

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

City of Virginia, Minnesota October 27, 2015

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Minnesota was called to order a 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Cuffe, Jr. in the council chambers, city hall.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Cuffe, Jr.; Councillors: Baribeau, Baranzelli, McReynolds, Littlewolf, Sipola,

Jorgensen (7)

Absent: none

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance

Moved by Councillor Littlewolf, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held October 13, 2015
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 15-019 Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve the application for the exempt permit for MN Ducks unlimited raffle held October 26, 2015.
4. Adopt Resolution 15193 authorizing special assessments against properties for delinquent blight invoices.
5. Adopt Resolution 15194 authorizing special assessments against properties for delinquent public utilities.
6. Adopt Resolution 15195 authorizing special assessments against properties in violation of the Clear Water Discharge Ordinance.
7. Approve the application for the exempt permit for the Mesabi Humane Society to hold a raffle and bingo on November 7, 2015.

Motion carried and Resolutions adopted unanimously

APPEARANCES:

Terry Hartikka-Discussed the Cable Commission request for the HD Access TV equipment purchase. He gave the council an update for the ability for live TV from remote locations, the current

equipment is 12-13 years old, with the industry going towards HD it makes sense to go that way. The Commission does have the funds available to purchase the equipment.

Live TV feature, on channel Five and facilitate going live over the internet. Councillor Baribeau asked what will happen to access channel, if they have to get new boxes, not everyone has internet access. It was suggested to look at the contract with Mediacom. If they phased out analog they would have to provide HD on their cost. The Municipal Cable Commission voted to approve the equipment purchase at the Commission meeting. Councillor Littlewolf wasn't sure about the budget, so not sure how we can approve without more information. They are requesting using peg fees, which has a balance of about \$31,000 and they need approximately \$20,000 for the purchase. She would prefer to see a quote for the items, and to go back to finance committee for more discussion. Councillor Baribeau was contacted and noted that it's already covered under Franchise Fees and in the past we have bypassed the finance committee.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Sipola to approve the purchase of the HD equipment on the recommendation of the Municipal Cable Commission.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes-Baribeau, Jorgensen, Sipola, Baranzelli, Cuffe, Jr. (5)

Nay-Littlewolf, McReynolds (2)

Motion Carried

Further discussion on the matter, Councillor Littlewolf disagrees with the motion and would like to see the invoices presented to the council; Councillor McReynolds asked if it could be delayed until the next council meeting. Councillor Jorgensen was aware of the purchase from the minutes of the meeting. Mayor Cuffe Jr. also noted that he doesn't have a problem with the purchase and to move forward, the quote and breakdown can be given to the council when Mr. Hartikka has it.

Mr. Hartikka also discussed regulation of adult entertainment; he has received emails from people regarding some adult entertainment issues and would like the council to weigh in on the issue. They may be called sexually orientated businesses; sex clubs, swingers club, etc. Other cities have had

to put in ordinances by court order when local groups are concerned. There are options for a community to take care of the situation; restrictions, zoning, no alcohol etc. Councillor Littlewolf would like more information and have the attorney look into it. Mr. Hartikka has spoken with the Mayor, and Attorney regarding this. The council agreed to have the attorney look into the situation and also the Police Chief, and to check the code and see if it falls under any part of that for enforcement.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councilor Littlewolf to move the discussion on adult entertainment to Street/Alley/Public Safety Committee for more discussion. Motion Carried

Councillor Baranzelli would like to set the meeting of Street/Alley/Public Safety as a Committee of the Whole Meeting. Mayor Cuffe, Jr. suggested that once its organized then schedule a Committee of the Whole Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councillor Sipola reported on the Personnel Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on October 20, 2015

Moved by Councillor Sipola supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt resolution 15196 regarding the Fire Marshall Position. Resolution adopted unanimously

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to adopt resolution 15197 to approve the mandatory yoga class presented by the Fire Department, two sessions per month, \$100.00 per session to be paid for out of the Fire Department Budget. Resolution adopted unanimously

Moved by Councillor Baribeau supported by Councillor Sipola to adopt resolution 15198 to approve the mandatory physical conditioning class presented by the Fire Department, two sessions per month, \$200.00 per session to be paid for out of the Fire Department Budget. Resolution adopted unanimously

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. noted that it is just the start of the program, and eventually he for sees it moving into a more substantial program.

