

**VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, October 10, 2017**

The regular meeting of the City Council in 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: Councillor Paulsen, Johnson, Jorgensen, Baranzelli, Baribeau  
Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (6)

Absent: Councillor Littlewolf (1)

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. read the Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Brian Newhouse and Jason Slatter voiced concerns with the liquor store that will be built east of Super One South. There are several children within a 100 yard radius of the liquor store and both men are not in favor of the store locating there. The intersection of Hwy 53 and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue is dangerous and will get more congested with additional business in the area. Councillor Baribeau noted that the liquor store is a taxable entity for the City. The City has alleviated some of the traffic with no parking signs in that area. Councillor Jorgensen noted that the Council is approving setbacks and not the location of the building. Super One owns the property and is doing a private investment without help from the City.

Mr. Dan Johnson with North Memorial Air Care Service gave an update on the progress they have made at the Eveleth-Virginia Airport. A medical helicopter is located at the airport in hanger #5. The hanger has been upgraded and is now complete. There will be an open house at the Eveleth- Virginia Airport in hanger #5 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 2017. In the evening from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. there will be continuing education classes for EMS, law enforcement and fire departments. North Memorial Air Care Service fly medical equipped helicopters for medical emergencies or hospital to hospital transfers and are

staffed 24/7, 365 days per year. Mr. Johnson gave a synopsis on how calls are received and how the patients are transported.

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held September 26, 2017, Public Hearing held September 26, 2017, Special Meeting and Public Hearing held on October 3, 2017.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 17-019 schedule of Bills.
3. Approve temporary liquor license for the Lyric Center on October 27, 2017.
4. Approve travel requests for:
  - a. Jessie Holecek, VPD to attend the Campus Violence Management Training in Stillwater, MN on October 17-20, 2017 cost of \$1,129.05
  - b. City Administrator, Mayor, & City Council, Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities Fall Conference, November 16-17, 2017, Arrowwood Conference Center, Alexandria, MN
  - c. Pamela LaBine, Britt See-Benes, Sherry Erickson, Kris Johnson, MN Clerks & Finance Officers Region Meeting, October 27, 2017, Hoyt Lakes, MN at a cost of \$25.00 each.
5. Approve final payment to Magney Construction for the WWTP trough supports \$3,812.50
6. Approve Olcott Fountain invoices:
  - a. Pay estimate #2 for the Olcott Fountain payment to Lenci Enterprises \$153,995.00
  - b. Purchase of recognition frames \$150.00
  - c. Engraved Plates \$170.00

Motion Carried

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

Approve the following variances, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission at their regular meeting held October 3, 2017:

Councillor Jorgensen noted that Mr. Newhouse and Mr. Slatter were present at the Council meeting to oppose the construction of the liquor store but not the variance.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve a variance request from Virginia Development Co. at 1101 17th Street South Virginia, MN for a 15 foot variance to the required 20 foot rear yard setback in order to construct a new building 5 feet from the North (T.H. 53) property line.

Aye: Councillor Baribeau, Paulsen, Jorgensen, Johnson, Cuffe, Jr. (4)

Nay: Councillor Baranzelli (1)

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve a variance request from Rockstep Virginia LLC at 1401 12th Avenue South, Virginia, MN for a 212 square foot addition to the previous approved variance of 3493 square feet of signage allowed in a B-1 Central Business District in order to construct on-site advertising of 212 square feet increasing the total square footage to 3705 square feet. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Paulsen to adopt Resolution 17127 approving the quote from Northeast Technical Services for the pre-demo asbestos/hazardous waste for inspections at six residential homes in the amount of \$3,401.00. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the sale of state tax forfeited land by St. Louis County, parcel 090-0010-1187 and 090-0170-00230 to the adjacent homeowners. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to contact the adjacent landowners to make them aware that the property is for sale. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 17128 for the final pay estimate for Mesabi Bituminous for Bailey's Lake Trails in the amount of \$26,901.90. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 17129 to accept the quote from Fergus Power Pump Inc. for disposal of bio solids from the WWTF in the amount of \$23,958.00. Resolution adopted unanimously.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole September 26, 2017

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the job description for the Designated Building Official and the pay matrix for the position and to move the job from a contract position to the MAPE union. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve sending a letter to the current building official regarding the contract. Motion Carried.

Committee of the Whole October 3, 2017

Moved by Councillor Johnson supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve the closure of part of 1<sup>st</sup> Street North for a Ping Pong Ball Drop on Saturday, November 25, 2017 for Small Business Saturday. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 17130 to approve the contract with ISD 706 for a School Resource Officer for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost of \$30,000. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 17131 Authorizing Submission of Grant to MN DOT State Transportation Fund (Local Road Improvement Program) for the Midway Drive Reconstruction Project. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the City portion of renovation of the parking lot at 408 1<sup>st</sup> Street South in the amount of \$30,107.80. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the Homecoming Parade route for ISD 706 Student Council on October 13, 2017 at 1:45 p.m. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to table the agreement for Architectural Services with DSGW for the Miners Memorial Campus. Motion Carried.

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Councillor Johnson attended the open house at the Fire Department that was held on October 10, 2017. The event was well attended and also noted that Chris Clark is doing a great job with the Fire Explorers.

Councillor Jorgensen informed the Council of a benefit for the Olcott Park, featuring the Pat Surface & the Boundary Water Boys with Marina Whight on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at the Goodman Auditorium from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. met with Kurt Daudt, Speaker of the House to discuss the legislative requests the City of Virginia has for years 2018, 2020 and 2022. The requests are a new Public Safety Facility, implementation of a City sales tax and the City wide street project.

The City is gearing up for Miners Memorial Complex and will be seeking more input from others regarding the new facility. The RFP's were received for a Construction Manager at Risk and will be on the next COW meeting agenda for discussion.

October 18, 2017 at 7:15 a.m. Laurentian Chamber Breakfast regarding sulfate issues.

October 31, 2017 RAMS Range Mayors meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. to Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

OFFICIAL SEAL

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Larry Cuffe, Jr., Mayor

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Pamela LaBine, City Clerk