

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, SEPTEMBER 11, 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 Littlewolf, Ralston, Baribeau, Sipola, Russo, Mayor Peterson - 6

Absent: Councillor Cuffe - 1

A moment of silence was held in remembrance of the tragic events that occurred on September 11, 2001.

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:
 - a. Regular Meeting held August 28, 2012.
 - b. Special Meeting held September 4, 2012.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 12-017 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve renewal of 2 AM Liquor License for QCSP, Inc., d/b/a Queen City Sports Palace, 523 Chestnut Street.
4. Approve Transient Merchant/Solicitor License for Diva's Donuts.
5. Approve Dance Permit for Iron Range Youth in Action for October 5, 2012, at the Miners Memorial Building.

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

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Ralston to adopt Resolution No. 12173, approving Change Order No. 1 to increase the contract with Hibbing Excavating, Inc., by the amount of \$4,096.56, for the P & H Infrastructure Improvements. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported by Littlewolf to approve the travel request for Dustin Erickson and Adam Metsa, Fire Department, to attend the Tactical EMS School, to be held on September 23-28, 2012, in Camp Ripley, Minnesota, contingent upon an explanation from the Fire Chief on the total expenses to be paid by the City of Virginia. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baribeau to approve the travel request for Rick Puhek and Cheryl Weappa, Assessor's Office, to attend the Minnesota Association of Assessing Officers Education and Annual Meeting to be held September 22-26, 2012, in Breezy Point, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 12174, authorizing the purchase of property located on Railroad Avenue (Parcel Code No. 090-0180-00627), in the amount of \$1,500.00. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Street/Alley Committee meeting held on September 4, 2012.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Ralston to table the noise complaints regarding outdoor patios at liquor establishments, with the City Attorney requested to review the City Code and make a recommendation on the issue. Motion carried. Liquor establishment owners will be invited to attend the Street/Alley/Public Safety meeting when the issue is discussed further.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Littlewolf to approve the request to hold a 5K run/walk for the Mesabi Thunder Special Olympics Team on Saturday, September 29, 2012 contingent upon the Police Department reviewing traffic control. Motion carried.

The replacement of the sewer line in the Midway Gardens addition will be considered at a future Street/Alley Committee meeting.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to obtain quotes for contract services to control the feral cats. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Littlewolf to invite representatives from the Minnesota Department of Transportation and LHB, Inc., to a future Street/Alley Committee meeting to discuss the Highway 53 realignment project. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to deny the request from Range Mental Health for a crosswalk at 6th Avenue and 1st Street North for Range Mental Health and to notify them by letter. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Cuffe to remove the fence at the Mineview Overlook located on 4th Street North and install shrubbery as a buffer. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Ralston to consider the road repair for the 1300 block of 18th Street South in the 2013 budget. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, which was held at 5:30 P.M., just prior to the Council meeting:

Moved by Russo and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 12175, setting the proposed 2012 tax levy, collectible at 2013, at \$3,880,324, which is a four percent increase above the levy collected in 2012. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Russo to adopt Resolution No. 12176, adopting proposed general and debt funds for the year 2013. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Littlewolf to set the date for the Truth in Taxation hearing for 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 11, 2012. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to set the follow up date for the Truth in Taxation hearing for December 18, 2012, if necessary. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported by Baribeau to promote Bruce Hedstrom to the Detective position. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported by Baribeau to promote Nicole Young-Mattson to the Detective position. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Ralston to accept the resignation from Willie Spelts from the Park/Recreation Commission, effective immediately. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson submitted his resignation from the Mayoral position, effective October 1, 2012. Mayor Peterson stated he had an understanding with the IRRRB after he was appointed as the Executive Director of Economic Development in October of 2011 that he would vacate the Mayor's position in the Spring of 2012. Mayor Peterson stated he did not want to step down as Mayor until the major issues with the Police Department and the hospital were resolved. Mayor Peterson thanked the City Council, staff and citizens and stated it has been a privilege to serve as Mayor of Virginia.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM, with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, September 25, 2012.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

STEVE PETERSON
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI
City Clerk