

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA
October 25, 2016 – 6:30 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. No oral or written comments were received by the deadline.

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

Absent: none

Also Present: Britt See-Benes, City Administrator; Tom Butorac, City Attorney; Pamela LaBine, City Clerk; Steve Johnson, Gerald Christofferson

City Attorney Butorac updated the Council on the Temporary Family Health Care Dwellings law. It would allow a temporary structure to be placed on the property for anyone who is mentally or physically impaired. Council discussion continued regarding the pros and cons of opting out of the statute.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia, Minnesota was called to order by Mayor Cuffe, Jr. at 6:50 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve amending Chapter 11, Section 11.3 Special regulation to *opt out* of the requirement of Minnesota Statutes, section 462.3593

Ayes: Councillor Jorgensen, Sipola, Baranzelli, Baribeau, Littlewolf, Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (6)

Nay-Councillor McReynolds (1)

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor McReynolds to adopt the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held October 11, 2016.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 16- 020 Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve payment for Spectrum Health from the IRRRB grant for \$350,000.00
4. Approve City Surplus Sale List.
5. Approve travel request for Stephanie Wichlaoz to attend the Early STEM Learning Workshop in Grand Rapids, MN on October 25, 2016, no cost for the seminar.

6. Adopt Resolution 16664 authorizing special assessments against properties for delinquent blight invoices.
7. Adopt Resolution 16665 authorizing special assessments against properties for delinquent Public Utilities.
8. Adopt Resolution 16666 authorizing special assessments against properties in violation of the Clear Water Discharge Ordinance
9. Adopt Resolution 16667 authorizing submission of the MPCA Environmental Assistance Grant for the City of Virginia Curbside Recycling Program.

Motions Carried and Resolutions adopted unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Sipola to authorize entering into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Central Iron Range Brownfield Coalition. Motion Carried.

A special invitation was received for the Council and Mayor to attend the Community Information meeting for Carefree Living Virginia, Wednesday, November 2nd at the Coates Plaza Hotel from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to rescind Resolution 16661 for the Limited Use Permit between the City of Virginia and the State of Minnesota for wording changes. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Sipola to table the proposed Resolution regarding the Limited use Permit until a map of the trail is located. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to support the Virginia Fire Department Fill the Boot Fundraiser on November 2-4, 2016. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COW Finance Meeting October 19, 2016.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Sipola to remove parcel No. 090-0180-00308 off the market for 30 days until both Northland Capital and SSB Real Estate Group can present a plan to the Council. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to approve the sale of property, parcel No. 090-0180-00308 to Brandon Seppala with Pohaki Lumber for the current taxable market value of the land or \$4,200.00 with the final resolution considered at the November 15, 2016 City Council Meeting. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to allow City staff to review the financials of Legacy Collision before the City of Virginia will agree to further subordinate on the loan. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to support the application of Revive Virginia for a Downtown Business Corridor for a matching grant in the amount of \$50,000 with from the Iron Range Resources Board, contingent upon matching funds being received from the City of Virginia and the Virginia Foundation from the City of Virginia and the Virginia Foundation. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Sipola to amend Chapter 11, Table B Business District Uses from "*Taverns and Off-Sale Liquor only on Chestnut Street*" to read "*On Sale Liquor only on Chestnut Street*".

Aye: Councillor Littlewolf, McReynolds, Jorgensen, Sipola (4)
Nay: Councillor Baribeau, Baranzelli, Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (3)
Motion Carried.

Moved by Baribeau, supported by Councillor Sipola to Remove "*Taverns and Off-Sale Liquor only on Chestnut Street*" from Chapter 11 of the City Code, Table B – Business District Uses

Aye: Councillor Sipola, Baribeau, Littlewolf, McReynolds, Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (5)
Nay: Councillor Baranzelli, Jorgensen (2)
Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to table the City of Virginia Purchasing Policy to a future Finance meeting. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to allow the City Administrator to submit a CDBG application for 2nd Street South from 5th Avenue to 6th Avenue and 4th Street South from 5th Avenue to 6th Avenue. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Sipola to approve the MINE ad in the Mesabi Daily Tribune at a cost of \$800.00 for a 1/8 page advertisement. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to approve the travel of City Councillor or Administrator to attend the CGMC Fall Conference to be held on Thursday, November 17-18, 2016 in Alexandria, MN with a registration cost of \$165.00 per person, hotel reservations at \$94.00 plus tax per night. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to table the purchase of the generator maintenance agreement at the Fire Hall until we receive a quote for both the Fire Hall and City Hall. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds approve Resolution 16668 for the monthly Cloud Hosting Service for the Laserfiche server, from Cities Digital for up to 100GB of data at a monthly cost of \$300.00 and to allow the Mayor and Administrator to enter into an agreement with Cities Digital. Motion Carried.

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Councillor Baribeau attended the VPUC meeting with City Administrator Britt See-Benes. Discussion regarding an Electric charging system for electric cars was held and it was agreed to place on the Building and Grounds Agenda. They are currently working with MN Power to do the installation and the revenue would go to the VPUC. This would be at no cost to the City of Virginia. They talked about the Northern Sun Solar Project on the Range. There is also a new rule on Mercury use for 2018.

Councillor Sipola updated on the Lakes Committee, the brushing along the lake is complete and the holes in the paving and have been repaired. Councillor Sipola requested a thank you add be placed in the newspaper and on the webpage to those that have adopted a shoreline or a filled a planter this past year to beautify the City.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor McReynolds to create a thank you ad for the newspaper and the webpage. Motion Carried.

Councillor McReynolds: updated on comp plan meeting, they are moving thru drafts of the chapters, when completed they will be posted web link section on the city website, will go to SEH comp plan.

Councillor Sipola and Councillor Baribeau met with City Administrator Britt See-Benes regarding the garbage issue and will discuss at the next finance meeting.

The Mayor noted that his door is always open and would be happy to meet with anyone at any time to discuss any questions or concerns.

A letter was received from the Virginia Skating Club regarding the cleaning of the lockers rooms at the Miner's and what a great job the Public Works Department has done.

Adjourned at 7: 47 p.m. to Tuesday, November 15, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.in the Council Chambers.