

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, DECEMBER 14, 2010

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia, Minnesota, was called to order by Mayor Peterson at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Roll Call:

Present: Councillors Cuffe, Littlewolf, Ralston, Baribeau, Sipola, Russo, Mayor Peterson - 7

Absent: None

Mayor Peterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councillor Cuffe removed Item 3 from the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Russo and supported to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held November 23, 2010.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 10023 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve 2011 Taxi License:
 - A. Quad City Cab, LLC.
4. Approve 2011 Secondhand Good Dealers License:
 - A. The Salvation Army.
 - B. The Encore Shop.
5. Approve 2011 Massage License:
 - A. Ahhh Massage.
 - B. A Touch of Serenity.
 - C. The Pebble Spa Company.
6. Approve 2011 Pawnbrokers License:
 - A. Northstar Pawn & Gun.
7. Approve 2011 Used Metal Dealers License:
 - A. A+ Auto Salvage.
8. Approve 2011 Kennel License:
 - A. Grooming by Jane.
9. Approve 2011 Tobacco License:

<ol style="list-style-type: none">A. Freedom Valu CenterB. Rocket LiquorC. Virginia Short Stop ExpressD. Super One Foods #509E. Holiday Stationstore #148F. Edwards Lucky Seven Northside	<ol style="list-style-type: none">I. Flaimer’s, Inc.J. Virginia Short StopK. Super One Foods #459L. ICOM. Holiday Stationstore #41N. Edwards Lucky Seven Hoover Road
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- G. Frank's Bar
- H. Chestnut Spirits

- O. The Mirage

Motions carried and Finance Resolution adopted unanimously.

Regarding Item 3, Taxi License for Quad City Cab, Councillor Cuffe expressed concerns regarding the condition and age of the vehicles and recommended that the City Code taxi licensing requirements be reviewed in 2011. City Clerk Roskoski stated each taxi is required to pass a vehicle inspection, based on the Minnesota Department of Transportation's standards.

Moved by Sipola and supported to approve Item 3, Taxi License for Quad City Cab for the year 2011. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to approve Dance Permits for the Iron Range Youth in Action to hold for dances at the Miners Memorial Building on January 14, February 11 and 25, March 11, April 8 and 29 and May 20, 2011. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to approve the final payment to Max Gray Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$5,507.51, for C.P. 7-09, Miners Renovation Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported to approve the appointment of James Tieberg to the Virginia Economic Development Authority for a two year term ending December 31, 2016, as recommended by Mayor Peterson. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10140, approving Change Order No. 2, to decrease the contract of Hibbing Excavating, Inc., by the amount of \$2,667.00, and to approve the final payment, in the amount of \$13,616.754, for C.P. 6-0-9 – Seppi/Virginia Ready Mix Demolition Site Project. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported to approve the renewal of the Secondhand Good Dealer's License for Consigning Women for the year 2011. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported to approve the renewal of the Tobacco License for Brenda's Mini Mart for the year 2011. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10141, authorizing amendment to Lease No. 13306 with RGGGS Land and Minerals, Ltd, for signboards through December 31, 2011. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10142, approving Memorandum of Understanding with AFSCME Local Union 454 regarding volunteers at the greenhouse. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Paul Monacelli, Friends of the Greenhouse, stated it may not be feasible to decorate the greenhouse for the holiday season and acknowledged they will be putting together a volunteer base to staff the greenhouse, which will be in conjunction with the hours at the Virginia Historical Society.

Moved by Ralston and supported to approve the renewal of the Tobacco License for Falkowski's Market for the year 2011. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported to approve the renewal of the Taxi License for C & M Taxi for the year 2011. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the communication from St. Louis County regarding properties that have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of real estate taxes.

Moved by Sipola and supported to send a letter to St. Louis County stating the City of Virginia does not feel any of the tax forfeited parcels should be classified as non-conservation. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to refer the communication from St. Louis County regarding tax forfeited lands to the Buildings/Grounds Committee meeting to be held on December 16, 2011, to determine if there are parcels that the City would be interested in obtaining. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to authorize City Operations Director Tourville to act on the City's behalf prior to January 8, 2011, regarding the tax forfeited properties. Motion carried.

