

# VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

**CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, December 11, 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 Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Johnson to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held November 27, 2018 and Special Meeting held on December 4, 2018
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 18-023 Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve 2019 Secondhand Goods Dealers License:
  - a. Power Play Sports
  - b. Goodwill Industries
  - c. Twice is Nice
4. Approve 2019 Pawnbrokers License for Northstar Pawn & Gun, Inc.
5. Approve 2019 Tobacco License:
  - a. Edwards Oil, Inc., d/b/a Lucky Seven Northside.
  - b. Edwards Oil, Inc., d/b/a Lucky Seven Hoover Road.
  - c. Inter City Oil Co., Inc. d/b/a ICO.
  - d. Miner's, Inc., d/b/a Super One Foods – North.
  - e. Miner's, Inc., d/b/a Super One Foods - South
  - f. Renda, Inc., d/b/a Rocket Liquor.
  - g. Erickson Oil Products, Inc., d/b/a Freedom Valu Center #3.
  - h. The Virginia Smoke Shop, LLC, d/b/a Smoke Shop.
  - i. Holiday Stationstores, Inc., d/b/a Holiday Stationstore #148.
  - j. Holiday/Corman LLC, d/b/a Holiday Stationstore #41.
  - k. Dennis Yourczek, d/b/a Newsette.
  - l. C & B Warehouse Distributing, Inc., d/b/a Virginia Short Stop.
  - m. C & B Warehouse Distributing, Inc., d/b/a Virginia Short Stop Express.
  - n. Brenda Peloquin, d/b/a Brenda's Mini Mart.
  - o. DG Retail, LLC d/b/a Dollar General
  - p. Miners, Inc. d/b/a Super One Liquor

6. Approve the On Sale Liquor License for Pauly's LLC. d/b/a Pauly G's
7. Approve 2019 Kennel License for Grooming by Jane
8. Approve 2019 Massage License:
  - a. Mesabi Therapeutic Massage
  - b. Laurentian Divide Salon and Spa
  - c. Ahhh Massage
  - d. The Pebble Spa Company
9. Approve Councillors Maija Biondich and Gary Friedlieb to attend the Newly Elected Officials Conference on February 1-2, 2019 in Plymouth, MN at a cost of \$334.00 each plus mileage
10. Approve the Exempt Permit for a raffle to be held on March 2, 2019 at the Virginia Elks Club
11. Approve an On-Sale, Sunday liquor license for Mitch Kerfeld d/b/a Northern Divide & Eatery
12. Approve a Wine and On-Sale 3.2 Beer License for Aszendrops, LLC d/b/a The Shop
13. Approve a Sunday liquor license for American Legion 239 d/b/a Pratt Volden Post

Motion Carried.

Mayor Cuffe pulled item #5 regarding the taxi license. The council expressed their concern regarding taxi drivers and the licenses for the taxis that are to be placed on the vehicles. The Council agreed they would like to discuss with the owner what the proper procedures are in the ordinance. City Clerk LaBine informed the Council that the owner of C&M taxi was given a copy of the current ordinance and was made aware of the changes in the ordinance.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Johnson to approve the license for C&M Taxi for 2019 on the condition that they comply with the local ordinance by the end of 2018. Motion Carried.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 18175 approving the submittal of US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) Brownfield Assessment Grant Application with City of Virginia to act as fiscal agent for the project. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, and supported by Councilor Friedlieb to approve the payment of accounts payable for second half of December 2018. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve the re-appointment for Tony Bertucci and Dennis Yourczek to the Municipal Cable Commission for a three-year term ending

December 1, 2021. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Paulsen to approve the re-appointment of David Tuttle to the VEDA Board for a six-year term ending December 31, 2024. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve the re-appointment of Michael Bergerson to the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Commission for a three-year term ending December 31, 2021. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 18176 designating the City of Virginia precinct and polling places for 2019. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 18177 to decertify Tax Increment Financing District 5 located north of the golf course. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the League of Minnesota Cities membership dues for 2019 at a cost \$8,319.00 Motion Carried.

