

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, JUNE 26, 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.

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held June 12, 2012.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 12-012 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Adopt Resolution No. 12138, approving Premises Permit Application for the Pratt Volden Mickleson Anderson American Legion Post 239 at Wink's Bar, 215 Chestnut Street.

Motions carried and Resolutions adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Russo to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 11, Section 11.41 of the City Code entitled "Blighting Factors Prohibited". Ordinance adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 12139, approving a First Amendment to Contract for Private Development and Revised Ground Lease Agreement by and between the City of Virginia and P&H Mining Equipment, Inc., d/b/a P & H Minepro Services. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 12140, approving submission and acceptance of an Iron Range Resources Grant, in the amount of \$125,000, for the expansion of Conveyor Belt Service. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to approve the request from the Magic Bar to serve beer and liquor at the Southside Park softball fields on July 21, 2012, for the First Annual Mushball Tournament, contingent upon meeting the requirements. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Littlewolf to approve the election judges for the Primary Election (August 14, 2012), General Election (November 6, 2012) and Absentee Ballot Board, as submitted by the City Clerk. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported by Cuffe to approve the appointment of Bill Culbert to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority for the term ending November 22, 2016, as recommended by Mayor Peterson. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on June 19, 2012.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Littlewolf to forward the draft Cable Franchise Agreement with Mediacom to the Cable Commission for their review and approval, prior to review and action by the City Council and prepare a request for proposals for interested parties to provide cable, television, internet bundled services for the City of Virginia, with the Cable Commission assisting in the process. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported by Baribeau to reject the proposal from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, in the amount of \$39, 985, to resurface the outdoor tennis courts. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Littlewolf to invite Mike Appelwick, Northeast Technical Services, to a future meeting to explain the necessity to purchase a weather station for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Russo to adopt Resolution No. 12141, accepting the quote from Benchmark Engineering, in an amount not to exceed \$10,660, to complete the registered land survey for the Hospital/Clinic properties and request the Virginia Regional Medical Center to pay for the cost of the survey. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 12142, accepting the proposal from Skubic Brothers, in the amount of \$76,613.00, for a 2013 International ambulance chassis. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to approve the travel request for Dan L'Allier and Jason Dickinson, Fire Department, to attend the Image Trend EDS Conference, which will be held July 17-20, 2012, in Bloomington, MN. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported by Ralston to approve a \$10,000 contribution to the AEOA for two single family development projects in Virginia's revitalization targeted area, contingent upon AEOA receiving funding from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency's Community Revitalization Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Russo to authorize the City to apply for IRRRB funds for the demolition of the building for the Habitat for Humanity project, with the City to retain the grant funds to offset the demolition costs. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to offer free animal licenses for the remainder of 2012, effective July 1st, including the licenses that are issued by the Mesabi Humane Society. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported by Littlewolf to authorize the Housing and Redevelopment Authority to waive the age requirement for the Washington Manor when renting to U.S. Steel. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Russo to authorize the City Operations Director to continue to negotiate with St. Louis County for the purchase of the remaining tax-forfeit parcels, formerly known as the Staver Foundry property. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Russo to authorize the Finance Department to process accounts payable payments for the first half of July, 2012. Motion carried.

Councillor Sipola reported on the Insurance Advisory Committee meeting held on June 19, 2012, and stated another meeting has been scheduled for 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 31, 2012, with the following agenda:

- Consider dissolving Insurance Advisory Committee.
- Consider approving the transfer of the insurance trust fund balance to an OPEB liability account through PERA.
- Obtain City Attorney's opinion on MN Statute and City's insurance status from 1991 to 1996.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the CIRI Board meeting that was held the previous week. The Environmental Protection Agency will review all the applications for environmental cleanup to determine their eligibility, prior to the CIRI Board making the final selections for the grant funds.

Councillor Sipola reported that the Virginia Community and Lakes Committee is conducting historic walking tours in Olcott Park on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays and encouraged the public to participate.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Russo to hold an informational meeting at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, July 11, 2012, to review the affiliation documents with Essentia at the Iron Range Rehab Auditorium. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson read a letter from Britt See-Benes resigning from the Administrative Assistant/Network Technician position, as she has been offered the Administrator position for the City of Aurora, with a start date on or after July 30, 2012.

Moved by Russo and supported by Littlewolf to accept the resignation from Britt See-Benes and authorize City staff to immediately advertise for the Administrative Assistant position. Motion carried.

Councillor Cuffe recognized the retirement of Renee Anderson, Police Administrative Assistant, and stated she was a valued and dedicated employee. Councillor Cuffe also welcomed aboard Suzanne Lien, the new Administrative Assistant for the Police Department.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, July 24, 2012.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

STEVE PETERSON
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI
City Clerk