

**VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, June 11, 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 Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held May 28, 2019.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 19-011 Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve the Transient Merchant license for Dean Davich d/b/a Happy Deans Eats
4. Approve the following Police Department Events:  
A.) DARE Golf Tournament to be held Friday, July 26, 2019 at the Virginia Golf Course  
B.) National Night Out to be held Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at Olcott Park from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
5. Approve Training Request for Sue Lien to attend the Law Enforcement Data Practices in Duluth on June 26, 2019 cost of \$296.92
6. Approve 3.2% On Sale and Wine License for 218, LLC at 101 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North, Virginia (contingent upon submitting all required items)

Motion Carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Biondich to adopt Resolution 19079 for the land swap between the City and ISD 706 for property adjacent to Parkview School this is the second reading. Resolution adopted unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to set the July Committee of the Whole meeting for Tuesday, July 2nd at 9:00 a.m. and the Regular Council meeting for Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Johnson to allow Virginia D.A.R.E. to utilize City Owned land located on the 600-700 blocks of 4<sup>th</sup> Street North, for public parking during the Land of the Loon Festival on June 15-16, 2019. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 19083 accepting the \$100.00 private donation to the Virginia Ambulance Department. Motion Carried.

Consider the following Variances from the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting held on June 3, 2019:

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the variance request from Jason Metsa at 810 5<sup>th</sup> Street South Virginia, MN for a 3 foot variance from the required eight (8) foot side yard setback in order to construct a new garage five (5) feet from the West property line. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Biondich to approve the continuation for the variance request from Michael Jue at 1803 Wolf Road Virginia, MN for a 20 foot variance from the required 20 foot setback in order to construct a new attached garage 0 feet from the front yard (Wolf Road) property line. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the variance request from Bernice Sabetti at 1402 10<sup>th</sup> Street South Virginia, MN a three (3) foot variance to the maximum fence height of three (3) feet in a front yard in order to construct a new fence six (6) feet in height on the West property line. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Johnson to deny the variance requested for a two (2) foot variance to the five (5) foot alley setback requirement in order to construct a new fence three (3) feet from the rear (alley) property line. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the variance request from Mary Sue & Douglas Mertens at 707 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South Virginia, MN for a three (3) foot variance to the

maximum height of three (3) feet in order to construct a new six (6) foot high fence on the South 7<sup>th</sup> Street property line, a four (4) foot variance to the maximum two (2) foot in height requirement on a corner lot in order to construct a new 6 foot fence on the East (6<sup>th</sup> Avenue) property line and a 20 foot variance to the required 20 foot setback on a corner lot in order to construct a new six (6) foot fence on the East (6<sup>th</sup> Avenue) property line. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to accept the resignation from Jenni Smith from the Virginia Economic Development Authority. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 19084 approving Minnesota Laws, 2019 Special Session, Chapter 6, Article 6, Section 30 to allow for a 1% Local Sales Tax. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the purchase of bulk Ferric Chloride Solution from PVS Technologies Inc. in the amount of \$5,629.03 Motion Carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole meeting held June 4, 2019

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 19085 authorizing submission of a State of Minnesota Capital Grant for a Regional Fire-Based Emergency Medical Services and Public Safety Facility. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Biondich to table the approval of the quote for asbestos removal 230 2nd Street South and 402 3rd Avenue North to a later date in 2019. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Johnson to invite CRD Inc. to attend the next Committee of the Whole Meeting June 18, 2019 to review the Downtown Redevelopment District Commercial Rehabilitation Program. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to authorize the submission to the IRRRB for a request for funding for the pilot program known as the Virginia Downtown Redevelopment District Commercial Rehabilitation Program at their June 7, 2019 Board Meeting. Motion Carried.

Personnel Committee held on June 10, 2019

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve hiring one Dual Role Firefighter/Paramedic position at the Fire Department. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Biondich to approve proceeding with the hiring of two (2) Patrol Officers in the Police Department. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Johnson to authorize staff to proceed with the hiring process for two (2) Repair Crew positions in the Public Works Department. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to allow city staff to update and prepare the Public Works Supervisor job description and salary range in order to fill the vacant position. Motion Carried.

Insurance Committee held on June 11, 2019

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt resolution 19086 accepting the proposal from Range Reliable Agency for the agent of record for the health Insurance for the City of Virginia at a rate of \$5.00 per contract. Motion Carried.

Councillor Johnson gave an update on the process of how the selection and approval was determined for the agent of record. Councillor Johnson also expressed his frustration on how some of the community members acted during the selection process.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Johnson to approve the removal of the Crossover and Pay-the-Provider Options for VEBA Accounts and incorporate the use of the Further debit card beginning August 1, 2019. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the proposal for a Short Term Disability Insurance policy with Madison National Life Insurance Company beginning July 1, 2019 cost of \$27,100 annually. Motion Carried.

#### COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Councillor Johnson requested volunteers for the Land of the Loon booth during the festival.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. gave an update on the following:

- A thank card was received from the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students regarding a private donation that was given to them that allowed them to have a field trip to the Laurentian Environmental Center.
- A thank you letter was also received from Representative Pete Stauber regarding the professionalism of the City in bringing Dante Tini home.
- An anonymous letter was received from a Corporal that is a marine war vet who attended the Memorial Day Service. He requested that in the future the word soldier be replaced with serviceman as the word soldier doesn't pertain to all veterans.
- The Olcott Park Fountain dedication begins at 4:00 p.m. on June 13, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. till after dark for the lighting of the fountain.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m. to Tuesday, June 25, 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