedlieb attended the soft opening of the golf course restaurant, Northern Divide & Eatery on Friday, May 4, 2018. He noted that the Kerfeld's did an excellent job on the opening.

The Mayor reminded the Council of the Board of Equalization meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 9, 2018.

A thank you was received from the YMCA for the support the fundraiser that was held in March, the theme was The Great Gatsby and was well represented by City staff. The YMCA raised \$10,485.

Councillor Baranzelli commended the Public Works Department on the sweeping of the streets.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m. to Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

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Mayor Cuffe, Jr.

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Pamela LaBine, City Clerk