Councillor Ralston reported on the Buildings/Grounds Committee meeting held on November 30, 2010.

Moved by Ralston and supported to move forward with exploring the integrity of the foundation and insulated glass system at the greenhouse. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson thanked Marlyn Swanson for her many years of volunteer service to the City of Virginia and for making Virginia a beautiful place to live. Ms. Swanson was the original founder of the Friends of the Greenhouse, which began in 1997 to provide financial support for the greenhouse. Ms. Swanson was also instrumental in the development of the Bess Metsa Garden in 1997.

Moved by Ralston and supported to retain DSGW Architects to develop the design plans for the Phase 3 renovations to the Miners Memorial Building and to request the Park/Recreation Director to provide a budget for the project at the next Buildings/Grounds Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Councillor Ralston stated the Buildings/Grounds Committee will meet at 10:00 A.M. on December 16, 2010, to discuss the Housing Redevelopment Program.

Moved by Ralston and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10143, accepting the quote from Northeast Technical Services, in the amount of \$6,374.35, for a pre-demolition asbestos inspection and hazardous materials survey for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Street/Alley Committee meeting held on December 7, 2010, and recommended that the following solutions be implemented to resolve the parking issues on 17th Street South:

1. Place “No Unloading/Calendar Parking” signs on both sides of 17th Street South, between 12th and 13th Avenue West.
2. Place three “No Parking from Here to Corner” signs on the south side of the 13th Avenue/17th Street South intersection.
3. Place temporary orange flags on the stop signs at the 17th Street/13th Avenue West intersection.
4. Place “No Parking/No Unloading” signs on both sides of 17th Street South, between 13th and 14th Avenue West.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to approve the recommendations to resolve the parking issues on 17th Street South, as listed above. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson reported on the Finance Committee meeting held as a Committee-of-the-Whole on December 7, 2010.

Moved by Sipola and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10144, authorizing an increase in sewer rates as of January 1st for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013, as follows: 2011 - \$4.30; 2012 – \$5.35; 2013 – \$5.60. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported to direct City staff to reprioritize the items on the capital list, based on health/safety issues, equipment that is necessary within a one year period and determine which items should be financed. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10145, accepting the bid from Everest Emergency Vehicles, Inc., in the amount of \$129,925.00, for a demo 2010 Ford #450 Diesel

Ambulance, with payment to be made upon delivery in January, 2011. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported to receive and file the proposal from Northeast Technical Service to provide technical representation for the Wastewater Treatment Rehabilitation project. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10146, entering into a contract with Benchmark Engineering, Inc., to provide professional engineering services for the year 2011. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10147, accepting the quote from Jason Houle, Inc., in the amount of \$7,600.00, for painting the framing and ceiling at the Quad Cities Tennis Facility, contingent upon reimbursement by the Quad Cities Tennis for All Board for the entire cost of the project. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported to continue to allow the private contractors to use the City's snow dump site, based on the current policy. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson recommended reducing the levy from the proposed 12.2% increase over last year's levy to a 6% increase. Mayor Peterson stated the list of capital purchases has been reduced and recommended purchasing the sweeper and plow truck later in 2011, with delivery in 2012. There will also be some retirements and Mayor Peterson suggested not filling the positions immediately. The 6% increase would include a General Fund levy of \$2,721,671, a Market Value Credit Levy of \$243,796 and a Debt Service Levy of \$660,462.

Moved by Russo and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10148, setting the final tax levy of \$3,625,929 for 2010, payable in 2011. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10149, adopting the budget for the year 2011. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported to authorize the Mayor and City Operations Director to issue payments and execute contracts, as necessary, prior to the next City Council meeting, which is scheduled for January 11, 2011. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, January 11, 2011.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

STEVE PETERSON
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI
City Clerk