

**VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, February 23, 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:

Members Present: Councillors Baranzelli, Sipola, Jorgensen, McReynolds, Littlewolf, Baribeau, Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (7)

Members Absent: none

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held February 9, 2016.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 16-004 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve Friends of the Greenhouse one day liquor permit for March 19, 2016.

Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor McReynolds to adopt the ordinance for Knox Box Chapter 4.09, Sec. 1. Motion Carried.

Councillor Sipola updated the public on who the ordinance applies to.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Finance Committee of the Whole February 16, 2016.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to allow Chris Clark to attend the Minnesota International Association of Arson Investigators, March 23-25, 2016, in St. Cloud at a cost of \$683.38. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to approve the sale of Medic One, put up for bids via the correct bid process and advertise on the proper website. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to approve Resolution 16048 for the Knox Box key secured purchase for 25 key secure master locks at a cost of \$21,602.50. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Sipola to approve the Coordination Agreement of Knox Boxes with Mt. Iron. Motion Carried.

Motion by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve Resolution 16049 to approve the request for grant writing with Lisa Kvas; one application for Olcott Park designation and one for a grant with Minnesota Power/ALLETE at a cost of \$2,720.00. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Sipola to approve the Silver Lake Kline-Cuppoletti site facility for the fireworks display in 2016 and going forward. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to approve the contract with Zambelli, Inc. for the fireworks display at a cost of \$8,000.00 and allow the Mayor to sign. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve Resolution 16050 for the purchase of the Greens Mower from MTI Distributing, Inc., under state bid pricing, and budgeted for in 2016, at a cost of \$30,821.85. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve Resolution 16051 for the purchase of a Truckster from MTI Distributing, Inc. at a cost of \$7,659.05. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Sipola to approve Resolution 16052 for the purchase of a Ground Master from MTI Distributing, Inc., state bid pricing and budgeted for in 2016 at a cost of \$20,843.05. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to allow John Bachman to seek bids to purchase a Zamboni for the 2017 budget and present to the council. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Sipola to allow John Bachman to seek final costs on the POS system for the Golf Course Pro Shop and present to the council. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to allow Pamela LaBine to attend the MCFOA Annual Clerks Conference March 15th -18th, 2016, in St Cloud at a cost of \$832.00. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve Pay Estimate #2 for the Joy Global Site Grading to Hoover Construction in the amount of \$580,126.33. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to approve Resolution 16053 for the quote from Benchmark to do the surveying and platting in the Staver area at a cost of \$18,770.00. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt resolution 16054 for signature designation for the Mayor, Finance Director/Treasurer, and City Clerk. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to allow the City Administrator to enter into a development agreement with Natural Harvest for the property located at Block 36, lots 1-9. Motion Carried.

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Councillor Sipola reported on the Personnel Committee of the Whole February 23, 2016

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to appoint Ms. Carma Lind to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a three year term ending February 1, 2019. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor McReynolds to approve Resolution 16055 to hire Mr. Gavin Nichols as a Patrol Officer for the City of Virginia on or after March 13, 2016. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve Resolution 16056 to appoint Sherry Erickson as the interim City Administrator as of February 29, 2016. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Baribeau to allow Mike Ruedebusch to attend the Community Paramedic Training on March 2nd -3rd , 2016 in Bloomington at a cost of \$485.00.

Motion Carried.

Councillor Baribeau gave a Hwy 53 update:

The last Hwy 53 meeting was February 4th, the cosway is complete from the east to west side wall, 320,000 pounds of rock was used for the cosway. Safety classes are given every day before the start of the project. Traffic is restricted to everyone other than those in a working capacity. Keiwit has some community involvement: currently members of the Chamber of Commerce, Habitat for Humanity and United Way. They are planning a family day this summer for the community and they will be featured in the MINE article. They have a camera that takes pictures every six hours of the progress of the bridge. The next meeting is March 3, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Hoover road MNDOT site.

Councillor Baranzelli updated on the safety meeting that was held on February 18th, there will be a Loss Control Workshop on March 31st in Biwabik for any employees or Councillors that wish to attend. Mandatory First Aid and CPR training will be held at the Public Utilities and mandatory AWAIR training at the Miners Memorial Building.

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting: Items discussed were the Miners building, the greens and the fairways at the golf course. The hockey teams in Virginia are all going to playoffs this week.

Councillor Jorgensen updated on the Fountain: current fundraising from private individuals is over the \$70,000.00 mark. The goal is \$100,000 by August. Donation can be given to the Virginia Community Foundation and is tax deductible. The contact phone number is (218)749-8239. The VEDA grants will be available soon, still working on the process.

Councillor Baribeau updated on the VPUC meeting:

20 areas in the City have been tested for lead and copper and have all come out negative. The building will be undergoing a tuck point project which is approximately \$170,000.00. The waterline breaks have been minimal this year.

Councillor Baribeau discussed RAMS and would like to recommend Councillor Littlewolf to be an alternate if Councillor Baribeau isn't able to attend a meeting.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported Councillor Baranzelli, to appoint Councillor

Littlewolf as an alternate to the RAMS Association. Motion Carried.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. updated on the following:

On February 24, 2016:

8:00 a.m. Laurentian Chamber meeting for Economic Development regarding a hotel project.

9:00 a.m. ATV meeting regarding ordinance issues with Chief Mattson.

The fountain restoration will be holding a fundraiser, it is a cash raffle, tickets are available for \$25.00 each, 300 tickets to be sold.

The Mayor and John Tourville will be going to St. Paul to meet with the lobbyist regarding the Miners Building and to discuss a \$3.4million Hwy 53 house file that is in process for transportation funds and discuss other projects that are in the works. They will also be setting up other meetings and will bring information to the council after the session begins.

Received a response from MNDOT, they are not in favor of keeping Cuyuna drive open. There are still options on the development project, but it will require some additional expenditure and will have to discuss in the future.

The Mayor spoke Bob Kost from SEH about the process on the Comprehensive Plan and how it will be moving forward. He clarified issues and will come to the council and discuss what the steps are in the process.

In need of a Resolution for the RACC Board, and to appoint a voting member, that will give us the opportunity to apply for funding. Chief Mattson will be able to attend the meeting, we can discuss further at a Finance meeting.

Received an email from Mr. Williamson regarding the Coates Hotel parties, he has decided not to come back next year unless something changes.

There will be a company coming to town to test foam suppression: March 1st to the 4th, they want to see how it works in cold weather. The old radio station site to be used for this testing.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to allow this company to use the area by the old radio station under the direction of Chief Lewis. Motion Carried.

Spectrum Health is looking at the Horace Mann school site for their development of an assisted living facility. There will be a public hearing on the process March 7th at 4:30 p.m.

Tomorrow from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Mt. Iron Community Center there will be a mock disaster table top exercise on oil spills, it will be for all emergency departments.

Councillor Jorgensen updated on the Federal Government tariffs on foreign steel, they are trying to make some progress and hopefully jobs will come back, it is good news for the economy.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m. with the next regular meeting to be March 8, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

Larry Cuffe, Jr., Mayor

Pamela LaBine, City Clerk