

## VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

### COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

**CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, October 24, 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

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held October 10, 2017.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 17-020 schedule of Bills.
3. Adopt Resolution(s) authorizing special assessments against properties for the following:
  - A. Delinquent blight invoices Resolution 17132
  - B. Delinquent public utilities Resolution 17133
  - C. Violation of the Clear Water Discharge Ordinance Resolution 17134
3. Adopt Resolution 17135 for the Final pay estimate for the 2017 Road Reconditioning Project to KGM Contractors in the amount of \$7,230.92

Motion Carried and Resolutions adopted unanimously.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

City Administrator See-Benes informed the Council that a private blighted residence was donated to the City by Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. The property is located at 322 8<sup>th</sup> Street South. The City is required that the property be rehabbed or demolished with a final disposition that contributes to neighborhood stabilization.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 17136 for the acceptance of the donated blighted property located at 322 8<sup>th</sup> Street South, Lot 11 & 12, Block 103, Second Addition to Virginia. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve Police Chief Nicole Mattson to be the representative for the Northeast Law Enforcement Representative (NLEAC) and to attend the monthly meetings of the Minnesota Chief of Police Association Board. Motion Carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole meeting October 17, 2017

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Paulsen to table the quote for the flag pole at Washington Manor until additional quotes and more information is received. Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to direct City Staff to work with Jenni Smith of Smith's Infusion on the organization of a sleigh ride during Small Business Saturday, to be held on November 25, 2017. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve the amendment to the original purchase agreement with Engineering Resources, LLC for the former Troy Griener Lot and to set a closing date for the land transaction on or before December 1, 2022. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve seeking Request for Proposals for the Virginia Greenhouse Re-Roof Project, which includes the replacement of the roofs in all three greenhouse buildings at Olcott Park. Motion Carried.

It was noted that there has been in excess of \$1.2 million spent on the Greenhouse and the Council will need to review the RFP's submitted to see if there are funds available for the repairs.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve to provide the restaurant manager with a 60-day termination of contract notice, as required by the contract, and direct staff to negotiate a new contract to present to the Council at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to accept the low bid proposal from Kraus Anderson, for the Construction Manager at Risk for the Miners Memorial Complex. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to approve the recommendation by staff to hire Kristi Westerbur as the Head Co-Director of the skating program with an annual salary of \$5,500 to be divided among the co-directors. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the recommendation by staff to approve hiring Ms. Jenna Brown as the Assistant Co-Director of the skating program with an annual salary of \$5,500 to be divided among the co-directors. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 17137 approving the waiver of City Ordinance No. Chapter 5, Sec. 5.41 to allow for On Sale Liquor Sales from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on October 29, 2017.

Ayes: Councillor Baribeau, Paulsen, Johnson, Baranzelli, Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (5)

Nay-Councillor Jorgensen (1)

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to receive and file the appraisal that was received from Edwards & Associates Real Estate for property located on 16<sup>th</sup> Street North. Motion Carried.

City Administrator See-Benes presented the Council with the updated IAFF contract. Councillor Jorgensen noted that the City staff does a great job, but is not in favor of the salary increases in the contract as well as some of the perks and will not be supporting the contract.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to accept the negotiated IAFF contract for three years 2017, 2018, 2019 based on the recommendation by City staff.

Ayes: Councillor Johnson, Baribeau, Paulsen, Baranzelli, Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (5)

Nays: Councillor Jorgensen (1)

Motion Carried.

City Administrator See-Benes updated the Council and public that the owner of the property on the North side of Hwy 53 is cleaning up the property. Several calls were received concerning the property.

The Council approved the following Resolutions to allow the City Administrator to make the application to the Contamination Cleanup Grant through the Department of Employment and Economic Development:

VEDA, Revive and the Virginia Foundation have agreed to purchase vacant buildings to rehab for potential business. This property's purchase agreement states the need to satisfy any environmental concerns. There are some contamination issues on the property that need to be taken care of.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt Resolution 17138 for DEED clean-up application at 118 Chestnut Street. Resolution adopted unanimously.

The former Griener Dry Cleaning site requires the owner to apply and up front the \$10,000 deductible required for the grant. The City will apply for the grant to help clean up the property.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 17139 for the Dry Cleaning cleanup application for the former Greiner Troy Laundry site on 1st Street South. Resolution adopted unanimously.

The City will be posting for outdoor rink attendants. There are three warming shacks in the City. The position will require the attendant to shovel, administer first aid if necessary, and oversee the rink.

#### COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Councillor Jorgensen updated the Council and noted that the fountain will not up and running this year. The liner needs to be installed in the pool and the temperature needs to be above 48 degrees for installation. Work will continue in the spring. More donations are needed to complete the project and additional fundraising events will be held in the future.

Councillor Baribeau attended the MPCA hearing regarding the sulfate standards. The administrative judge noted that the questions asked will need to be answered in writing. The comment period was extended from November 2, 2017 to November 22, 2017.

Councillor Johnson attended a meeting at the Fire Department to discuss forming a group of citizens for Friends of the Public Safety Committee. The next meeting will be Monday, November 6, 2017 at 6:30 at the

Miner's South room.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. noted an appreciation package was received from Luke Chopp and the Land of the Loon Committee for all of the hard work the City employees do for the event.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. spoke with Ron Jerich regarding the Miners and would he would like to meet with the City and discuss our legislative priorities. Staff is working on the design of the building for the safety complex as well as a site for the building. Nothing is concrete on the funding as of yet and the design is being changed to include both the Police and Fire Departments. The Council will be updated before the presentation to the State.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. noted that the City will continue to move on with the Economic Development in the City and thanked City staff for their work.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. to Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.in the Council Chambers.

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Larry Cuffe, Jr., Mayor

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Pamela LaBine, City Clerk