

**VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, OCTOBER 22, 2013**

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia, Minnesota, was called to order by Mayor Russo at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Roll Call:

Present: Councillors Cuffe, Littlewolf, Ralston, Baranzelli, Mayor Russo - 5

Absent: Councillors Baribeau, Sipola - 2

Mayor Russo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held October 8, 2013.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 13-019 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Adopt Resolution No. 13129, authorizing special assessments against properties for delinquent public utilities.
4. Adopt Resolution No. 13130, authorizing special assessments against properties for delinquent blight invoices.
5. Approve the revised Emergency Operations Plan.

Motions carried and Resolutions adopted unanimously.

City Administrator Tourville requested permission to submit an application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Park Legacy and Regional Park Grant funds. The project would include: 1) Extension of the walking trail around Silver Lake; 2) Repair of the Olcott Park fountain; and 3) Shoring up the perimeter of Silver Lake.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 13131, authorizing submission of an application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for a Park Legacy and/or Regional Park Grant. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Ralston reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on October 15, 2013.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Littlewolf to request the Buildings and Grounds Committee to investigate the legal aspects of the proposal from Doug Foschi to upgrade the City property located at 529 Chestnut Street, in exchange for the land. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baranzelli to approve the travel request for Steve Estey and Joseph Broneak to attend the Toward Zero Deaths Conference to be held November 13-15, 2013, in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Littlewolf to approve the travel request for John Swenson to attend the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Training to be held October 21-22, 2013, in Bemidji, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 13132, accepting the quote from MacQueen Equipment, in the amount of \$31,201.25, to purchase five replacement water tanks for the 2003 Vactor, to be funded from the 2013 Sewer Fund. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Finance Director Erickson reported that the City is not allowed to pay off the 2011 Grant Anticipation Bond prior to February of 2014.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baranzelli to approve the loan option through the US Bank to purchase an ambulance and authorize paying off the loan early, if funds are available. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Littlewolf to refer the retirement issue of the City Assessor to the Personnel Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Littlewolf to accept the quote from C & C Winger, in the amount of \$6,800, to repair the approaches to the Sixth Avenue bridge. Motion carried.

Councillor Littlewolf reported on the Building and Grounds Committee meeting held on October 17, 2013.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Baranzelli to make a counter offer of \$4,000 to the Habitat for Humanity for the purchase of the property located at 312 North 5th Avenue and request them to submit a proposal to the Finance Committee after the Habitat Board takes action. Councillor Littlewolf withdrew her motion and Councillor Baranzelli withdrew his support for the previous motion.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Baranzelli to refer the purchase of the property located at 312 North 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue by Habitat for Humanity to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baranzelli to appoint Councillor Cuffe as the liaison to work with the Kline-Cuppoletti Gun Club on the relocation of their trap club from Silver Lake, upon the expiration of the lease in October of 2014. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Baranzelli to set the priority list for the demolition projects for the tax forfeited properties, as follows:

1. 116 7<sup>th</sup> Street South
2. 120 7<sup>th</sup> Street South
3. 105 3<sup>rd</sup> Street South
4. 823 14<sup>th</sup> Street North
5. 113 1<sup>st</sup> Street North
6. 602 15<sup>th</sup> Street North
7. 929 15<sup>th</sup> Street North

Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Ralston to refer the request from Garrett Lamppa for a key card system for the Tennis for All Facility to the Tennis for All Board to make a recommendation to the Park/Recreation Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Baranzelli to set the next meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee for 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 5, 2013, with the primary topic the proposed rental code. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baranzelli to authorize City Hall staff to lock their office doors until the new lock system is installed, with all visitors required to check in at the Information Desk. Motion carried.

Councillor Cuffe gave an update on the Laurentian Energy Authority quarterly meeting that was held on October 21<sup>st</sup> and reported:

- LEA will meet their goals and obligations in the contract with Excel Energy before year end. LEA will be purchasing four new trucks, at a cost of \$65,000.
- A new law went into effect to allow LEA to levy additional costs to Excel Energy for the production of energy. Once authorization is received, LEA will recover the back charges and implement the new revenue escalator with Excel Energy.
- Concern was expressed with the wood products received from two counties, due to the quarantine of the beetles and upcoming warning of the gypsy moth.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Littlewolf to request the Laurentian Energy Authority to videotape their future board meetings. Motion carried.

City Clerk Roskoski started the ordinances adopted by the City Council on October 8, 2013, banning synthetic and alternative drugs and dealing with public nuisances will be effective on October 26, 2013.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Littlewolf to authorize City Administrator Tourville to attend the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities Economic Development Board of Directors meeting to be held in St. Paul on November 7 & 8, 2013. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, November 12, 2103.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LOUIS J RUSSO  
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI  
City Clerk