

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGININA, MINNESOTA, October 11, 2016

The 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.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councillors Baribeau, Littlewolf, McReynolds, Jorgensen, Baranzelli, Sipola
Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (7)

Absent: none

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held September 27, 2016
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 16-018 Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve Kris Johnson to attend the MCFOA Region training at St Louis County Public Works Lab on October 14, 2016 cost of \$25.00.
4. Approve a One Day Temporary on Sale liquor license for Iron Range Labor Assembly at the Miner's Memorial Building from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on November 1, 2016.
5. Adopt Resolution 16660 to hire a Single Role Paramedic Mr. Thomas Hegge to the city of Virginia Ambulance Service on or after October 12, 2016.

Motion Carried and Resolutions adopted unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor McReynolds to approve the Property Maintenance and Preservation Code of the City of Virginia for the second reading of the ordinance. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 16661 to authorize execution of a limited use permit for ATV trail. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Communications from Planning and Zoning Commission submitting recommendations from the meeting held on October 3, 2016:

1. Consider the following variance requests from Nancy Wright to construct a garage at 32 Cuyuna Drive:

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve a variance to the requirement of no accessory structures in the front yard, approve a 3 foot variance to the required 20 foot front yard setback in order to construct a garage 17 feet from the front property line and to approve a 5 foot variance to the required 8 foot side yard setback in an R-1 Residential District in order to construct a garage 3 feet from the South property line contingent upon installing rain gutters with funneling toward the street. Motion Carried.

2. To consider the following variance request from R&H Properties to construct two off site advertising billboard structures at Lenci Enterprises on the property of 11th Street and Railroad Avenue South in the City of Virginia:

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve a 900 square foot variance to the maximum of 64 square foot signage allowed in an Industrial District in order to construct two off-site advertising structures total 482 square feet each, total square footage of 964 square feet with the stipulation of receiving a letter from MNDOT signing off on the variance, a completed utility verification form and obtaining a registered land survey. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Insurance Committee Meeting, October 4, 2016:

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Baribeau to discontinue the City of Virginia, BCBS Traditional plan and place all of those individuals and families on the City of Virginia VEBA plan. Motion Carried.

Subsequent information was given to the City: the change in deductible will not be approved as it is not a favorable option with the new information that had been received.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Baribeau to offer the optional dual choice for the St. Luke's plan to all City of Virginia employees and retirees generating additional monthly premium savings. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Baribeau to accelerate the VEBA contributions to

two times a year for the City of Virginia employees and retirees and to fund the individuals moving from the Traditional plan to the VEBA plan and to fund it 100% and to make their fully funded contribution annually on January first. Motion Carried.

COW Personnel Committee Meeting October 5, 2016:

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Baranzelli to appoint Renae Darland to fill the remaining three year term on the Library Commission, through January 31, 2019. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Jorgensen to approve additional compensation of \$5/hour to Ed Alto for the responsibilities that have been assumed in the Parks and Recreation Department subsequent to the death of Mr. Bachman and to authorize supervisory authority to Ed Alto. Motion Carried.

COW Finance Committee Meeting October 5, 2016:

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to authorize Chief Mattson to enter into a lease agreement under the State Bid Pricing with Ranger Chevrolet for the purchase of two 2017 Chevrolet Impalas as described at a total cost of \$45,763.00.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to rescind the previous motion. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to adopt Resolution 16662 to authorize Chief Mattson to enter into a lease agreement under the GM Lease Program with Ken Waschke in Virginia for the purchase of two 2017 Chevrolet Impalas as described, not to exceed the price previously quoted price of \$45,763.00 from Ranger Chevrolet. Motion Carried. Councillor Jorgensen abstained.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to table the proposed ordinance change, Chapter 11 Permitted Uses in Commercial District, to a future Finance meeting when a full council can be present as well as the parties that are involved. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve the development agreement between Rockstep Development Group and the City of Virginia to assist with the IRRRB Grant, not

to exceed \$350,000.00. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Sipola to adopt Resolution 16663 to add the verbiage requested by Council to the Admin Fee Schedule and present to the City Council for approval at the Council meeting on October 11, 2016. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to Allow the City Attorney to generate a formal contract with VAHA to operate the concession stands at the Miner's Memorial Building for one year, and present to council for discussion. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to Allow the City Clerk to appoint Election Judges on an as needed basis. Motion Carried.

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Councillor Baribeau and Councillor Jorgensen attended the LMC Regional Meeting in Hibbing and informed the Council that it was very informational.

Councillor Jorgensen registered for the RAMS Wild Rice Presentation to be held October 19, 2016. Councillor Jorgensen also updated the on the Olcott Fountain, the committee has raised \$185,000.00 to date. The Fountain Committee has met with a potential project manager. The fountain and pool area could be operational by the end of summer 2017.

Councillor McReynolds noted the Comprehensive Plan Meeting is at 4:00 p.m. on October 12, 2016 to review land use and the parks and housing portions of the comp plan.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. attended the ground breaking and donating of the Habitat House. The house was donated to the Family of Stanley and Alissa Dow. Another Habitat House is currently under construction on the 200 block of 12th street.

Ron Jerich, the City's Lobbyist, informed Mayor Cuffe, Jr that a special session may occur after the election. Mr. Jerich suggested submitting a letter to the Governor regarding the Miner's Memorial Building and to develop a plan for the ambulance subsidy program and to bring to the legislature for discussion next year.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. attended the VEDA meeting and listened to the discussion on Revive Virginia, he noted that there were several good ideas on how to revitalize the downtown.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. suggested to consider in the Comprehensive Plan the Midway school property and look at potential residential housing, apartments, or town homes, in that area to develop the property.

The CDBG will be due soon and will be discussed at a future finance meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. to Tuesday, October 25, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Larry Cuffe, Jr., Mayor

Pamela LaBine, City Clerk