

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, October 22, 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, Friedlieb, Johnson, Baribeau, Baranzelli, Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (6)

Absent: Councillor Biondich (1)

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. read the Proclamation for Case Management Week October 13-19, 2019

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held October 8, 2019, Public Hearing on October 8, 2019.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 19-020 Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve the travel request Bill Hennis, Engineering, to attend the Institute for Building Officials January 13-17, 2020 Brooklyn Center MN cost of \$1,656.88.
4. Approve the Temporary Liquor Application for the Lyric Center on November 23, 2019.
5. Approve the 2 A.M. liquor license for Kay Kor, Inc. d/b/a Mel's Sportspage Bar & Snickers Pizza.

Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Council discussed the Vacant Building Ordinance and voiced concerns regarding scenarios with garage apartments on the same lot and what the recommended fees would be as well as added expenses to the landowners.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the second reading of the Vacant Building Ordinance, Chapter 18 of the City Code. Motion Carried.

It was noted the Fire Marshall will conduct the inspections of the property and will take a proactive approach to eliminate or control hazardous conditions.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Johnson to approve the second reading of the Fire Certificate of Occupancy Ordinance, Chapter 6, Section 6.46 of the City Code. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Recommendation from P&Z:

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the variance request for Joyce Mann for a 1' foot variance to the maximum height of 3' allowed in a front yard in order to construct a new fence 4' high in a front yard. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 19140 to approve the Virginia Fire Department "Stuff the Ambulance" Toy Drive on November 29-30, 2019. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt Resolution 19141 accepting a donation for the Fire Department from ServPro for Fire Prevention Open House. Resolution adopted unanimously.

The following Resolutions were adopted authorizing special assessments against properties for the following:

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 19141 for delinquent blight invoices. Resolution adopted unanimously.

The Council discussed verifying with the Public Utilities when a past due utility bill is waived, before or after it is certified.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 19143 for delinquent public utilities. Resolution adopted unanimously.

More information was requested by Councillor Paulsen before approving to certify the violation of Clear Water Discharge Resolution.

The motion moved by Councillor Johnson, to adopt the Resolution for Violation of the Clear Water Discharge Ordinance failed due to lack of support.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to table the adoption of the Resolution

for Violation of the Clear Water Discharge Ordinance to the next Committee of the Whole meeting on November 5, 2019. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to table the Resolution for the Loan Interest Loan to the next Committee of the Whole meeting on November 5, 2019. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the parade route for the Festival of Trees on November 23, 2019. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt Resolution 19144 approving entering into an Energy Services Agreement between the City Of Virginia and AMERESCO, Inc. for Project . A, contingent upon approval of financing. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt Resolution 19145 approving entering into an Energy Services Agreement between the City of Virginia and AMERESCO, Inc. for Project B, contingent upon approval of financing. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 19146 approving the hire of Mr. Daniel Wolf for the Permanent Part-Time Parking Monitor starting on October 23, 2019. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt Resolution 19147 approving the hire of Seasonal Recreation Assistants. Motion Carried.

Committee of the Whole Meeting held October 15, 2019

The Council tabled awarding the contract for the Downtown Grant Administrator for further information and to discuss at the next Committee of the Whole November 5, 2019.

The Council agreed to proceed with monthly managed IT services for the City of Virginia and to review the at the next Committee of the Whole meeting November 5, 2019.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 19148 authorizing City Staff and S.E.H. to begin Task I of the Planning and Zoning ordinance update. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to send a letter to residents

regarding the “Resident Parking Only” signage removal on 17th Street South and to invite the residents to the Committee of the Whole meeting on November 5, 2019 for comment. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt Resolution 19149 authorizing the purchase of the vacant lot located at 219 Chestnut Street from St. Louis County in an amount not to exceed \$500.00 Motion Carried.

Tabled the discussion on the Federal Opioid Litigation lawsuit involving Cities until more information is gathered from the city attorney.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to authorize staff to proceed with the repair of the police garage roof and determine who is responsible for the cost of the incident. Motion Carried.

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Councillor Johnson noted that staff has been contacting St. Louis County and the contractors regarding public concerns during the demolition of the Northland Building.

Councillor Paulsen attended the Cable Commission meeting and they are continuing to work on the audio and live streaming with the new sound system in the Council Chambers. The also discussed an area for video at the MECC.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. presented Census information to the Council.

See-Benes informed the public that the Downtown revitalization meeting for the VEDA funds available for the rehabilitation program with grants up to \$50,000 will be held on Monday, November 4th at 5:30 p.m. Virginia is the pilot city for the program.

Councillor Baranzelli attended the Parks and Recreation meeting and noted that there is ice in both rinks and figure skating has started. The Greenhouse is covered with a tarp and is helping with steam costs.

The Council meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m. to Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

Larry Cuffe, Jr., Mayor

Pamela LaBine, City Clerk