

## **VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL**

### **COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, June 23, 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.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Bob Fitzgerald, Krause Anderson, informed the Council that Mr. Carl MaGaurn would be leaving Krause Anderson. MaGaurn thanked the city for the opportunity to work on the MECC project. Krause Anderson introduced Pat Weerts to the Council he will be replacing MaGaurn as the Project Manager on the MECC project.

Terry Hartika voiced his concerns to the Council and the Public regarding the Country and racism.

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held June 9, 2020
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 20-012 Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve travel requests for the Police Department:
  - A.) Jason Picard to attend fundamental of Report Writing, online webinar cost of \$125.00
  - B.) Chad Nickila to attend MFF Command Training, June 24, 2020 in Carlton MN, no cost
5. Approve the Transient Merchant license for Barry Laine d/b/a B's Street Tacos contingent upon submission of the required paperwork

Motion Carried

Councillor Johnson requested the temporary liquor license for the Friends of the Greenhouse be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Johnson wanted to be sure that the COVID-19 regulations are followed at the event. Brian Silber, Parks and Recreation Director, noted that there will be two separate events this year, an afternoon and evening schedule and the venue will be more spread out to follow social distancing requirements.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the temporary liquor

license for Friends of the Greenhouse for the Brewfest on August 22, 2020 at Olcott Park. Motion Carried.

#### APPEARANCES:

Ms. Josie Olson, MNDOT discussed the upcoming road closures related during the Highway 53 Virginia Signal Project. The road work will be at the intersection of Hwy53 & 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The purpose of the project is to try to eliminate the high crash rates that occur and Olson explained what MNDot will be doing in the process. KGM is the contractor for the project and they will be meeting next week to discuss staging of the project. They have updates on Twitter and their Facebook page.

Ms. Amber Johnson of Downtown Dance Studio made a request to block off the 100 Block of Chestnut Street for a Dance Recital. Johnson noted that they show would be live streamed and would follow the COVID19 requirements. She also requested that the music on Chestnut Street be off during the recital.

Move by Councillor Johnson supported by Councillor Friedlieb to direct city staff to work with Downtown Dance Studio to set up measures to block of Chestnut Street to hold a recital on August 23, 2020 and to have the street closed from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Motion Carried.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Paulsen to approve the second reading and adopt Resolution 20097 approving the sale and transfer of City property to Essentia Health in the amount of \$86,100.00 Resolution adopted unanimously.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 20098 for Change Order #1 for the Ewens Field Demolition in order to remove an old irrigation system in the amount of \$416.50 Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Paulsen to adopt Resolution 20099 to make application and accept funds for the IRRR Taconite Area Community Relief Grant Program. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt Resolution 20100 authorizing submission of and application for Community Development Block Grant Funding. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 20101 accepting

donations for Olcott Fountain. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 20102 accepting donation for Corporate Employee Giving Programs. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 20103 accepting donation for Fire Safety Education. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve list of Election Judges for 2020. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve Pay Estimate #1 for the Public Library Entrance and Pocket Park to Max Gray Construction in the amount of \$82,969.68 Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve Pay Estimate #1 for Ewens Stadium demolition to Kraus Anderson in the amount of \$129,762.79 Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt Resolution 20104 for final payment #5 for the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Improvement Project to Mesabi Bituminous in the amount of \$35,896.61 Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 20105 for additional compensation for professional services to SEH for the Baily's Lake Trail Improvement Project. Resolution adopted unanimously.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting held June 16, 2020:

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 20106 for the purchase of the SCADA computer replacement system for the Waste Water Treatment Plant from In Control in the amount of \$19,800 Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 20107 approve awarding the Bailey's Lake Trail Improvement Project base bid and alternate #1 to George Bougalis & Sons in

the amount of \$637,309.65 Resolution adopted unanimously.

Mr. Tim Satrang gave an update on the request by the City of Eveleth to dump their biosolids in the area currently permitted for the City of Virginia. After further discussion it was agreed to develop an agreement to allow the dumping.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to review the request from the Biosolids Disposal Site Authority (BDSA) for the City of Eveleth to use Virginia's permitted Biosolids land application site and to develop an agreement for use of the area by Eveleth. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 20108 to hire Brandon Solem as a Single Role EMT. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 20109 to hire Chase Evans Single Role EMT. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt the Resolution 20110 for the St. Louis County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the transfer of land beneath the Siegel Boulevard easement (Spectrum Property Consolidation) to ISD #706 Motion Carried.

Building & Grounds Committee meeting held June 17, 2020

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to direct staff to work with the resident who requested to build a basketball court and to find a location to build a basketball court based on engineering requirements. Motion Carried.

#### COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Councillor Johnson read a letter from a resident regarding racism.

Councillor Baribeau gave an update on the VPUC meeting that was held on June 22, 2020.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. gave the public an update on the ribbon cutting for Cane Lakes Candy. Cane Lakes Candy has received funding to upgrade their building from the downtown redevelopment project.

Parks & Recreation Director Brian Silber gave an update on movies and music that will be held at Olcott Park on Tuesdays for the summer months.

The regular Council meeting was adjourned 7:27 p.m. to Tuesday, July 14, 2020 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