

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

### CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, NOVEMBER 27, 2012

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

Roll Call:

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

Absent: None

Acting Mayor Cuffe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held November 13, 2012, and Special Meeting held November 20, 2012.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 12-022 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo for Virginia Band Boosters to bingo to be held on February 11, 2013.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to accept the letter from Louis Russo resigning from his City Council position, in order to accept the appointment to the Mayor position.

Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Ralston to adopt Resolution No. 12206, declaring a vacancy of a City Council position for the unexpired term of Louis Russo through December 31, 2012.

Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 12207, appointing Carl Baranzelli to the vacant City Council position for the unexpired term of Louis Russo ending December 31, 2012. Resolution adopted unanimously.

City Clerk Roskoski swore in Louis Russo, who was appointed to the vacant Mayor position for the unexpired term of Steve Peterson until the next special or regular City election.

City Clerk Roskoski swore in Carl Baranzelli, who was appointed to the vacant City Council position for the unexpired term of Louis Russo ending December 31, 2012, and elected to a four year term for the period January 1, 2013, and ending December 31, 2016.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to reappoint Bill Krall to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority for a five year term ending November 22, 2017, as recommended by Mayor Russo. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baribeau to approve the reappointment of Michael Bergerson to the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority for a three year term ending January 1, 2016, as recommended by Mayor Russo. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 12208, approving the hiring of Jonathan Benz as a Patrol Officer, with a starting date on or after December 10, 2012, and subject to a twelve month probationary period and the terms of the Law Enforcement Labor Services Local 195 Labor Agreement. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 12209, approving the hiring of John Swenson as a Patrol Officer, with a starting date on or after January 7, 2013, and subject to a twelve month probationary period and the terms of the Law Enforcement Labor Services Local 195 Labor Agreement. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to authorize the Park and Recreation Director to negotiate with the City of Cloquet for the purchase of the holiday lights, contingent upon the lights being sold in an “as is condition” and Cloquet responsible for pick up. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Littlewolf to adopt Resolution No. 12210, accepting the quote from MTI Distributing, in the amount of \$22,423.91, to purchase a new Toro Grounds master 3280-D, 4WD mower, less the trade in of a 1988 mower. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to table the greenhouse heating issues until additional information is obtained.

Ayes: Councillors Cuffe, Littlewolf, Baribeau, Sipola, Baranzelli, Mayor Russo – 6

Nays: None

Abstained: Councillor Ralston – 1

Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to authorize the City Operations Director and Park/Recreation Director to negotiate a three year contract extension with Paul Checco to manage the Golf Course restaurant. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baranzelli to request the Park/Recreation Director to seek quotes to update the construction and conceptual issues to bring the Miners Memorial Improvement Project current, including a larger convention area. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to authorize the Public Works Department to purchase fifty new garbage containers, at a cost of \$15,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Ralston to authorize the Public Works Department to purchase a plotter. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 12211, approving Change Order No. 3, increasing the contract of Hibbing Excavating by the amount of \$4,486.20, for C.P. 4-11 – P & H Sanitary Sewer and Watermain Extension Project. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baranzelli to request the City Attorney to review the Master Partnership Contract with the Minnesota Department of Transportation and provide the City Council with a recommendation. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Sipola to approve the travel request for Bill Cole, Engineering Department, to attend continuing education classes, which will be held January 13-18, 2013, in St. Paul, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to approve the travel request for Joe Broneak, Police Department, to attend the Basic Narcotics Training, to be held December 11-13, 2013, in Brainerd, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Street/Alley/Public Safety Committee meeting held on November 20, 2012.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to approve placing a ten minute parking sign on the east side of the 100 block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North on a temporary basis, to be reviewed sixty days after the opening of the new business located at 235 Chestnut Street. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Cuffe to authorize the Department of Public Utilities to install street lights at 1505 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North and 1605 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North, to be funded by the 2013 Light Maintenance Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to deny the request from the Mesabi College to install crosswalks at 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue/West Chestnut and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue/West Chestnut. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Baranzelli to designate a handicapped parking space in the parking lot located in the 200 block of 1<sup>st</sup> Street North, adjacent to Giorgi Laundry. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Cuffe to place the alley paving project (800 block between 10<sup>th</sup> Street and 11<sup>th</sup> Street North) on the 2013 project cost list. Motion carried.

Councillor Baribeau stated a committee will be formed to meet with representatives of the liquor establishments to discuss a solution to the noise complaints that have been received from residents regarding the outdoor patio areas.

Councillor Cuffe reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on November 27, 2012, and stated the Finance Committee approved moving forward with the proposed 2013 budget that includes a four percent increase above last year's levy. The Contingency Fund was also increased by \$79,283.00. The 2013 budget will be finalized at the December 11<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, following the Truth in Taxation hearing.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Littlewolf to require City Council approval for all expenditures from the Contingency Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Ralston to include a line in each department budget to record non-budgeted items. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to table the amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement for the Virginia/Eveleth Economic Development Authority. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Littlewolf to appoint Councillor Don Sipola to the Essentia Board as the City of Virginia's representative. Motion carried.

City Attorney Butorac placed an ordinance on the City Council desks to amend the City Charter, Chapter 3, Section 3.02, "Administrative Commissions, Generally", and Section 3.04, "Hospital Commission". City Attorney Butorac stated the amendment will be forwarded to the Charter Commission, if it is approved by the City Council at the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

City Attorney Butorac placed an ordinance on the City Council desks to amend the City Code by creating Chapter 2, Section 2.38, "Hospital Commission Advisory". The City Attorney was requested to change the language in Section 2.38 to meet quarterly and provide written reports to the City Council.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to approve the renewal of the liquor licenses for the year 2013, contingent upon meeting the licensing requirements. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baranzelli to formally receive the letter from Rocci Lucarelli to submit his name for consideration for the vacant Mayor position and to send him a letter of thanks for his interest in the position. Motion carried.

Councillor Littlewolf stated the Virginia School District is preparing a community-wide facility study and invited the City Councillors to attend future meetings, as there may be interest in the future to obtain City property.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the CIRC board meeting and stated the City may be obtaining funds to move forward with the Phase II site cleanup for both the former Staver and Greiner Troy sites.

Councillor Cuffe reported that he received calls from the Veterans Memorial Committee and Senior Citizens Center regarding removal of snow at both locations.

Mayor Russo reported on the following items:

- Received a letter from Carolyn Renn and Nikki LaCoursier thanking the City for their assistance with the Pro-Life March held on October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Annual Chamber dinner will be held on Friday, February 8, 2013, at the Elk's Club.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M., or immediately following the Truth in Taxation Hearing, on Tuesday, December 11, 2012.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LOUIS RUSSO  
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI  
City Clerk