

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, November 27, 2018

Regular meeting of the City Council of 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: Councillors Baribeau, Johnson, Paulsen, Friedlieb, Baranzelli, Jorgensen, Mayor Cuffe Jr. (7)

Absent: None

Mayor Cuffe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held November 13, 2018
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 18-022 Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve the Temporary Liquor License for the Friends of the Greenhouse on December 14, 2018
4. Travel Requests:
 - A) Approve Susan Hoppe to attend the Lake Superior Libraries Mid Winter Unsymposium in Superior WI on January 11, 2019 at no cost
 - B) Adam Metsa to attend the MNFire Train the Trainer November 30th to December 1st, 2018 in Fergus Falls, MN at a cost of \$183.00
 - C) Katherine Kral to attend the Opioid Overdose Death Investigations in Andover MN on February 20-22, 2019 at a cost of \$589.00
5. Approve Pay Estimate #3 to Gardner Builders for the Olcott Park Fountain Phase 2 in the amount of \$103,580.87
6. Approve the 2019 liquor licenses renewals for all of the establishments that have met the requirements for liquor renewals:
 - a. 10-On-Sale Liquor
 - b. 2-On Sale 3.2 Beer
 - c. 3-Off-Sale Liquor
 - d. 4-Off Sale 3.2 Beer
 - e. 7-Sunday License
 - f. 2-Club License

Item # 5.5 regarding Pay Estimate #1 for 118 Chestnut Street was pulled by Councillor Jorgensen for discussion

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve Pay Estimate #1 to George Bougalis and Sons for 118 Chestnut Street in the amount of \$15,362.00 with a correction on the invoice to the original contract amount of \$24,430.00. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the final reading of the Ordinance change to reduce the Park and Recreation Commission from eight (8) to seven (7) members. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Finance Director Erickson gave an update on the process for the inter-fund loan transfer for the Hwy 53 project funding gap.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 18166 authorizing the Interfund Loan to pay off the \$5,313,570 Grant Anticipation Note Series 2016B. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 18167 approving the Registered Land Survey No. 21 for property in the Midway Area, City of Virginia. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt Resolution 18168 to make application to and accepting funds from the IRRRB Recharge the Range Grant Program. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the agreement with MPCA for access to City Property for site investigation. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 18169 to make

application to and accepting funds from the IRRRB Downtown Streetscape Grant Program. Resolution adopted unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole meeting November 20, 2018

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve entering into an agreement with NESC for our current health care plan until no later than March 31, 2019 and allow staff to facilitate other options in a committee setting to evaluate the best plan for the City and employees. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 18170 for the purchase of six Motorola radios for the Fire Department with the 50/50 matching grant from Homeland Security. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt Resolution 18171 authorizing the increase in sewer rates effective January 1, 2019 thru 2023. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 18172 the IT Service Agreement with Roger' Online Corporation for one year at eight (8) hours per week at a cost of \$1,800 per month with a 30 day opt out option. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt Resolution 18173 for Iron Range Broadband initiative. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Johnson to nominate Mr. Brian Silber to the one year term on the RAMS Board beginning January 1, 2019. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the Friends of the Greenhouse to conduct horse drawn carriage rides in Olcott Park on Saturday, December 15, 2018 as part of the open house. Motion Carried.

Tabled the sale of the property in the Franklin Industrial Addition to R&H Properties of Virginia until further information is received

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Baribeau to allow City staff to negotiate a

purchase price with the current property owners for the City to purchase the vacant building Parcel ID # 090-0010-03730 and the vacant lot Parcel ID #090-0010-05960 and return the information to the city council for further discussion. Motion Carried.

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Councillor Baribeau attended the Joint Powers Economic Development meeting on behalf of RAMS. Several items were discussed and it was noted a very informative and interesting meeting.

Councillor Baribeau also attended the VPUC meeting on Monday, November 26th. Several items were discussed including the Hwy 53 gap funding, operational update on the wood fire boiler. The charging station is not up and running to date. There have been 190 completed home conversions from steam to natural gas and 130 set for 2019. The VPUC meeting time has been changed from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on the 4th Monday of the month.

Councillor Jorgensen discussed the MPCA update that was received regarding the sulfate issues.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to allow City staff to retrieve information on the WWTP phosphorus issues. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Paulsen to adopt Resolution 18174 to make application and accept for the Commercial Redevelopment Grant Program. Resolution adopted unanimously.

A reminder was given for the Truth in Taxation meeting to be held on December 11, 2018 at 6:01 p.m.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. noted that the Council committees will need to be re-assigned beginning in 2019 and to review the available committees and select the ones you are willing to serve on.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m. to Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.