

## **VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL**

### **COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, May 28, 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, Friedlieb, Mayor Cuffe Jr. (7)

Absent: None

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held May 14, 2019 and the Special Meeting of May 13, 2019.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 19-010 Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve the Travel Request for Susan Hoppe to attend the Sea Changes in Library's June 7, 2019 in Duluth MN cost of \$`127.50
4. Approve the Virginia Community Foundation exempt application to conduct a raffle November 20-23, 2019 at the Virginia Elks Lodge 1003
5. Approve the request from Virginia Foundation/Revive Virginia to hold the Festival of Trees Event on November 20-23, 2019.
6. Approve the Transient Merchant Application for Barry Thomas Laine d/b/a B's Street Tacos

Motion Carried.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt the second reading of Resolution 19080 accepting the proposal to purchase City Parcel, PC# 090-0074-00070, Lot 3, Block 2, Fairview Addition. Resolution adopted unanimously.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Paulsen to approve Pay Estimate #1 for the ATV Trail Project in the amount of \$28,863.85 to Mesabi Bituminous. Motion Carried.

Approve the following Variances:

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to consider the following variance request from Johanna Salo, 307 10<sup>th</sup> Street South Virginia, MN a 1.6 foot variance to the maximum 3 foot allowable height of a fence in a front yard, in order to construct a fence 4.6 feet in height in the front yard. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to consider the following Conditional Use request from Range Transitional Housing for 220 5<sup>th</sup> Street North Virginia, MN, Range Transitional Housing is proposing to have their office operations which have 6 - 7 staff members and an apartment to provide emergency housing to a family in need, in an R-5, over 12 Multi-Family, Residential District. Motion Carried.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting held May 21, 2019

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to allow the Virginia Rotary to host the Chili Cook-Off at the Miner's Memorial Building on September 19, 2019 and waive the rental fee. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Baranzelli to approve the replacement of the fine screen brushes at the WWTP in an amount not to exceed \$15,000. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to approve seeking quotes on the parking lot renovation located on the 400 block of 1<sup>st</sup> Street North and to present to the Council for further consideration. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Biondich to adopt Resolution 19081 to designate the proposed revised All-Terrain Vehicle Route Map in the City of Virginia. Resolution adopted

unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution 19082 approving Change Order #1 for the ATV Trail Project in the Amount of \$2,487.10 to purchase extra guardrail as per RGGGS requirements. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Biondich, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the suggested traffic map for Olcott Park and install the appropriate signage that is needed for speed and direction of traffic. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Baribeau to allow staff to meet with the representatives of the B'nai Abraham Museum and Cultural Center located at 600 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue West to discuss potential possession of the building by the City. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Friedlieb *not to* fill the Skilled Laborer Position at this time and review the position at the Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 2019. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to request all available information regarding the Skilled Laborer position to be discussed at a Personnel Committee meeting with all pertinent City staff and to review at the Committee of the Whole meeting on August 6, 2019. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to draft a letter in support of the Mesabi Community College application for the Zenith Grant in order to seek funds to assist students with emergency assistance. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Biondich, supported by Councilor Paulsen to set a town hall meeting for the general public and to conduct at a neutral location. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Paulsen to authorize changing the health insurance company to Public Employees Insurance Program as of July 1, 2019 for the City of Virginia City

Council, contract, and non-contract employees. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Biondich to send a letter to Northeast Service Coop giving them a 30-day notice of cancellation for the employee health insurance as of May 31, 2019.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the MOU to be presented to the unions; MAPE, AFSCME Local 454, LELS Local 195, and IAFF Local 390 regarding health insurance coverage. Motion Carried.

#### COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Councillor Baribeau gave an update on the VPUC meeting. At the meeting the VPUC gave an update on the solar project, they reviewed the proposed health insurance and will have a meeting regarding the proposed plan.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to invite the Virginia Public Utilities to attend a meeting to update the Council on the proposed solar project and to send written communication of each step of the process as it happens. Motion Carried.

The following was noted:

- Beach clean-up will be held at Silver Lake on June 1, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., contact Brian Silber if interested at 748-7506.
- The 1% sales tax for the Miners will begin January 1, 2020 and construction will begin the spring of 2020. Design meetings for the Miner's Project will be held the first and third Thursday of each month beginning at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- \$5.4 million was received for the Hwy 53 Bridge and will be received by the City in July of 2021.
- An LCCMR grant was received for upgrades to Bailey's Lake in the amount of \$550,000.
- The next bonding bill session the City will be requesting \$15 million for acquisition and design for the Public Safety Complex and need to be submitted by June 15, 2019.
- Mayor Cuffe, Jr. gave an update on the procession for Dante S. Tini that was held on Saturday, May 25, 2019.
- The rental code is in process and will be discussed at a Committee of the Whole meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m. to Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

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Larry Cuffe, Jr., Mayor

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Pamela LaBine, City Clerk