

**VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, JANUARY 8, 2013**

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

Roll Call:

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

Absent: None

Mayor Russo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes:
  - A. Regular Meeting held December 11, 2012.
  - B. Reorganization Meeting held January 2, 2013.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 13001 – Schedule of Bills:
  - A. Report dates: 12/17/2012 – 12/27/2012.
  - B. Report dates: 1/2/2013 – 1/4/2013.
3. Approve Application for Exempt Permit for Whitetails Unlimited (Minnesota Northeast Deer Camp) for raffle to be held on March 9, 2013.
4. Adopt Resolution No. 13026, approving Amendment with RGGGS Land & Minerals, Ltd., for Surface Lease 13306 for signboards.

Motions carried and Resolutions adopted unanimously.

Police Chief Benz stated he met with representatives of the youth snowmobile ice racing event, which is scheduled for January 26, 2013, on Bailey's Lake and reviewed the safety issues. Chief Benz did not see any issues with the event and also stated he spoke with Sgt. Mettler of the Sheriff's Office, who is responsible for issuing the permit for the snowmobile race. The permit

will be issued, contingent upon the party providing the proper insurance. Chief Benz will work with the event coordinator on the location for vehicles to enter the lake and spectator parking.

Cindy Kujala, Event Coordinator, stated they will make the arrangements to have EMS personnel at the event. Ms. Kujala also stated they have held youth snowmobile races at Side Lake, Chisholm and Grand Rapids and no issues with noise have been raised.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Ralston to approve the request from Cindy Kujala, KCPRO East Oval Ice Racing, to hold youth snowmobile races on Bailey's Lake on January 26, 2013, contingent upon providing the proper insurance, staff and medical personnel. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Cuffe to appoint Councillor Baranzelli as the liaison to the International Snowmobile Youth Racing Event. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 13027, designating the Mesabi Daily News as the Official Newspaper for 2013. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baranzelli to approve the travel request for Mel Claviter and Frank Judnick, Sewer Department, to attend the MPCA Operator's Conference, to be held January 23-25, 2013, in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Littlewolf to approve administrative staff and the City Council to attend the 2013 Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities Legislative Action Day on February 6, 2013, in St. Paul. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Ralston to adopt Resolution No. 13028, approving Change Order No. 1, to increase the contract with Mesabi Bituminous, Inc., by \$9,564.75, for C.P. 1-12 – 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Widening, Trunk Highway 53 to 17<sup>th</sup> Street South. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to approve Payment No. 2 -Final due Mesabi Bituminous, Inc., in the amount of \$18,232.43, for C.P. 1-12 – 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Widening, Trunk Highway 53 to 17<sup>th</sup> Street South. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 13029, authorizing submission and acceptance of a Grant Agreement with the State of Minnesota, through the IRRRB, in the amount of \$350,000, for the replacement of water, sewer and roads on Fourth Street North for three proposed developments. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Sipola to adopt Resolution No. 13030, authorizing submission and acceptance of a Grant Agreement with the State of Minnesota, through the IRRRB, in the amount of \$25,264.00, for the demolition of dilapidated residential restructures through the Residential Redevelopment Program. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Ralston to refer the communication from St. Louis County regarding the proposed sale of State tax forfeited land located at 114 South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue West to administrative staff for a recommendation. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Baranzelli to refer the communication from St. Louis County regarding classification of tax forfeited lands as conservation or non-conservation to staff, with staff allowed to respond to St. Louis County if there are no issues, and to notify the City Council if there are issues. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 13031, approving the hiring of Tiffany Larson as a Firefighter/Paramedic, with a start date on or after January 10, 2013, and subject to a twelve month probation period and the terms of the International Association of Firefighters, Local 390, Labor Agreement. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Littlewolf to adopt Resolution No. 13032, approving the hiring of Josh Elverum as a Firefighter/Paramedic, with a start date on or after January 23, 2013, and subject to a twelve month probation period and the terms of the International Association of Firefighters, Local 390, Labor Agreement. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baranzelli to adopt Resolution No. 13033, approving the hiring of Wade Schultz as a Patrol Officer, with a start date on or after January 23, 2013, and subject to a twelve month probation period and the terms of the Law Enforcement Labor Services, Local 195, Labor Agreement. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Baribeau noted the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools Annual Banquet will be held on January 31<sup>st</sup> in Hibbing and stated the City Clerk will make reservations for any interested City Councillors.

Councillor Cuffe reported on a meeting he attended on January 3, 2013, regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program. Thirty applications were received, with Virginia submitting an application for \$250,000 to provide for infrastructure in the area of 4<sup>th</sup> Street North.

Councillor Cuffe reported on a meeting of the Public Utilities Finance Committee that he attended earlier today to approve the 2013 budget. Councillor Cuffe noted the rates for electricity, steam, sewer and water were increased.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, January 22, 2013.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LOUIS J. RUSSO  
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI  
City Clerk