VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, MAY 9, 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

Mayor Peterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Peterson stated the Ministerial Association made a request to offer a prayer at the beginning of the City Council meetings.

Terry Hartikka gave an opening prayer.

Councillor Russo removed Invoice 1009 from Abrams & Schmidt, LLD, from the Finance Resolution.

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held April 24, 2012.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 12-009 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Adopt Resolution approving agreement with Land of the Loon Ethnic Arts & Crafts Festival, Inc., for use of Olcott Park for the Land of the Loon Festival for the period June 15-17, 2012.
4. Approve Transient Merchant/Solicitor License with TNT Fireworks for year 2012.

Motions carried and Resolutions adopted, with Councillor Ralston abstaining from Item 2.

Moved by Russo and supported by Littlewolf to table Invoice 1009 from Abrams & Schmidt, LLC, in the amount of $5,134.05. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 12106, to approve transfers to Bond and Tax Increment Financing Debt Service Funds effective for the year ending December 31, 2011. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 12107, approving the hiring of Chris Clark for a Firefighter/Paramedic position, contingent upon passing a pre-employment physical, psychological evaluation and occupational therapy assessment, with a starting date on or after May 10, 2012. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 12108, approving the hiring of Daniel Congdon for a Firefighter/Paramedic position, contingent upon passing a pre-employment physical, psychological evaluation and occupational therapy assessment, with a starting date on or after May 10, 2012. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 12109, approving the hiring of Daniel Cerise for a Firefighter/Paramedic position, contingent upon passing a pre-employment physical, psychological evaluation and occupational therapy assessment, with a starting date on or after May 10, 2012. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 12110, approving a contract with AFSCME Local 454, Minnesota Council 65, AFL-CIO, for the period January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011, contingent upon final review by the Finance/Human Resource Director. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 12111, approving a contract with AFSCME Local 454, Minnesota Council 65, AFL-CIO, for the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2014, contingent upon review by the Finance/Human Resource Director. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 12112, approving a Memorandum of Understanding with AFSCME Local No. 454 for the newly hired part-time "Accounting Data Entry/HR Generalist". Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to approve the request from the Virginia Liquor Association to hold their annual street dance on Saturday, June 16, 2012, from 7:00 P.M. until 11:30 P.M. and to block off the 100, 200, 300 and 400 blocks of Chestnut Street. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to approve the following variance for Barry Cashman, 707 6th Street South, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission:

- 4.8 foot variance to the required 20 foot front yard setback, in order to construct a deck 15.2 feet from the front property line.

Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Russo to approve the following variance for Barry Cashman, 707 6th Street South, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission:

- 2.6 foot variance to the required 8 foot side yard setback, in order to construct a deck 5.4 feet from the side yard (east) property line.

Motion carried.

Finance/Human Resource Director Erickson explained that AFSCME petitioned for the position, as it is not contain confidential duties, as defined in the Public Employment Labor Relations Act. As part of the Memorandum of Understanding, the City reserves the right to petition to exclude the position from the union within a one year period if the employee is assigned to conduct duties that pertain to labor negotiations.

Moved by Russo and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 12113, approving a Memorandum of Understanding with AFSCME Local No. 454 for "Administrative Assistant Confidential – Police Department" position. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Mayor Peterson reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on May 1, 2012.

A meeting will be held at 1:00 P.M. on May 29, 2012, to discuss a long term plan for the Bess Metsa Memorial Garden, with representatives invited from Natural Harvest Foods, Lakes Committee, Friends of the Greenhouse and the City. Mayor Peterson encouraged community members to step forward with monetary or volunteer services.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 12114, accepting the proposal from Compudyne to purchase a point of sale computerized system for the Golf Course restaurant for a total cost of $11,195.16. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 12115, approving the lease with Independent School District No. 706 for lease of the Miners Memorial Building and other City-owned recreational facilities, as follows:

	Miners Memorial Building	Other City facilities
2012-2013	$47,500	$21,300
2013-2014	$48,500	$21,400
2014-2015	$49,500	$21,500

Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to authorize the Park/Recreation Director to call for proposals for resurfacing the outdoor tennis courts at Southside Park. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Russo to adopt Resolution No. 12116, accepting the proposal from Fergus Power and Pump to spread approximately 1,000 wet tons of biosolids, at a cost of $18.44 per wet ton, plus a $1,000.00 mobilization fee and fuel surcharge if price of fuel rises above $3.50/gallon. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 12117, accepting the proposals to purchase 800 MHz radios and accessories for the Fire and Public Works Departments, as follows:

- Tactical Command Industries, Inc. - radio accessories $ 4,746.32
- DSC Communications – 800 MHz radios/accessories $266,444.92

Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to adopt Resolution No. 12118, approving entering into a contract with H-GAC for Cooperative Purchasing. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Russo to adopt Resolution No. 12119, accepting the proposal of Custom Fire Apparatus, Inc., for the purchase of a 2009 Spartan Demo Custom Pumper Chassis, in the amount of $183,000, through the H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, contingent upon verification of the amount for the fire chassis. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported by Baribeau to authorize the City Operations Director to work out an agreement with St. Louis County to transfer the tax-forfeited parcel located at 315 North 5th Avenue to the City and bring back a recommendation to the Finance Committee for final approval. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 12120, authorizing submission and acceptance of an Iron Range Resources Grant for $50,000 to be used as matching funds for a USDA funded Business Revolving Loan Fund. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 12121, accepting the proposal from Architectural Resources, Inc., to update the City Parks and Trail Master Plan, at a fee not to exceed $13,000, contingent upon funding through the City's Lakes Beautification Fund. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Sipola thanked the volunteers that participated in the lakes clean up on May 5, 2012.

Councillor Cuffe stated the target date for delivery of the Veteran's Memorial statute is July 28, 2012.

Councillor Littlewolf stated the Department of Public Utilities has agreed to donate space at the corner of 6th Avenue/2nd Street South for the next mural, which will have an Ojibwa theme. Cultural activities will be illustrated in the mural and the public is encouraged to submit photos to the Virginia Foundation for use in the mural.

Councillor Russo stated he attended the open house at the Virginia Senior Citizens Center on May 1st and relayed the message that they are greatly appreciative of the assistance that they receive from the City.

Mayor Peterson reported on the following items:

- The Children's Memorial Park Committee is selling memorial tiles for the wall of love for the proposed park. Tiles must be purchased by May 15, 2012, in order to guarantee installation prior to this year's dedication.
- Encouraged the public to attend the Memorial Day services at the cemetery, which will be held at 9:00 A.M. on May 28, 2012.
- Stated a Special City Council meeting has been scheduled for 5:30 P.M. on Friday, May 11, 2012, which will be closed pursuant to attorney-client privilege, and then opened to address any outcomes from a medication session.

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, May 22, 2012.

STEVE PETERSON
Mayor

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LOIS ROSKOSKI
City Clerk