

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, August 27, 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 Paulsen, Biondich, Friedlieb, Johnson, Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (5)

Absent: Councillor Baribeau, Baranzelli (2)

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. Called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held August 13, 2019 and the Public Hearing held on August 13, 2019
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 19-016 schedule of bills.
3. Approve the following travel request:
 - A) Matt Kelley, VPD, to attend the first Witness Interview Training September 23-27, 2019 in Duluth MN cost of \$135.00
 - B) Chief Mattson and Officer Grivna to attend the IACP Conference October 26-29, 2019 in Chicago IL cost of \$2,035
4. Adopt Resolution 19110 for the Premise Permit for Chicagami to conduct lawful gambling at the American Legion, 235 Chestnut Street, Virginia MN
5. Approve the Transient merchant license for John Papaioannou d/b/a Yannis Original Gyros
7. Approve the Transient merchant license for K&B Grilled Cheese contingent upon submission of required paperwork

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Biondich to approve a Solicitor's License for Peter Andrejko, Southwestern Advantage to sell educational books contingent upon submitting all required paperwork and *not* approve the request to waive the \$200 solicitor fee. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the second reading for the proposed changes to the City Ordinance Chapter 10, Section 10.31 regarding Recreational Fires. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Biondich to approve the second reading of Resolution 19111 accepting the proposal from Sean Cimperman to purchase City Parcel, Block 2 Lot 3, Fairview Addition, PC# 090-0074-00070 in the amount of \$30,000. Resolution adopted unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt the hiring Resolution 19112 for Mr. Anthony Allegrezza to the Repair Crew position beginning on or after September 16, 2019. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt the hiring Resolution 19113 for Keegan Geske for the Dual Role Firefighter/EMT position. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Biondich, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt the Resolution 19114 for the purchase of the 2019 Ford Utility Interceptor canine squad for the Police Department from Ford of Hibbing in the amount of \$32,797. Resolution adopted unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole meeting held on August 6, 2019

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Biondich to direct City staff to submit a Concept plan to the AMERICORPS NCCC for short term and long term planning for the City to utilize their services. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to proceed with exploring other options for Managed IT Services and to review information for an internal IT Position. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Biondich, supported by Councillor Johnson to approve the purchase of the parking ticket software from CityCite in the amount of \$8,296.88. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Johnson to direct City staff and the City

Attorney to review City's ability to modify and enact ordinances, codes, and procedures regarding Predatory Offender residency locations and return to the council with an update. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt the hiring Resolution 19115 for Mr. Steve Boerner to the Firefighter/Paramedic position beginning on or after August 27, 2019. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt Resolution 19116 to make application to and accept funds from the IRRRB Residential Redevelopment Grant Program for the property demolition of 615 6th Avenue South. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 19117 for Change Order #2 from Gardner Builders, LLC for the Olcott Park Fountain Restoration Project \$5,705.11 Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the payment of the 2020 Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities dues in the amount of \$14,099. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve payment of the 2020 Voluntary Assessment to the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities Environmental Action Fund in the amount of \$2,537. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to adopt Resolution 19118 for the intent to levy in 2020 for the Economic Development Authority in the amount of \$65,978 and set a Public Hearing on September 10, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the first reading of the draft Public Improvement and Special Assessment Policy. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Biondich to set a public hearing on the Public Improvement and Special Assessment Policy September 24, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Biondich to approve the first reading of the

proposed draft of the Storm Sewer Utility Ordinance. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the proposal from Flaherty & Hood, LLC to provide Specialized Attorney Services in an amount not exceed \$20,000. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to set a Special Meeting on September 3, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed 2020 budget. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Johnson to request a cease and desist order with the Virginia Public Utilities on the painting of the VPUC logo on the water tower. Motion Carried.

Virginia will be placed on the water tower and not the VPUC logo as previously discussed.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to request the Charter Commission to schedule a meeting to review the administrative action of the Public Utilities in the Charter. Motion Carried.

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

The Library Commission will begin their meetings in September and the Friends of the Public Safety will be meeting on September 9, 2019.

Kudos to the Human Rights Commission and Councillor Johnson for putting on the “Welcome to College” picnic for the students at the Mesabi Community College.

The Council also thanked Brian Silber for setting up the Midway Meet and Greet. The next Coffee and Conversation is set for October 9, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Mesabi Community College.

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m. to Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

Larry Cuffe, Jr., Mayor

Pamela LaBine, City Clerk