

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

### CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, FEBURARY 14, 2012

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

Councillor Ralston removed Item 2 from the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Russo and supported by Baribeau to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Item 2.

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held January 24, 2012.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 12-003 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo for Mesabi Humane Society for May 12 and November 3, 2012.

Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Russo to approve Consent Agenda, Item 2 - Finance Resolution No. 12-003 – Schedule of Bills. Resolution adopted, with Councillor Ralston abstaining.

Discussion was held on the proposed revisions to City Code, Section 6.43 -Taxi License Restrictions and Regulations. Councillor Ralston suggested that limousines be exempt from the requirement to identify their business on the vehicle.

Mayor Peterson expressed concern on a public safety issue with a taxi that operating with a broken vehicle window. Ryan Gulbranson, Quad City Cab, responded to the concern and stated he is in the process of repairing the broken window. Mr. Gulbranson questioned the \$25 fee that will be charged for each background check that will be done on a potential driver and the additional \$25 fee for each vehicle that is added to the taxi service during the year.

City Attorney Butorac stated he will make the revision to exempt the limousines from displaying their business name in the formal amendment to the City Code.

Moved by Russo and supported by Ralston to approve the first reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2.37 of the City Code entitled “Park and Recreation Commission”, which will increase the commission to eight members. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 12046, approving the transfer of City property to Sundell Eye Associates for the development of an eye clinic. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Russo to adopt Resolution No. 12047, authorizing the conveyance of property to Menard, Inc. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Baribeau questioned if the special meetings of the Virginia Hospital Commission to discuss an affiliation with Essentia Health should be official meetings of the City Council. Mayor Peterson stated it was his understanding from Wipfli that the Hospital Commission would meet on a regular basis, with the City Council given the information as it came forward. The City Council would be invited to attend the meetings, but would not be actively participating or voting

on the issues at that time. Councillors Littlewolf and Russo recommended that a Special City Council meeting be scheduled if an item requires discussion in an official capacity.

Mayor Peterson reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on February 7, 2012.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Russo to adopt Resolution No. 12048, approving the Mutual Aid Agreement with the Town of Fayal Fire Department. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Ralston to adopt Resolution No. 12049, accepting the quote from Crysteel Truck Equipment, in the total amount of \$68,416.48, for a dump box, hydraulics and plow for the new sander. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Russo to authorize the Public Works Department to advertise and obtain bids for the body for the new garbage truck. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Russo to adopt Resolution No. 12050, approving an agreement with St. Louis County for the 2012 Street Striping Maintenance Program, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000, plus a \$225 administrative fee. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported by Ralston to adopt Resolution No. 12051, accepting the quote from Benchmark Engineering, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000, to provide for professional engineering and surveying services, with construction phase services provided at their 2012 hourly rate schedule for the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Widening/Traffic Channelization, from US Highway 53 to 17<sup>th</sup> Street South. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to adopt Resolution No. 12052, approving Change Order No. 3, increasing the contract with Ulland Brothers, Inc., by the amount of \$1,157.50, for C.P. 2-11 – P& H Site Rough Grading Project. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 12053, approving Change Order No. 4, increasing the contract with Ulland Brothers, Inc., by the amount of \$4,666.00, for C.P. 2-11 – P& H Site Rough Grading Project. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Littlewolf to adopt Resolution No. 12054, approving Final Pay Estimate No. 3 with Ulland Brothers, Inc., in the amount of \$33,311.65, for C.P. 2-11 – P & H Site Rough Grading Project. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Russo to adopt Resolution No. 12055, approving final payment to Q3 Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$7,560.88, for the P & H Gas Distribution System Improvement Project. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Russo to authorize the City Operations Director to meet with St. Louis County to finalize the purchase of the tax forfeit lands (formerly known as Staver Foundry), at a cost of \$150,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baribeau to approve the revisions to the Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy, as proposed. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported by Baribeau to approve the travel request for Nancy Maxwell, Library Director, to attend the Minnesota Library Legislative Day, to be held February 27-28, 2012, in St. Paul, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson thanked Councillor Sipola for volunteering to make a presentation to the special interest groups on a fundraising program to repairs the Olcott Park fountain.

Councillor Ralston reported on the Buildings/Grounds Committee meeting held on February 7, 2012. The committee will revisit the following issues at a future meeting: Collection of outstanding administrative fines for blight, Fire Hall vehicle exhaust system, Miners Memorial Building Phase III renovations, and the geothermal heating system for the Olcott Park Greenhouse.

City Attorney Butorac reviewed the resolution to allow the City to proceed with the condemnation of the hazardous building located at 813 North 16<sup>th</sup> Street, if necessary, and stated he will continue to try to resolve the issue with owner.

Moved by Russo and supported by Ralston to adopt Resolution No. 12056, ordering the razing of a hazardous building located at 813 North 16<sup>th</sup> Street. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Cuffe reported on the following items:

- Meeting of the Veteran's Memorial Committee will be held on February 15<sup>th</sup> to finalize the trip to the foundry in Norman, Oklahoma, to check on the status of the statue.
- Recognized Detectives Benz and Koivunen for planning the DARE bonspiel.
- Requested that the DARE officer be added to the next Finance Committee meeting.

Councillor Littlewolf stated she will set up a meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup> with IRRRB Commissioner Sertich and notify the Council of the time.

Councillor Littlewolf volunteered to set up meetings with Representative Rukavina and Senator Tomassoni during St. Louis County Days at the State Capitol, which will be held on February 29<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Moved by Russo and supported by Baribeau to authorize the City Council to attend the St. Louis County Days at the State Capitol on February 29 and March 1, 2012. Motion carried.

City Operations Director Tourville requested permission to survey the property that will be transferred to Sundell Eye Associates, which will be funded through grant proceeds.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Cuffe to authorize the City Operations Director to have the property surveyed that will be transferred to Sundell Eye Associates. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson stated the Board of Appeal & Equalization training will be held on March 27, 2012, from 6-9 PM in Cotton and noted that Councillors Ralston and Sipola are currently trained.

Mayor Peterson stated the Board of Appeal & Equalization meeting has been set from 10:00 A.M. to Noon on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, for Virginia and must be changed by February 24<sup>th</sup>, if there is a conflict.

Mayor Peterson reported that the Virginia Ice Delights Synchronized Skating Team took several awards at the Midwestern Skating Championship held recently in Michigan.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Ralston to send a letter of congratulations to the Virginia Ice Delights for their awarding winning performance at the 2012 Midwestern Synchronized Skating Championship. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported by Cuffe to approve a donation of \$300 to the “Rockin for Scholarship” event to be held February 17, 2012, at the Elks Club to raise funds for law enforcement scholarships. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson congratulated Councillor Littlewolf for receiving the “Northland Women in Leadership Award” and invited the City Council to attend the awards presentation luncheon on March 28, 2012, in Duluth.

Moved by Russo and supported by Baribeau to close the meeting at 7:15 P.M., pursuant to attorney-client privilege, Minnesota Statute §13D.05 SUBD. 3 (B). Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported by Baribeau to reopen the meeting at 8:05 P.M. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 28, 2012.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

STEVE PETERSON  
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI  
City Clerk