Reviewed the hiring policy and how it relates to department heads, reviewed 13 steps in the

order presented and there will be no change in the policy.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held October 20, 2015

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt resolution 15199 to approve the quote from Takala for \$23,400 for bio-solid removal. Resolution adopted unanimously

Jeff Frost also updated the council on the phosphorus and preliminary study.

Councillor Baribeau updated on the presentation from Steve Giorgi regarding RAMS, they are asking if the city will continue with their membership, and they will also be sending a letter asking for input on a group bonding request.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau supported by Councillor Littlewolf to approve final payment to Ulland Brothers for the Utility Project contingent upon submission of paper work; \$44,027.82.

Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt resolution 15200 for the Hobart dishwasher, by Culinex, \$17,920.32, not low bid, better model, includes installation.

Resolution adopted unanimously

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt resolution 15201 for the design study proposal for holes 1,9,10, and 18 in the amount of \$13,400.00; \$8,400.00 with Gill Design Inc. and \$5,000.00 with American Engineering Testing. Resolution adopted unanimously

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to approve the training request for Chris Clark to attend the Interview & Interrogation class November 17-18, 2015 in Hermantown \$250.00. Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to have lobbyist, Jerich & Associates to attend the next finance meeting to discuss lobbying for the city for the Miners Memorial Building and any other projects. Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to include \$5,000 in the 2016 budget for the neighborhood renewal project. Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt resolution 15202 for a balance transfer of Morgan Stanley Police investments to Morgan Stanley City investments as of November 1, 2015. Resolution adopted unanimously

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to incorporate all enterprise funds in the budget discussions for next year. Motion Carried.

Moved by Baribeau, supported by Littlewolf to table discussion on land until after the Friday, October 30th meeting with VCCU—Motion Carried

Refer to Street/Alley/Public Safety committee for consideration on the VCCU curb cut.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve removal of the northbound (East side) four parking spots from 1st. Street South to 2nd. Alley South on 2nd Avenue in order to construct a left (West Bound) turn lane and north bound thru lane at the intersection of 1st. Street South and 2nd. Ave. Motion Carried.

OTHER ITEMS OF CONCERN:

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to refer to the Street/Alley/Public Safety Committee to consider re-routing the one way alley behind the police department.

Motion Carried

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Councillor Littlewolf updated on the Library Committee Meeting, the book sale was a successful event. The library sold the leftover books to Better World Books for \$2,600.00. The work study program is up and running, and there is one position open for the work study. The City has hired a new children's librarian, starting November 2, 2015. On Friday, October 30th, the library employees will be dressed up as the Muppets.

The library schedule has the following items for the public:

- November 5th noon to 1:30 Poetry workshop with Brian Laidlaw.
- November 19th cook the book, potluck, and recipe swap

Councillor Baribeau attended the RAMS meeting on October 22nd, 2015 and informed the council the bylaws and constitution passed, the RAMS annual meeting will be January 7th, 2016.

Councillor Baranzelli attended the Parks/Recreation Meeting; the heating system is completed at Miners Memorial Building in the back rooms. The locker rooms are also completed and the tennis for all lights will be completed this week.

Councillor Jorgensen also noted there is a motion to rename the former gun club and there are ads seeking nominations for the new name. The Olcott Park Fountain Restoration Committee received a letter of thanks from the extended Bachman family, appreciating the park and recreation committee and also the, City of Virginia, they donated a check for \$2,000.00 and had given a previous donation of \$500.00.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. and City Administrator Tourville and Engineer Bill Hennis took a tour of the bridge construction, it was very interesting. MNDOT, Lakehead, and Hoover have begun construction and are moving forward.

There have been many nice comments and we have received many donations on the fountain, There have been pictures in the paper, it's a huge undertaking and any financial support accommodating.

Received a thank you from the Children's Learning facility. The Mayor also thanked the council for all the time spent on committee meetings, doing the budget etc. He also noted the website is almost done, and we will allow department heads to look at it when it's available.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. with the next regular council meeting to be held Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LARRY CUFFE, JR.
Mayor

PAMELA LaBINE
City Clerk