

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, SEPTEMBER 25, 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 Baribeau to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held September 11, 2012.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 12-018 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Application of MN Lawful Gambling Application for Exempt Permit for Quad Cities Rotary Club to hold raffle on October 25, 2012.

Motions carried and resolutions adopted unanimously.

Acting Mayor Cuffe stated Paul Steinman of Springsted was removed from the agenda and additional discussions will take place at a future committee meeting regarding the refunding of the Washington Manor 2004A Bonds.

Moved by Russo and supported by Baribeau to approve to application to renew the 2 A.M. liquor permit for Flaimer's, Inc., 127 Chestnut Street. Motion carried.

Acting Mayor Cuffe reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on September 18, 2012.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Ralston to adopt Resolution No. 12177, approving payment of the invoice to SEH Engineering, in the amount of \$26,336.50, for the additional costs that were required to complete the Alta survey for the P & H site, contingent upon SEH Engineering submitting an itemized billing. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Sipola to adopt Resolution No. 12178, moving forward with the proposal from Newport Partners for the three solar power projects (Pergola near Olcott Park Greenhouse; dual purpose awning on the Tennis for All Building; Golf Course Cart Roof), contingent upon approval by the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board to change the scope of work and a one year extension to the current IRRRB grant contract. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Sipola to authorize the Park/Recreation Director to obtain a cost estimate from DSGW Architects to prepare blueprints for the remainder of the Miners Memorial Improvement Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Russo to approve the travel request for Bruce Hedstrom and Nicole Young-Mattson, Police Department, to attend the Missing and Unidentified Persons Conference, to be held October 9 & 10, 2012, in Brainerd, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported by Baribeau to authorize the Public Works Department to rent a bulldozer to clean up the demolition recycling area, with the Public Utilities billed for one-half of the cost. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Sipola to adopt Resolution No. 12179, authorizing the payment to Northeast Technical Services for the Phase I and II soil testing for the Ken Waschke Auto Plaza site, in the total amount of \$161,785.07, less a ten percent reduction and contingent upon paying the remaining balance due of \$116,049.45 over a one year period, without interest, beginning January 1, 2013. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Littlewolf to adopt Resolution No. 12180, approving the Development Agreement with Sundell Eye Properties, LLC. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported by Littlewolf to direct the department heads to review their proposed 2013 budget at the October 2nd Finance Committee meeting, with another meeting set for October 9th, if necessary. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 12181, accepting the Grant Agreement with the State of Minnesota, Commissioner of Transportation, to update the airport master plan study and rehabilitate Runway 9/27. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported by Sipola to adopt Resolution No. 12182, accepting the Grant Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration to update the airport master plan study and rehabilitate Runway 9/27. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported by Ralston to adopt Resolution No. 12183, in support of the Mesabi Family YMCA Capital Campaign. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to adopt Resolution No. 12184, authorizing the City of Virginia Department of Public Utilities to obtain \$450,000 in bond financing through the Minnesota Municipal Utility Association's bond financing program. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Russo reported on the Personnel Committee held on September 18, 2012.

Moved by Russo and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 12185, accepting the contract with the International Association of Firefighters, Local 390, for the period January 1, 2010, to December 31, 2010. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported by Littlewolf to adopt Resolution No. 12186, accepting the contract with the International Association of Firefighters, Local 390, for the period January 1, 2011, to December 31, 2013. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported by Sipola to adopt Resolution No. 12185, accepting the contract with the Minnesota Association of Professional Employees representing the City of Virginia Supervisory Employees for the period January 1, 2011, to December 31, 2011. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported by Sipola to adopt Resolution No. 12186, accepting the contract with the Minnesota Association of Professional Employees representing the City of Virginia Supervisory Employees for the period January 1, 2012, to December 31, 2014. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Baribeau reported on a recent CIRI board meeting and stated the University of Kansas will be presenting a Brownfields Education Program on October 16th and recommended that representatives from the City attend the seminar.

Councillor Russo reported on the Hospital Commission meeting of September 24th and stated the Virginia Regional Medical Center recently passed inspections by the Joint Commission and Minnesota Department of Health.

Councillor Russo stated the transition period to Essentia Health has been extended from November 1, 2012, to January 1, 2013. Pursuant to the lease with Essentia Health, the City Council will submit a list of candidates for the four community manager positions on the initial Essentia Board of Managers. After the initial appointment to Board of Managers, the City of Virginia will appoint one

of the positions. Councillor Russo also reported that the PERA audit has been extended from November 29, 2012, to December 31, 2012.

Councillor Sipola recommended that the City Council request the Charter Commission to prepare a change to the language in the City Charter regarding the Hospital Commission for the City Council to consider.

Councillor Russo will schedule a Personnel Committee of the Whole meeting in October to discuss the guidelines of a special board to monitor the affiliation with Essentia and oversee the hospital buildings and grounds.

Acting Mayor Cuffe stated he received a letter from Bill Smith, VRMC CEO, submitting potential candidates for the City Council to consider for the four community positions on the new Essentia Board. The letter will be given Personnel Committee Chair for distribution to the entire City Council.

Councillor Littlewolf stated she would like the public to be included in the application process for the Essentia Health Board of Managers, with the criteria and application deadline advertised in the newspaper. Acting Mayor Cuffe recommended that the Personnel Committee could make a recommendation on the public process.

Acting Mayor Cuffe reported on the following items:

- Virginia was unsuccessful in obtaining a 2012 capital project grant through the State of Minnesota to install \$1.5 million of infrastructure in the industrial parks.
- Received a note from the Iron Range Veterans Memorial Committee thanking the City of Virginia for their critical role in getting the Veterans Memorial to Virginia.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 P.M., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, October 9, 2012.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LARRY CUFFE
Acting Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI
City Clerk