

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, November 12, 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, Biondich, Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (6)

Absent: Councillor Baranzelli (1)

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Bruce Kingsley appeared before the Council to discuss the rental property adjacent to his home. Mr. Kingsley noted that he has called Mr. Cole but he has not returned his phone calls and has not been updated in over a month. Mr. Cole and Fire Marshall Chris Clark inspected the property and scheduled an appointment with the owner. After the inspection a list of upgrades were requested to be remediated within 30 days. The Council directed City Administrator See-Bene to have the Building Official contact Mr. Kingsley and give him an update on the status of the blight issues. Councillor Paulsen would like the Building Official to immediately begin the condemnation process on the property for the garage. The house and the garage have been vacant for two years. The Council requested all information that has been sent to the property owner be available by the November 19, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held October 22, 2019 and the Public Hearing held October 22, 2019
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 19-021 Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve the Temporary Liquor License for the Lyric Center on December 5, 2019
4. Approve Pay Estimate #4 to Casper Construction for the Midway Drive Improvements in the amount of \$361,400.14

Motion Carried.

APPEARANCES

Mr. Erik Wedge, DSGW gave the Council a review of the Miner's Event and Convention Center schematic design plans. Todd Hallonen gave an update on the outdoor area and landscaping around the Miners. Isaac Sports Group updated on the operating financials for the project and Carl Magorne reviewed the estimated budget costs and the proposed schedule.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Paulsen to adopt Resolution 19150

approving the hiring of Andrea Trembath as the Part-time Library Clerk on or after November 29, 2019.

Ayes: Councillor Friedlieb, Paulsen, Johnson, Biondich, Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (5)

Nay: Councillor Baribeau (1)

Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 19151

approving the hiring of Singe Role EMT Connor Grigsby on or after November 29, 2019. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt Resolution 19152 to apply and accept funds from the IRRR Minefield Reclamation Program. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt Resolution 19153 to set the Storm Sewer Service Charge effective January 1, 2020 base fee set at \$1.00. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 19154 to set the fee schedule for the Fire Business Occupancy Permits effective January 1, 2020. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Biondich to adopt Resolution 19155 to set the fee schedule for the Vacant Building Registration effective January 1, 2020. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Planning and Zoning held November 4, 2019:

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the variance request from from Robert Lieby at 923 14th Street North Virginia, MN

- a.) A 15 foot variance to the minimum 20 foot setback requirement in order to conduct a new deck 5 feet from the front yard (14th Street) property
- b.) A 0.7 foot variance to the required 5 foot side yard setback in order to conduct a new deck 4.3 feet from the side yard (East) property line

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Johnson to appoint Rocci Denofrio to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority for a five (5) year term ending November 22, 2024. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting held November 5, 2019

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Johnson to approve the letter of understanding

with the NE MN Small Business Development SBDC Center in the amount of \$6,000 per year through December 31, 2020. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the independent contractor agreement between the City of Virginia Economic Development Authority and Community Resource Development, LLC.

Ayes: Councillor Baribeau, Friedlieb, Paulsen, Biondich, Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (5)

Nay: Councillor Johnson (1)

Motion Carried.

Councillor Paulsen received feedback from residents regarding the cost of the property that the City is selling to the school and suggested the property be sold for \$1,000 per acre. Further discussion was held on the land and work to be done by the school for preparation of the land. The Council agreed to keep the selling price at \$50,000 for the property.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the Resolution for the first reading for the Sale of Site B in Midway to ISD #706 Joint Powers Board in the amount of \$50,000 and authorize staff to proceed with a development agreement. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Johnson to approve the additional fees incurred by SEH in the amount of \$19,700 for the Midway Drive Project. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 19151 for Change Order #3 for Midway Drive Improvements for an increase of \$7,225. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Johnson to approve the repayment agreement with Virginia Public Utilities for the AMERESCO Energy Services Improvements. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to set a Special Meeting at 8:30 a.m. on November 19, 2019 to approve the Financing for Tax Exempt Energy Efficiency Lease Purchase Agreement and the AMERESCO contract. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Paulsen to adopt Resolution 19157 to increase the Parks and Recreation Rental fees as presented by the Park and Recreation Commission effective January 1, 2020. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to adopt Resolution 19158 approving the contract with Viking Coca-Cola Bottling to supply products for the Miner's Memorial Building concessions with the suggested amendments. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Biondich to adopt Resolution 19159 for asbestos removal at three properties in Virginia from ACCT Incorporated at a cost of \$31,700. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt Resolution 19160 for managed IT Services for all City departments with Pantheon Computers at a cost of \$4,750 per month for one year. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt Resolution 19161 to approve the three year contract for auditing services with Walker Giroux and Hahne for fiscal years 2019, 2020 and 2021. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the CPI-U increase to the People Service Contract and authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 19162 authorizing the Special Assessments for Violation of the Clear Water Discharge Ordinance and to certify by November 30, 2019. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to allow City staff to develop a cumulative fee schedule increasing the fees for the violation of the Clear Water Discharge Ordinance and develop a plan for non-compliance. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt Resolution 19163 authorizing Special Assessments for the Virginia Public Utilities Low Interest Conversion Loans and to certify by November 30, 2019. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to replace the "Resident Only Parking" signs in the 1100 Block of 17th Street South with "No Parking" signage. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Biondich to adopt Resolution 19164 for the repair or removal of hazardous conditions at 707 9th Street North. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Biondich to adopt Resolution 19165 for the repair or removal of hazardous conditions 1006 2nd Avenue South. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 19166 for the repair or removal of hazardous conditions 901 2 ½ Avenue. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to set a Special Meeting on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. to review the letter of intent from Essentia Health. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Biondich to adopt the hiring Resolution 19167 for Single Role Paramedic Kaylee Fallos with a starting date of November 18, 2019. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Biondich to remain in the Class Action Litigation suit involving pharmaceutical companies. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Biondich to adopt Resolution 19168 for the relocation of Precinct #3 to the Miner's Memorial Building. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Biondich to adopt Resolution 19169 Designating Polling Places for 2020. Resolution adopted unanimously.

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. thanked everyone for supporting the Veterans on November 11, 2019.

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. to Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

Larry Cuffe, Jr. Mayor

Pamela LaBine, City Clerk