Planning & Zoning meeting held December 3, 2018:

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve a Conditional Use Permit for Grace & Truth Bible Church at 601 12<sup>th</sup> Street North. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the following variance request for Northland Integrity Builders, LLC for the Kaleva Building at 125 3<sup>rd</sup> Street North:

- 1) Approve the 2.1-foot variance to required 5-foot setback on the east side yard to construct a roof over the door 2.9 feet from the east property line contingent upon the shed roof being constructed so it slants to the south
- 2) Approve an 18-foot variance to the required 20-foot setback on the west side abutting city right of way to construct a roof over the door 2 feet from the property line.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Paulsen to adopt Resolution 18178 approving the 2019 budget in the amount of \$14,714,755.

Ayes: Councillor Friedlieb, Paulsen, Baribeau, Baranzelli, Johnson, Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (6)

Nay: Councillor Jorgensen (1)

Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 18179 approving the final tax levy for 2018 payable in 2019 of \$5,521,711

Ayes: Councillor Baribeau, Johnson, Paulsen, Friedlieb, Baranzelli, Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (6)  
Nay- Councillor Jorgensen (1)  
Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Johnson to approve appointing Dorian Jankila as the Team Leader for the Public Works Department. Motion Carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole meeting held December 4, 2018

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 18180 for the potential use of City owned lands known as Honda Hills for the Northern Sun Solar Development Solar Panel Project. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to approve Amendment # 1 of the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Improvement Project Engineering Contract with S.E.H for geotechnical services at a cost of \$4,675 that will be covered by State Aid. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Paulsen to adopt Resolution 18181 for the Final Pay Estimate #7 from Lenci Enterprises for Phase I Olcott Park Fountain Project in the amount of \$18,215.05. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Baribeau authorize the advertisement seeking bids for the Thunderbird Mall Phase II Demolition. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the Winter Outdoor Activity event to be held on January 21, 2019 on city owned property located at 4<sup>th</sup> street north adjacent to the VCCU. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the draft legislation authorizing a Local Sales and Use Tax and Bonding Authority. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 18182

authorizing the sale of Parcels 090-0076-00010, 090-0076-00020, 090-0076-00030 and 090-0076-00040 to R&H Properties in the amount of \$5,000. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to authorize offering the Deputy Fire Chief position to Mr. Scott Frederickson. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to approve the draft job description presented for the IT Support/Network Administrator Position. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to adopt Resolution 18183 authorizing the City to act as a fiscal agent for submission of a IRRRB Commercial Redevelopment Grant for the Stifel Nicolas improvements at 505 3<sup>rd</sup> Street North. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 18184 authorizing the City to act as the sponsoring agency for the submission of a Safe Routes to Parks grant to be submitted by Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 18185 amending the Joint Powers Agreement between the Cities of Eveleth and Virginia regarding the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Closed Personnel meeting held December 4, 2018

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the settlement agreement and release of all claims with a Police Department employee. Motion Carried.

## COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Councillor Friedlieb welcomed the Parks and Recreation Director Brian Silber and his family to the City of Virginia.

Councillor Baribeau noted the annual RAMS meeting will be held Thursday, January 10, 2019 at the Mt Iron Community Center.

The Greenhouse will be hosting their open house this weekend Friday, December 14 to 16, 2018.

The Mayor noted that this was the only council meeting to be held this month, the first business day of January there will be a reorganizational meeting at 9:00 a.m. with the COW to follow. This meeting will be

Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Councillor Johnson requested that this meeting be televised for the swearing in of the Councillor.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, Supported by Councillor Paulsen to swear in the new Councillors at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Motion Carried.

It was noted that the 2019 Legislative Conference for the League of Minnesota Cities will be held February 20 & 21, 2019.

The Mayor and Council thanked Councillor Jorgensen for his service, expertise and passion for his time served on the Virginia City Council. Mayor Cuffe, Jr. presented Councillor Jorgensen with a plaque and a city of Virginia blanket.

The Mayor thanked everyone for their hard work throughout the year and wished all a Happy Holiday and Merry Christmas.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. to Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

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Larry Cuffe, Jr., Mayor

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Pamela LaBine, City Clerk