

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

### CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, APRIL 26, 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, Mayor Peterson - 6

Absent: Councillor Russo - 1

Mayor Peterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held April 12, 2011, and Special Meeting held April 19, 2011.
  2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 11-008 – Schedule of Bills.
  3. Approve Dance Permits for Iron Range Youth in Action to hold dances at the Miners Memorial Building on June 24, July 15, July 29, August 12, September 9, September 30, October 14, October 28 and December 29, 2011.
  4. Adopt Resolution No. 11080 authorizing the submission of an application to the Department of Employment and Economic Development for the Idea Drilling Project.
  5. Adopt Resolution No. 11081 authorizing execution of agreement with Land of the Loon Ethnic Arts & Crafts Festival, Inc., for use of Olcott Park for the Land of the Loon Festival, to be held June 17-19, 2011.
  6. Approve Transient Merchant/Solicitor License for TNT Fireworks.
- Motions carried and Resolutions adopted unanimously.

Mike Appelwick, Northeast Technical Services, stated a Certificate of Commendation was received from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for the exemplary effort in complying with the permit process for the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Mayor Peterson thanked Northeast Technical Services for maintaining the Wastewater Treatment Plant at the required standards.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to authorize the City Council to attend the 2011 League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference to be held June 15-17, 2011, in Rochester, MN, and to authorize the City Clerk to attend the Clerks' Orientation Conference, which will be held within the conference. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to approve the issuance of a Massage License to Michelle Larson, 302 Chestnut Street. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson reported on the Finance Committee meeting held as a Committee-of-the-Whole on April 19, 2011.

Moved by Ralston and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11082, approving the revised Fire and Rescue Services Agreement with United Taconite, LLC. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported to move forward with the hiring process for one firefighter/paramedic position, with staff to submit a candidate for City Council approval. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported to approve the travel request for Rick Puhek and Cheryl Weappa, City Assessor's Office, to attend continuing education through the Minnesota Association of Assessing Officers, to be held May 24-26, 2011, in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported to approve the travel request for Britt See-Benes, Administrative Assistant, to attend the 2011 Minnesota Municipal Clerk's Institute, to be held July 10-15, 2011, Brooklyn Center, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to send letters to the Hometown Focus and Mesabi Daily News stating the City will prepare bid specifications in the future for the designation of the official newspaper. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11083, accepting the quote from R & R Specialties, in the amount of \$59,250, plus tax, for the purchase of a 1996 Electric Zamboni, less a trade in allowance of \$15,000 for the 1992 Gas Zamboni and to request the Virginia Youth Hockey Association to contribute \$10,000 from their back rink fund. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Ralston reported on Buildings/Grounds Committee meeting held on April 19, 2011.

Moved by Ralston and supported to authorize City staff to prepare a grant application, in the amount of \$50,000, to submit to the Iron Range Resources for housing rehabilitation and demolition. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to authorize City staff to begin the process to obtain \$5,000 matching grants from the Virginia Economic Development Association, Virginia Foundation and the Iron Range Resources for use as \$500 mini grants for home fix-up projects in the targeted neighborhood revitalization area. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to refer the hiring of a temporary, contract employee to complete surveys for Neighborhood Revitalization Program to the Personnel Committee. Motion carried.

Councillor Cuffe reported on the Liquor Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on April 21, 2011, to review the petition submitted by the liquor establishments regarding the issuance of a liquor license for the Magic Bar. The committee recommended that the license be approved for Sunny's Magic Bar, as they met the requirements of the current liquor policy. The Liquor Ad Hoc Committee will continue to meet to review the liquor ordinance and policy and bring a recommendation to the

City Council for any proposed revisions. The applicant was also referred to the City's building inspector to ensure they are in compliance with the City's building code.

Moved by Cuffe and supported to approve the issuance of an On-Sale License for Northeast Investment & Management, LLC, d/b/a Sunny's Magic Bar, 116 Chestnut Street, contingent upon meeting the licensing requirements. Motion carried

Moved by Cuffe and supported to hold On-Sale Liquor License #21 in abeyance until the Liquor Ad Hoc Committee reviews the liquor policy/ordinance to determine if changes need to be made to accomplish the goals of the City Council. Motion carried.

Councillor Littlewolf reported on the Personnel Committee meeting held as a Committee-of-the-Whole on April 26, 2011.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported to appoint Mary Kay Lundmark to the Human Rights Commission for the unexpired term ending February 1, 2014. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported to reappoint Tammy Spelts-Berglund to the Police Civil Service Commission for a three year term ending May 1, 2014. Motion carried.

Councillor Sipola stated the request to reopen the Silver Lake beach will be presented at the next Finance Committee meeting. Councillor Sipola also stated that a request to reopen the entire Olcott Park to traffic will be presented to the Finance Committee.

Councillor Littlewolf reported on the annual meeting of the Friends of the Greenhouse and stated they are requesting that an official name and new signage be created for the greenhouse.

Mayor Peterson reported on the following items:

- Stated Blue Cross/Blue Shield is changing the ownership structure of their Virginia facility and the operation will not be affected.
- Received a thank you from the Virginia Senior Citizens Center for the annual appropriation from the City.

Councillor Cuffe stated a fundraiser will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2011, to raise funds for the Veteran's memorial in Virginia.

See 2011 Resolution Book for Resolution Nos. 11080 – 11083 and Finance Resolution No. 11008.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 10, 2011.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

STEVE PETERSON  
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI  
City Clerk