

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, November 29, 2016

The 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.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councillor Littlewolf, McReynolds, Baribeau, Sipola, Jorgensen, Baranzelli, Mayor Cuffe, Jr.
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Absent: None

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC FORUM:

Deborah Dely was present to discuss Southern Drive off of Hwy 7 and 14th Ave in Virginia. The road and the Railroad Crossing are in need of repair. She noted that a drainage ditch might help at the T crossing in the road. Councillor Sipola recommended that she speak with the City Administrator to see what can be done.

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting and the Public Hearing held November 15, 2016.
 2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 16022 Schedule of Bills.
 3. Accept the Resignation of Steven B. Johnson from the Parks and Recreation Commission.
 4. Approve the Exempt Permit Application for Whitetails Unlimited of MN to conduct a raffle on March 4, 2017 at the Elks Lodge.
 5. Adopt the Business Subsidy/Tax Abatement/Tax Increment Financing Policy.
- Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to appoint Councillor Littlewolf as the alternate to the RAMS Board for 2017. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Street/Alley/Public Safety meeting held November 22, 2016:

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Sipola to approve Marlise Riffel to contact the State of MN to obtain a State permit to place the Farmers Market Way Finding signs on State right of way.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the request to place a

temporary handicap parking sign and paint the curb blue in front of 1305 10th Street South and 414 7th Avenue South. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Baribeau to authorize Administration and Engineering to determine a purchase price and the necessary easements needed by the City in order to sell 60' of City property adjacent to the Virginia Coop Credit Union in the Spring/Summer of 2017. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Sipola to authorize the City Attorney to draft a temporary agreement with the Virginia Coop Credit Union to allow them to place Class 5 material on 60' of adjacent City property and to allow this area to be used for parking. Motion Carried.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. recommended inserting a completion date in the agreement with the VCCU.

COW Finance Meeting held November 22, 2016:

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve the request from Revive Virginia to conduct a Christmas Tree Lighting Event on December 9th and to work with the Police Chief and Public Works Director to evaluate the proper route for the carriage ride. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to allow People Service to continue with the Pilot Study at the WWTP with the chemical RE-100 for continued testing in January and February and to meet in March of 2017 to discuss the options. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to approve the proposal from SEH in the amount of \$6,000 to complete the compliance schedule for the WWTP Pilot Study for submission to the MPCA. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Sipola to adopt Resolution 16694 for a 10 year lease agreement with Motorola Solutions for Portable Radios/Base Radios and Portable Modems for the Police and Fire Departments with a yearly lease payment of \$37,723.36. Resolution adopted unanimously. Mayor Cuffe, Jr. updated the audience on the reason of the lease for the Motorola Radios.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt Resolution 16695 for the preventative maintenance quote with Titan Energy for the generator for City Hall, cost of \$1,578 for the three-years and the Fire Department cost of \$5,185.52 for three-years which includes the Load bank option.

Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to allow the City of Virginia to be the fiscal agent for the IRRRB Residential Demo Grant for the demolition of the house located at 717 10th Street North. Everything over and above the grant amount from IRRRB would be the responsibility of the homeowner. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to adopt Resolution 16696 approving to the quote from ServPro to deep clean the Golf Course Clubhouse at a cost of \$27,440.00. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to approve the re-bid of the Façade Repair Project at Essentia Health for 2017. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to table the discussion regarding the salary increase for the Figure Skating Director and Head Coach. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to approve the request for the City to subordinate to the third position for the Legacy Collision's Loan thru VEDA and USDA. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to table changing the VEDA Enabling Resolution for further discussion. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to table the Mesabi Humane Society contract for contract year 2017 for further information. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to allow the Fire Department to hold the annual Toy Drive "Stuff the Ambulance" on November 25-26, 2016 at the McDonalds parking lot. Motion Carried.

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. updated the public on the ISO Rating for the Virginia Fire Department. The rating is used by insurance companies for evaluation on premiums in regards to fire departments and their response time. The rating has gone from a 5 to a 3.

Councillor Jorgensen updated the Council on the last Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. They discussed purchasing playground equipment for Midway. They will be sending a letter to the residents of Midway looking for an advisory resident or commissioner from that area for the Parks and Recreation Commission. They would like to get more citizens from Midway involved with the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. asked the public to contact the Salvation Army if interested in bell ringinig during the Holidays. Contact Shawn Reize at 218-741-1889.

The Mirage is requesting to re-open the first week in December. The City would need to meet regarding the request and to discuss the license issues.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. made the public aware that calendar parking is in effect and there are some issues in regards to plowing and requested the residents to abide by the calendar parking rules.

The Truth in Taxation meeting will be held on December 13, 2016 at 6:01 p.m.

Adjourn to Tuesday, December 13, 2016, at 6:01 p.m.in the Council Chambers.

