

**VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, July 17, 2018**

Regular meeting of the City Council of 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: Councillors Paulsen, Friedlieb, Johnson, Baribeau, Baranzelli, Paulsen, Johnson,  
Mayor Cuffe, Jr.(7)

Absent: None

Mayor Cuffe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Administrator See-Benes discussed the repair or razing of the property located at due to the condition of the property. Mr. Garrit Kaivola was present and is willing to demo the property and give to the City to avoid enforcement of the order. The Council agreed to change item #3 in the Resolution from 20 to 30 days.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 18100 ordering the repair and/or razing of a hazardous building located at 117 11th Street South, Parcel Code 090-0060-00550 with the amendment to item #3 to increase from 20 to 30 days before enforcement of the order. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Paulsen to approve the Consent Agenda follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held June 26, 2018
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 18-013 Schedule of Bills
3. Approve the following travel requests:
  - A.) Adam Hockman, Paul Stromberg and Henry Tank and Jaclyn Braiedy, VPD, to attend the Criminal Interdiction in Grand Rapids, MN August 29-30, 2018, cost of \$358.49 each
  - B.) Sherry Erickson to attend the Labor Law & Arbitration Seminar in Minneapolis, MN October 23-24, 2018 cost of \$685.52
3. Approve the temporary liquor permit for Friends of the Greenhouse on August 18, 2018 for the Brewfest
5. Approve the invoice from DSGW for the Olcott Fountain in the amount of \$1,600

6. Approve Shawn Herhusky and Kathy Merkel as election judges for the 2018 Primary and General Elections

Motion Carried.

Councillor Johnson requested removing item five on the consent agenda for discussion.

Councillor Johnson requested that the information regarding the issuing of a transient merchant license be posted on social media for the public to be informed.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the transient merchant license for Gert Lagus D/B/A Southwestern Advantage to solicit educational books. Motion Carried.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Paulsen to adopt Resolution 18097 approving the transfer of City property, Lot 4 & 5, Block 1 Franklin Addition to Bradford H Saxhaug and William Jones d/b/a Saxhaug Construction for \$10,000. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Paulsen to adopt a Resolution for the purchase of a parcel No. 090-0180-01535 and Parcel No. 090-0180-01537 of land in Midway from John Malovrh for a purchase price of \$90,000 for future development.

Aye: Councillor Paulsen, Johnson, Cuffe, Baribeau

Nay: Jorgensen, Baranzelli, Friedlieb,

Motion Failed

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 18099 for a School Resource Officer with ISD #706 for 2018-2019 school-year with a contract increase of \$900. Resolution adopted unanimously.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Johnson to appoint David Tuttle to the VEDA Commission for the remainder of the six year term ending December 31, 2018. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to appoint Roci Donofrio to the Planning and Zoning Commission for the remainder of a three year term ending on February 1, 2021.

Aye: Councillor Jorgensen, Johnson, Baranzelli, Paulsen, Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (5)

Nay: Councillor Baribeau, Friedlieb (2)

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the variances, as

recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission at regular meeting held July 2, 2018:

- A.) To consider the following variance requests from Keith & Christine Mitchell at 1002 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South Virginia, MN:
- 1) Approve a variance to build a 2<sup>nd</sup> accessory structure (garage).
  - 2) Approve a variance to build a 2<sup>nd</sup> accessory structure (garage) in the front yard
  - 3) Approve a 9 foot variance to the required 20 foot setback abutting city R/W in order to construct a new garage 11 feet from the West property line (3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue).
  - 4) Approve a 2 foot variance to the required 5 foot variance side yard setback to build a new garage 3 feet from the East property line
  - 5) Approve a 416 square foot variance to the maximum 1,000 square foot allowable structure in order to construct a new garage 1,152 square feet with a total square footage of 1,416 (including existing garage)

Motion Carried.

City Administrator See-Benes explained to the Council about a discrepancy in the quote for the Road Reconstruction Project signage. The signs are \$8,500 per sign v.s. the \$850 per sign as had been bid. The overall bid result would not have changed. This is covered under the State Aid Funds. The City has three options to resolve the issue:

- 1) Hold at their price that they quoted
- 2) Do a change order and pay the revised price. \$9,000 per sign total \$18,000
- 3) Take signs out of project and do at a later date

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve the purchase of the signs as part of the project at the revised price of \$9,000 per sign for the 2018 Road Reconditioning Project (12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and 13<sup>th</sup> Street South) Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Johnson to approve the SWOP requests for the Community Fundraiser to be held on August 30, 2018 at the Virginia Elks from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. and to list on the City calendar, all a classic car parade along Chestnut Street, and post parking for classic cars. Motion Carried.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting held on July 10, 2018

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 18101 ordering the repair and/or razing of a hazardous building located at 508 12th Street South, Parcel Code 090-0060-04050.

Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the facility use agreement with the University of Minnesota 4-H Extension Group for use of the Olcott Park Greenhouse for \$1.00. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to approve prioritizing the purchase of the zone valve for the first floor heating for the former Teen Center contingent on the 2019 budget information. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the request from Pace Analytical Services, LLC to block the north side sidewalk of the 300 block sidewalk on Friday August 3rd, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for their 40th anniversary celebration. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the request from Jenni Smith, D/B/A Smiths Infusion, for a partial closure of the 400 block of Chestnut Street on Saturday, November 24, 2018 10:30 a.m. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the invoice from Mesabi Bituminous for the correction of the drainage ditch for the Waschke project in the amount of \$7,215.00. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to direct Benchmark Engineering to finalize and close out the Waschke Project. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt Resolution 18102 to approve the contract with Kimley Horn for plans, specs and bidding for 529 Chestnut Street Pocket Park. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 18103 authorizing acceptance of IRRR Funds for various grant projects in FY 2019. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 18104 authorizing acceptance of MN Department of Iron Range Resources funds for the Virginia Economic

Development Authority Business Renovation Loan Program's revolving loan fund to assist Twin Cities Hospitality, LLC with a low interest loan with guidelines to be set by VEDA. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Johnson to set a public hearing on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the Twin City Hospitality, LLC subsidy. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to Adopt Resolution 18098 authorizing purchase of residential property at 506 4th Street South Parcel Code 090-0010-15340 to be determined. Resolution adopted unanimously.

#### COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

The Lord Stanley Cup viewing will be at Miner's Memorial Building at 10:00 a.m. in the main arena. The Stanley Cup will arrive between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

The 2017 audit is complete and will be posted in the Mesabi Daily News.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Johnson to change the day of the regular Council meeting from Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> due to the primary election, the meeting time will remain the same at 6:30 p.m. Motion Carried.

Councillor Johnson informed the public of National Night Out, Tuesday August 7<sup>th</sup> from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event will be filled with games, food and fun. Teddy will be present to meet the public. The event is free to the general public. The City is looking for volunteers to help with the event. The council will be holding a Special meeting at 5:30 p.m. on August 7<sup>th</sup> at Olcott Park in the Bob Baldrice Bandstand. The agenda will include Police Department commendations, Oath of Fire Department employees and discussion of the sales tax for the Miners Memorial Building.

Adjourned at 7:31 p.m. to Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.