

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, OCTOBER 11, 2011

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia, Minnesota, was called to order by Mayor Peterson at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Roll Call:

Present: Councillors Cuffe, Littlewolf, Ralston, Baribeau, Russo, Mayor Peterson - 6

Absent: Councillor Sipola - 1

Mayor Peterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Three registered nurses from the Virginia Regional Medical Center appeared to request the City Council to consider appointing two practicing, registered nurses to the joint City/Hospital Steering Committee.

Mayor Peterson recommended that the nurses submit their request by letter to the City Council and Hospital Commission, as the Steering Committee was appointed jointly by both entities.

Councillor Russo stated he is a member of the Steering Committee and encouraged the employees to attend the public forum to be held at the Virginia Regional Medical Center on October 27, 2011, to address their questions.

Mayor Peterson also the Steering Committee meetings are confidential and stated that a motion was passed unanimously at the last Steering Committee meeting to request Essentia to meet with each department within the hospital to discuss their plans for all employees.

Moved by Russo and supported to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held September 27, 2011.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 11-018 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve Application for Exempt Permit for Ducks Unlimited Mesabi Chapter for raffle on November 17, 2011.

Motions carried and Finance Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported to approve the request from Jon Pettinelli, 1102 7th Avenue North, for a 3 foot variance to the maximum 3 foot height allowance in a residential front yard, in order to install a 6 foot high fence, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported to approve the request from Jon Anderson, d/b/a P & H Mine Pro, 1205 Inland Road, for a 25 foot variance to the required 50 foot setback on the south property line, in order to construct a mining service center, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

City Operations Director Tourville reviewed the reimbursement resolution for the P & H Mine Pro and Menards development projects, which would allow the City to be reimbursed from bond proceeds for expenditures made during the 60 days prior to the adoption of the resolution.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11158, declaring the official intent of the City of Virginia to reimburse certain expenditures from the proceeds of bonds to be issued by the City for the installation of infrastructure for the P & H Mine Pro and Menards development projects. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Paul Steinman of Springsted, Inc., reviewed the resolution to set the sale date of November 9, 2011, for the grant anticipation bonds for the P & H Mine Pro and Menards development projects.

Moved by Russo and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11159, providing for the issuance and sale of approximately \$2,150,000 General Obligation Grant Anticipation Notes, Series 2011 A, for the P & H Mine Pro and Menards development projects. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11160, approving the Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement between the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Superior National Forest and Virginia Fire Department. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported to change the date for the City Council meeting scheduled for November 8th to Wednesday, November 9th, due to the General Election. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported to approve a one-day Temporary On-Sale liquor License for the Holy Spirit Church for October 29, 2011. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on October 4, 2011.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to approve increasing the rent for the Washington Manor by a flat fee of \$15 per month, effective January 1, 2012, as recommended by the Housing and Redevelopment Authority. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to approve payment of the 2012 dues for the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, in the amount of \$12,058. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to give Tom and Amy Martinich a period of 30 days to make application for an on-sale liquor license for their proposed restaurant in Midway, once there is other interest in the liquor license. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11161, accepting Option #1 for the improvements to the Virginia Greenhouse, as agreed upon by Lenci Enterprises, which includes the complete scope of work for the West greenhouse and basement, at a cost of \$478,700, with the shortage of funds to be included in the charter bond.

Ayes: Councillors Cuffe, Littlewolf, Baribeau, Russo, Mayor Peterson – 5

Nays: None

Abstained: Councillor Ralston - 1

Resolution adopted.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to authorize the City of Virginia to match a contribution of \$30 for each Virginia firefighter that individually contributes for the Minnesota Fire Service Foundation Memorial. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to reject the bids for the following items that were included in the surplus equipment sale:

- 1970 portable regulation size basketball floor.
- 2 - 1989 8' portable basketball backboards with ballasts for retracting rims.

Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to accept the high bids for the items that were included in the surplus equipment sale, as follows:

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| ➤ 1978 Galion T-500m Grader, Serial #I108387
Greg Larson | \$5,250.00 |
| ➤ 1979 Galion T-500m Grader, Serial #I108828
Jola & Sopp | \$7,900.00 |
| ➤ 1991 Case 580 Super K Backhoe
Joe Welch | \$15,750.00 |
| ➤ 1997 Ford Crown Victoria Car
Adam Puhek | \$ 457.00 |

➤	1997 Plymouth Van Larry Reedy	\$ 750.00
➤	1995 Jacobson 72" Turfcut Mower Chuck Renner	\$1,251.00
➤	1977 International Tractor (Minimum Bid - \$2,000) Da Norlander	\$2,750.00
➤	1957 Toro Parkmaster W/Dump Barb Tucker	\$1,011.79
➤	1990 Jacobsen Tee Mower Holmes Recycling	\$ 111.00
➤	Cushman Truckster W/Dump Box Holmes Recycling	\$ 512.00
➤	7 Reel Pull Behind Gang Mower Set Joe Bernard	\$ 502.00

Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to support the City of Eveleth's application to the IRRRB for a Collaborative 2012 Public Works Infrastructure Grant for the street reconstruction and storm sewer replacement on Station 44 Road, from US Highway 37 to the Mesabi Station Road.

Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11162, accepting the proposal from Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$10,500.00, for professional wetland delineation services for C.P. 7-11 - Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion/Upgrade Project. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported to approve the revised travel request for Nancy Maxwell, Library Director, to attend the Annual Minnesota Library Association Conference, which will be held October 12-14, 2011, in Duluth. Motion carried.

The travel request from Dana Waldron, Police Chief, to attend the 2011 Minnesota Towards Zero Deaths Conference to be held November 16 & 17, 2011, in Duluth was denied for lack of support.

Councillor Littlewolf reported on the City's new website and requested that each department head review the information on the website pertaining to their department.

Recommendations were made to include annual reports for the finances and streets on the website.

Mayor Peterson reported on the following items:

- Thanked the Fire Department for holding their annual open house at the Fire Hall.
- Newly formed Labor Relations Committee held their initial meeting to address concerns in the Police Department and the committee plans to submit recommendations to the City Council.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, October 25, 2011.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

STEVE PETERSON
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI
City Clerk