

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, MARCH 9, 2010

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

Roll Call:

Present: Councillors Cuffe, Littlewolf, Ralston, Baribeau, Sipola, Russo - 6

Absent: Mayor Peterson - 1

Councillor Ralston removed Items 4 and 5 from the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Russo and supported to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of

Items 4 and 5:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held February 23, 2010.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 10-005 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo for Mesabi Humane Society for Bingo to be held on May 1, 2010 and November 6, 2010.
4. Approve travel requests:
 - A. Dana Waldron, MN Chiefs of Police Executive Training Institute, April 12-15, 2010, St Cloud, MN.
 - B. Brian Bisping, MN Chiefs of Police Executive Training Institute, April 12-15, 2010, St. Cloud, MN.
5. Approval of Taxi License for year ending December 31, 2010:
 - A. Quad City Cab.

Motions carried, with the exception of Items 4 and 5, and Finance Resolution adopted unanimously.

Regarding Item 4, Councillor Ralston questioned if the travel request for the Police Lieutenant is necessary to meet mandatory training requirements and expressed concern regarding the City's financial condition, due to the proposed local aid cut reductions. City Operations Director

Tourville recommended that overnight travel be discussed by the Finance Committee, prior to being placed on the City Council agenda.

Moved by Russo and supported to table Item 4, travel requests from the Police Department, and refer to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Regarding Item 5, Councillor Ralston questioned if the applicant has met the requirements to operate a taxi. City Clerk Roskoski stated the applicant must provide a reference, certificate of insurance and vehicle inspection form, prior to issuance of the taxi license.

Moved by Ralston and supported to approve Item 5, Taxi License for Quad City Cab, contingent upon meeting the licensing requirements. Motion carried.

Dody Evenson and Boyd Carlbon were present in response to a publication placed in the Mesabi Daily News and Manney Shopper by the City of Virginia regarding the aircraft traffic pattern. Mr. Evenson stated aviation safety is serious business and unexpected maneuvers in the airport traffic pattern are unsafe and there have been several incidents in the vicinity of controlled airports caused by aircraft executing unexpected maneuvers. Mr. Evenson stated he agreed with the first paragraph of the notice that was published, but did not agree with the information in the second paragraph regarding migrating birds and the arrival/departure of aircraft when weather permits. Mr. Evenson stated the pilots consider several factors pilots in selecting a runway or direction, with the pilot in command having the final authority to operate the airport. Mr. Evenson stated it was his opinion that the advertisement places the City as a liable party for damages if an accident should occur and requested that the City print a retraction in the Mesabi Daily News and Manney Shopper, with the retraction also posted at the Eveleth/Virginia Airport and sent to the other fixed base operators.

Moved by Sipola and supported to place a retraction, three times, in the Mesabi Daily News and the Manney Shopper, in response to the article that was published as a “Notice to the Pilots using the Eveleth/Virginia Municipal Airport”. Motion carried.

Councillor Cuffe stated the appointment to the Hospital Commission was tabled at last City Council meeting, due to a potential conflict of interest and the City Attorney has assured the City Council that the applicant does not have a conflict of interest. Councillor Ralston stated the potential conflict of interest should have been brought to the Council’s attention during the interview.

Moved by Russo and supported to appoint Kathleen Martz to the Hospital Commission for a three-year term ending February 1, 2013.

Ayes: Councillors Cuffe, Littlewolf, Sipola, Russo, Acting Mayor Baribeau - 5

Nays: Councillor Ralston – 1

Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to accept the proposal from Bill and Katie Harley to purchase Lot 6, Block 1, Fairview Second Addition, in the amount of \$15,000, with the final resolution considered at the March 23, 2010, City Council meeting. Motion carried.

Acting Mayor Baribeau reported on the Finance Committee meeting held as a Committee-of-the-Whole on March 2, 2010.

Moved by Sipola and supported to direct City staff to meet with the Housing and Redevelopment Authority’s Finance Department to discuss the possible refunding of the Housing Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2003A. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10044, to approve transfers to Bond and Tax Increment Financing Debt Service Funds, effective for the year ending December 31, 2009. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10045, accepting the low quote from National Carpet Brokers, in the amount of \$7,665.00, for carpet tiles and rubber flooring for the Golf Course Clubhouse entryway and restaurant, with the City providing the labor to install the materials. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported to move forward with the reorganization plan to contract out the services to maintain the Golf Course. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to authorize the City Attorney to negotiate an amendment to the contract with Steve Fingeroos, Golf Pro, for services to maintain the golf course. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to review the operation of the golf course thirty days after the close of the golf season. Motion carried.

Councillor Ralston reported on the Buildings/Grounds Committee meeting held on March 2, 2010.

Moved by Ralston and supported to approach current City engineering staff to discuss the building official duties and job description. Motion carried.

Councillor Russo reported on the Joint City Council/Hospital Commission Sub-Committee meeting held on March 9th and stated a report was given on the effects if PERA was eliminated from the hospital, due to a governance change. A representative from PERA will be invited to a future sub-committee meeting to answer further questions from the committee and employees.

Councillor Cuffe stated a presentation will be given regarding Progress Park at the Finance Committee meeting to be held on March 9, 2010.

Councillor Russo stated the City Council has been invited to participate in a strategic planning session with the Hospital Commission at 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 16, 2010.

City Operations Director Tourville stated the Virginia Economic Development Authority has requesting utilization of \$10,000 of VEDA funds as a cash match for a grant for a housing rehabilitation project, if awarded.

Moved by Cuffe and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10046, authorizing the use of Virginia Economic Development (VEDA) funds as the cash match for the Minnesota Housing Project Grant for a Housing Rehabilitation Project. Resolution adopted unanimously.

See 2010 Resolution Book for Resolution Nos. 10044 – 10046 and Finance Resolution No. 10-005.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M., with the next regular City Council Meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, March 23, 2010.

CHARLES BARIBEAU

Acting Mayor

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LOIS ROSKOSKI

City Clerk