

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

### CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, JANUARY 25, 2011

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, Baribeau, Sipola, Russo, Mayor Peterson - 5

Absent: Councillors Littlewolf, Ralston - 2

Mayor Peterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held January 11, 2011.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 11002 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve Tobacco License for Gabriel Garcia, d/b/a Virginia Smoke Shop.
4. Approve Application for Exempt Permit for Mesabi Range Student Advocates for Human Services for raffle to be held on April 12, 2011.
5. Adopt Resolution No. 11032, approving amendment to Iron Range Resources Grant No. B43-2376 for the demolition of buildings, disposal of materials and site improvements at the former Seppi Concrete North Plant and the former Troy Laundry site.
6. Adopt Resolution No. 11033, approving amendment to Iron Range Resources Grant No. B43-2001 for the Highway 53 Business Park.
7. Adopt Resolution No. 11034, approving amendment to Iron Range Resources Grant No. B43-2150 for the construction of infrastructure to a business located of 9th Avenue North.
8. Adopt Resolution No. 11035, approving amendment to Iron Range Resources Grant No. B43-2204 for the construction of infrastructure to the P & H Mine Pro site.

Motions carried and Resolutions adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported to nominate Councillor Baribeau for a board position for the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools Board of Directors. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11036, urging the Legislature to maintain funding for Local Government Aid at its current funding level for 2011 and 2012.

Resolution adopted unanimously.

City Attorney Butorac reviewed the resolution to revise the plan for the use of the Excess Police Pension Fund.

Moved by Russo and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11037, to rescind Resolution No. 99212, passed on November 9, 1999, implementing a plan for the use of the monies for the overfunded PERA consolidated Virginia Police Pension Fund. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Mayor Peterson reported on the Finance Committee meeting held as a Committee-of-the-Whole on January 18, 2011.

Moved by Russo and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11038, approving the appointment of Dan L'Allier as Temporary Fire Chief, effective January 18, 2011, with the annual salary to be set at \$62,408, Step 3 of the Fire Chief salary matrix within the MAPE City Supervisors Labor Agreement, plus a \$250 per month Paramedic stipend and a \$50 per month uniform allowance. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported to have an understanding with Advantage Billing that they will continue to work with the City on issues to transfer the ambulance license, at no charge, and to vote in March on their proposal to prepare the ambulance billings. Motion carried.

Councillor Baribeau stated the Hospital Commission will request that a contract be prepared to outline the ambulance service when the license is transferred.

City Operations Director Tourville stated Paul Steinman of Springsted will make a presentation to the Finance Committee on the financials for the ambulance service.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to approve the travel request for Britt See-Benes, Administrative Assistant, to attend the 2011 MCFOA Annual Conference, which will be held March 15-18, 2011, in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11039, conveying State tax forfeited lands located in Virginia Second Addition, to the City of Virginia for public use as a road or right-of-way. Resolution adopted unanimously

Moved by Russo and supported to request the Public Works Department to check on the availability of a vehicle in the Police storage building for use by the Engineering Department. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to request the City Operations Director to meet with the Police Chief to discuss the use of the Chief's vehicle as part of the fleet for the Police Department. Motion carried.

Councillor Russo reported on the Personnel Committee meeting held as a Committee-of-the-Whole on January 18, 2011.

Moved by Russo and supported to approve the Memo of Understanding to temporarily move the Training Officer Ambulance position to a day time position of forty hours per week for the period January 24, 2011, through June 1, 2011. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to approve funding, not to exceed \$1,800, to staff the Northside and Ridgewood skating rinks for the 2010-2011 skating season and to work in conjunction with the Iron Range Youth in Action on the staffing arrangement. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to send a letter to the Northern Club and request their consideration as a service organization to staff the Northside skating rink. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to reappoint Quentin Bloomquist to the Public Utilities Commission for a three year term ending February 1, 2014. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to reappoint Rob Raplinger to the Public Utilities Commission for a three year term ending February 1, 2014. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to appoint Rob Tomassoni to the Hospital Commission for a three year term ending February 1, 2014. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to reappoint Wendell Smith to the Hospital Commission for a three year term ending February 1, 2014. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to appoint Christine Springhetti to the Hospital Commission for a three year term ending February 1, 2014. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to appoint Don Bird to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a three year term ending February 1, 2014. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to reappoint Bruce Kniivala to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a three year term ending February 1, 2014. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to appoint John Dickinson to the Park/Recreation Commission for a three year term ending February 1, 2014. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to appoint Carole Hendricks to the Library Commission for a three year term ending February 1, 2014. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to reappoint Carol Lucarelli to the Library Commission for a three year term ending February 1, 2014. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to appoint Gordon Dahl to the Municipal Cable Commission for an unexpired term ending December 1, 2013. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to reappoint Rocci Donofrio to the Eveleth/Virginia Airport Authority for a three year term ending January 1, 2014. Motion carried.

Councillor Sipola reported that May 11<sup>th</sup> is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Olcott Park and stated the Lakes Committee, Historical Society and Friends of the Greenhouse are willing to participate in planning events to celebrate the milestone.

Councillor Sipola stated the Lakes Committee met with the Park/Recreation Commission to develop a proposed walking trail around Silver Lake.

Moved by Sipola and supported to refer the proposed Silver Lake walking trail to the Buildings/Grounds Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to approve holding the Board of Equalization meeting from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, April 19, 2011. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson read a letter from the Iron Range Veterans Memorial Committee thanking the City for placing additional signage for the Memorial site.

Moved by Russo and supported to close the meeting at 7:17 P.M. to discuss a personnel issue. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to adjourn the closed meeting at 7:59 P.M. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson reopened the regular Council meeting at 8:02 P.M.

Moved by Russo and supported to place Chief Dana Waldron on paid administrative leave of absence, effective immediately, and to have administrative staff contact the League of Minnesota Cities in obtaining an investigator to conduct an investigation of the allegations filed in the complaint. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 8, 2011.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

STEVE PETERSON  
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI  
City Clerk