

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, FEBRUARY 8, 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, Littlewolf, Ralston, Baribeau, Sipola, Russo, Mayor Peterson - 7

Absent: None

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 25, 2011.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 11-003 – Schedule of Bills.

Motion carried and Finance Resolution unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported to approve the final payment to Bougalis Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$7,542.35, for the Troy Building Demolition Project. Motion carried.

City Attorney Butorac reviewed the resolution to approve the corporate restructuring of Mediacom, with all legal costs to be incurred by Mediacom. City Attorney Butorac stated the franchise agreement will end on March 31, 2011, and the City is currently negotiating with Mediacom to renew the agreement. An extension of the current franchise agreement will be brought to the Council if the renewal has not been finalized by March 31st.

Moved by Ralston and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11040, consenting to the Mediacom Corporate restructuring. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Mayor Peterson reported on the Finance Committee meeting held as a Committee-of-the-Whole on February 1, 2011.

Moved by Ralston and supported to begin the negotiation process with RGGGS Lands and Minerals for purchase of the 9.2 acres that adjoins the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the expansion project. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to approve the request from the Laurentian Energy Authority to store wood chips on the railroad grade site located between 18th Street North and Inland Road, contingent that the wood is removed by July 1st or sooner, if it interferes with the infrastructure installation. Motion carried.

Councillor Ralston reported on the Buildings/Grounds Committee meeting held on February 1, 2011.

Moved by Ralston and supported to authorize DSGW Architects to prepare design specifications for the repair and insulation of the foundation of the existing greenhouse and request that a budget be submitted after the scoping meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to table the request from the Trap Club for assistance with the payment of the 2011 property taxes, until further discussions are held with County Commissioner Keith Nelson. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to request the City Attorney to meet with the Virginia Senior Citizens Center Board to prepare a written rental policy for the Senior Citizens Center. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to authorize the City Attorney to seek ownership permission to raze the house/garage located at 602 12th Street North and to move forward with condemnation, if necessary. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to authorize the Engineering Department to contact Earl Thedens of Architectural Resources for an itemized quotation for Items 1-5 for the design of the proposed lake walk around Silver Lake. Motion carried.

Councillor Sipola reported on the Lakes Committee meeting and stated they have contacted the Friends of the Greenhouse and Historical Society to initiate meetings to plan events to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Olcott Park, which will be on May 11th.

Councillor Littlewolf reported on the Library Commission meeting and stated the 2011 Brown Bag Events will start on February 9th.

Councillor Cuffe stated the Regional Radio Board is requesting that the City assign an alternate voting member of the board. City Operations Director Tourville will provide a recommendation for the alternate to the City Council.

Councillor Cuffe reported on the County Board meeting and stated Bois Forte is in the process of building a \$4.7 million facility for transitional housing, which may relieve some issues with transitional housing in Virginia.

City Operations Director Tourville stated the Highway 53 Advisory Committee will meet at 1 P.M. on February 22, 2011, at the Iron Range Resources.

Mayor Peterson reported on the following items:

- Held initial meeting with representatives of Wipfli, consultant that was hired to discuss a possible affiliation or merger of the VRMC with another health care organization. Meetings will be scheduled every other week, with updates given at the City Council meetings.
- Orthopaedic Associates have scheduled several surgeries at the VRMC.
- Met with representatives of P & H Mine Pro to review design plans for the proposed building in Virginia. The City was assured that a signed development agreement will be approved by March 15th.
- Met with IRR Commissioner Sertich on the plans for agency, with the demolition program a priority item on the list.
- Congratulated the Ice Delights for winning the silver metal in the Midwest competition.
- Encouraged community members to attend the meeting regarding the level three sex offender, which is scheduled for 6 P.M. on February 16th at the Miners Memorial Building.

See 2011 Resolution Book for Resolution Nos. 11040 and Finance Resolution No. 11-003.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 22, 2011.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

STEVE PETERSON
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI
City Clerk