

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, AUGUST 16, 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: Mayor Peterson - 1

Acting Mayor Cuffe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held July 24, 2012.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 12-015 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Adopt Resolution No. 12158, authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Department of Natural Resources for a Park Legacy and/or Regional Park Application.

Motion carried and Resolutions adopted unanimously.

Mr. Erik Honkanen was present to review a proposed resolution in support of the Mesabi Symphony Orchestra, which would be used when submitting grant requests. Mr. Honkanen stated he is not requesting any financial support from the City.

Moved by Russo and supported by Littlewolf to adopt Resolution No. 12159, in full support of the Mesabi Symphony Orchestra and recognizing them as the Iron Range's Finest Symphony Orchestra. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 12160, approving the land exchange with Katheran and Joseph Caulfield, as follows:

Land currently owned by the Caulfield's: *South 50 feet lying Northerly of and parallel with westerly extension of south line of Block 4, Original Addition, 110 feet more or less to shore of Virginia Lake lying westerly of existing alley.*

City owned property to be exchanged for above-described land: *Commencing at the Southeast corner of Block 9, of the Plat of Virginia, Minnesota, as on file with the St. Louis County Recorder's office, and assigning the East line of said Block 9 to have a bearing of North; thence North along said east line 156.00 feet; thence West 205.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 52.00 feet; thence West 2.37 feet; thence South 17 degrees 48 minutes 33 seconds West 54.62 feet; thence East 19.07 feet to the point of beginning and there terminating.*

Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Ralston to waive the variance fee for Helen Aubol to hold a public hearing for the revised variance requests to construct a garage at 720 13th Street North, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Ralston to approve a 3.5 foot variance to the required 5 foot setback to allow Helen Aubol, 720 13th Street North, to construct a garage 1.5 feet from the West property line, contingent upon rain gutters being placed on the garage and the Utility Obstruction Agreement being signed. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Littlewolf to deny a Conditional Use Permit for Access Equipment and Communications, Inc., for property adjacent to the Midway water tower. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Russo to accept resignation from Joseph Leoni from the Hospital Commission, with regrets, and to send a letter of appreciation. Motion carried.

City Attorney Butorac stated there is a fourteen day requirement to publish the notice prior to the public hearing to consider the status of the outstanding Hospital Bonds and noted the City Council must hold the public hearing on the Hospital bonds prior to approving an affiliation with Essentia Health.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to set the date for public hearing for 6:30 P.M. on September 4, 2012, to consider the status of payment for the outstanding Hospital Bonds. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baribeau to set a Special City Council Meeting on September 4, 2012, immediately following the public hearing, to vote on the Essentia affiliation agreements. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported by Sipola to grant a permit to hold an Iron Range Veterans Parade at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, August 25, 2012, with the parade route to begin in the 100 block of Chestnut Street, continuing to 4th Avenue, then north to the Veterans Park. Motion carried.

City Operations Director Tourville will coordinate the parade with the Public Works Department and the Police Department.

Discussion was held on allowing employees from the City departments that are veterans to participate in the parade by driving vehicles from their respective departments.

Moved by Russo and supported by Ralston to adopt Resolution No. 12161, canvassing the votes of the Primary Election held on August 14, 2012. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported by Sipola to adopt Resolution No. 12162, approving the hiring of Katie Jo Saumer as a Patrol Officer, contingent upon passing the pre-employment physical, occupational therapy assessment and psychological assessment, with a starting date on or after August 16, 2012, and subject to a twelve month probation period and the terms of the Law Enforcement Labor Services Local 195 Labor Agreement. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Russo to adopt Resolution No. 12163, approving the hiring of Kristen Johnson for the confidential Administrative Assistant/Network Technician position for the City of Virginia, contingent upon passing the pre-employment physical and background check, with a starting date on or after August 16, 2012, and subject to a six month probation period. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Acting Mayor Cuffe reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on August 7, 2012.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to request the Park/Recreation Director to attend the September IRRRB Board Meeting to review the options provided by Silicon Energy to utilize the grant that was awarded for the solar power project for the Greenhouse. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported by Baribeau to authorize the Public Works Department to obtain quotes to purchase City garbage bags. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported by Sipola to authorize the Public Works Team Coordinator to negotiate with Northeast Technical Service to purchase a new water/sludge pump. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported by Ralston to authorize the Public Works Department to obtain quotes for screening and mixing black dirt. Motion carried.

Finance Director Erickson reported that \$15,000 from the Charter Bond could be utilized to purchase a new telephone system.

Moved by Russo and supported by Baribeau to move forward with the purchase of a new telephone system for the City offices. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Ralston to adopt Resolution No. 12164, accepting the proposal from Compudyne, in the amount of \$19,995.24, to purchase a new computer server for the Police Department. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 12165, accepting the proposal from Metro Fire, in the amount of \$26,015.30, to purchase the necessary equipment for the new fire truck. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Russo to authorize the Finance Director to make the adjusting journal entries for the transfers in and out of the Charter Bond. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported by Ralston to table the payment of the invoices to Northeast Technical Services for the soil testing on the Waschke Auto Plaza, until the City Operations Director can determine if the work was authorized, and order Northeast Technical Service to cease and desist all testing until further notice. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to waive the written resolution for the following motion. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 12166, approving the continuation of computer IT services with Compudyne on a monthly basis through December 31, 2012, with an increase in services to the Edge Pro level, at a cost of \$2,000 per month. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Ralston to table the discussion on insurance for the Memorial Parks. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported by Sipola to approve the travel request for Nancy Maxwell to attend the MN Library Association Conference, to be held October 2-5, 2012, in St. Paul, MN. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported by Baribeau to approve sending the City Operations Director, plus two additional City representatives, to attend the Annual “Shot Show” in January, 2013, in Las Vegas, NV. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Russo to transfer the net proceeds of the Insurance Trust Fund to the OPEB account through the Public Employees Retirement Association, as recommended by Insurance Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

Councillor Sipola stated the Silver Lake swimming beach will officially close on August 18, 2012, and noted there was an increase in usage during this summer.

Acting Mayor Cuffe welcomed Daniel Cerise and Christopher Clark, newly hired Firefighter Paramedics, and recognized the following promotions within the Virginia Fire Department:

- Jason Dickinson – EMS Coordinator
- Erik Jonassen – Captain
- Joseph Baker – Fire Equipment Operator
- Dustin Erickson – Fire Equipment Operator
- Robert Olivanti – Fire Equipment Operator

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 P.M., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 28, 2012.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LARRY CUFFE JR.
Acting Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI
City Clerk