

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, MAY 26, 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 Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held May 12, 2020 and the Special Meeting held May 7, 2020 and May 12, 2020
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 20-010 Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve the following travel request for the Police Department:
 - A.) Jason Picard to attend the Interdiction Mastermind Online Webinar cost of \$175.00
 - B.) John Swenson to attend the
 1. Basic SRO July 12-17, 2020 Sioux Falls SD cost of \$1,202.44
 2. AMHT SRO Training August 16-18, 2020 Red Wing MN cos of \$452.13
 3. Crime Prevention Certification November 16-20, 2020 Woodbury MN cost of \$906.20
4. Approve the Transient Merchant License for Ofelia Jonas D/B/A First Philippina Food Stand

Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 20087 for the sale of land to Anthony Clement for City owned property Parcel ID 090-0120-00250 in the amount of \$300.00 this is the second reading. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 20088 approving the \$5.00 increase in monthly tipping fees for garbage for residential and commercial property. Resolution adopted unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. read the letter from Revive Virginia regarding resources to business owners to be able to open up and is requesting help from the City in regards to utilizing public sidewalks. Councillor Johnson suggested the use of City picnic tables for businesses if needed. Attorney Bryan Lindsay noted that there are a number of challenges regarding the process of changing the ordinance or adopting resolutions. A resolution would be a faster way to approve the amendments to allow business to utilize sidewalks or parking spaces. The liquor license is to be confined to a compact or contiguous space as well as having the required insurance. The City should review what they would like to put into place and how to proceed. A special meeting was set for Friday, May 29 2020 at 1:00 p.m. discuss how to proceed with a plan for the re-opening of local business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 20089 to approve Change Order #1 for the Library ADA Entrance project, based on the recommendation of SEH and Max Gray Construction, in the amount of \$2,200.00 Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 20090 to approve the quote from Pantheon Computers for the recommended server integration and email migration updates to the City IT system in the amount of \$62,585.00 Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 20091 to approve the contract with CTC Solutions to update the phone and internet system with an initial payment of \$13,595 and monthly payments of \$5,255.00 Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the updated Job Description for the Public Works Director. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the job description for the Event Coordinator with the recommended language change. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to approve staff to make the recommended changes to the hiring policy. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to appoint Councillor Baribeau, Friedlieb and Biondich to the Hiring Committee for Public Works Director Position. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to appoint Councillor Paulsen, Baranzelli, Johnson to the Hiring Committee for the Library Director Position. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Johnson to approve the proposed City of Virginia

Conflict of Interest Policy. Motion Carried.

Approved staff to present a proposal to the Council for a rebate of garbage fees to City businesses that were closed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The plan was tabled for the COVID-19 Preparedness Plan for further discussion at the meeting to be held on May 27, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Directed staff to appropriately compensate the Park & Recreation Director Brian Silber during the time the library is closed and when staff is on furlough and to consider additional compensation to Fire Chief Lewis as the Emergency Management Director for his additional work during the COVID-19. Further discussion will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at the Personnel Committee Meeting.

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Councillor Baribeau gave an update on the VPUC meeting that he attended. The steam conversion for the south side is going good.

Councillor Johnson informed the public that the lighting conversion has begun and some of the street lighting is now complete.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m. to Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

Larry Cuffe, Jr. Mayor

Pamela LaBine, City Clerk