

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, October 9, 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, Baranzelli, Jorgensen, Mayor Cuffe Jr. (5)

Absent: Baribeau, Johnson (2)

Mayor Cuffe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Cuffe read the Proclamation declaring October 15, 2018 be recognized as Pregnancy and Infants Loss Remembrance Day in the City of Virginia.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen and supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve consent agenda as follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held September 25, 2018
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 18-019 Schedule of Bills
3. Approve the travel request for Britt See-Benes to attend the MCFOA Region II Training in Littlefork, MN on October 25, 2018 at a cost of \$126.49

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Moved by Councillor Paulsen and supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the hiring of six Park & Recreation Temporary Seasonal positions for the figure skating program. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen and supported by Councillor Baranzelli to set a Public Hearing on October 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. for Consideration of a Development Agreement between the City and Vertex Roofing d/b/a Northern Lights Manufacturing for a Manufacturing Project in Virginia Motion Carried.

Approve the following actions as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission at regular meeting held October 8, 2018:

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen and supported by Councillor Friedlieb to affirm the Virginia Property Maintenance and preservation Code Violation by Anna Adamiak at 321 4th Street South and to require her to trim the lilac bushes, trim the weeds from the foundations including the house, rake the leaves on the ground and cut all growing plants away from the house and outbuildings including the roof within 30 days or the progressive fines will be assessed as per ordinance. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen and supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the request from Michael Priest at 720 9th Street North to remove the Virginia Property Maintenance and Preservation Code Violation fines request, pending the property stays in further compliance with the Virginia Property Maintenance and Preservation Code and there are no further violations of this ordinance for two years ending on October 8, 2020 on this property. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen and supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt Resolution 18141 authorizing the City of Virginia to make application to and accept funds from the IRRRB Residential Redevelopment Grant Program for the following properties that have been approved for residential demolition: 730 11th Street North, 720 11th Street North, 322 8th Street South and 314 7th Street South. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb and supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 18142 authorizing the City of Virginia to make application to and accept funds from the IRRRB Residential Redevelopment Grant Program for the following properties that have been approved for demolition: 713 3rd Street South, 536 12th Street South, 611 13th Street North and 106 6th Street South. Resolution adopted unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole Meeting held October 2, 2018:

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb and supported by Councillor Paulsen to approve the Virginia Public Library Telescope Circulation Policy & Lending Agreement with added language regarding waiver of liability. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen and supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 18143 approving the Change Order #2 to Mesabi Bituminous for the removal of excess bituminous for 2018 Road Reconditioning Project in the amount of \$2,530.00. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli and supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the nomination of the Virginia K9 Teddy for the Aftermath K9 Grant and to authorize the use of City resources for advertising of the nomination and voting. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Fiedlieb and supported by Councillor Jorgensen to authorize the City to act as the legal agent for the Vertex Roofing application to the MN DEED Minnesota Investment Fund (MIF) program and to hold a Public Hearing regarding the application. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen and supported by Councillor Friedlieb to set a public hearing on October 23rd at 6:00 p.m. for the Vertex Roofing application to the MN DEED Minnesota Investment Fund (MIF) program. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli and supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt Resolution 18144 approving the quote from Takala Farms for the disposal of biosolids from the Virginia Waste Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$45,600. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen and supported by Councillor Paulsen to adopt Resolution 18145 to allow the City to act as the fiscal agent for an Iron Range Resources Commercial Redevelopment Grant for Rockstep Capital LLC in the amount of \$350,000 for the property located at 1401 12th Avenue South. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb and supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 18146 to allow the City to act as the fiscal agent for a Iron Range Resources Commercial Redevelopment Grant for La Cocina & Cantina in the amount of \$30,000 for the property located at 409 Chestnut Street. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen and supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the Transient Merchant Application for Dean Davich d/b/a Happy Dean's Food. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen and supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve entering into an agreement with Hundrieser Consulting to update the City of Virginia Emergency Management ordinance for a cost not to exceed \$600. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli and supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve the first reading of the adoption of an Ordinance of the Codification of Ordinances. Motion carried.

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Mayor Larry Cuffe Jr. announced that volunteers will be working from the Senior Center on October 15 & 16, 2018 after 6 pm to make calls to the community to remind citizens to get out and vote in particular to the Miners project and the Virginia Public Schools Referendum. If you would like to volunteer to make contact the Mayor at City Hall.

Mayor Cuffe further reported that there will be a bus tour on October 15, 2018 to view the Crookston and Thief River Falls convention centers. The Bus will leave at 6:30 a.m. from the Miners, please contact Jen Mogensen at 218-748-7500 if you would like to attend.

On October 18, 2018 Mayor Cuffe and Dr. Noel Schmidt will be giving a presentation at the Senior Center at 2:30 p.m. to discuss the Miners Project and the School Referendum. This will be televised on Channel 2.

Councillor Jorgensen reminded citizens that the City is looking for volunteers to help put up new park equipment at the Midway Park on October 26, 2018. Work will begin at 7 am and will proceed until dusk. There will be staff on site to help give direction and beverages and snacks will be served

Mayor Cuffe Jr. announced that Fire Chief Allen Lewis has been awarded the Fire Chief of the Year for the State of Minnesota for a city with a population under 10,000 by the MN State Fire Chiefs Association. He will be given this award at a ceremony this Friday.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. to Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

Larry Cuffe, Jr. Mayor

[Kris Johnson, Administrative Assistant](#)