

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, OCTOBER 8, 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, Baribeau, Sipola, Baranzelli, Mayor Russo - 7

Absent: None

Mayor Russo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held September 24, 2013.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 13-018 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Adopted Resolution No. 13127, authorizing the submission and acceptance of an Iron Range Resources Grant for the site preparation and extension of utilities for the construction of a full service Ambulatory Surgery Center.
4. Approved Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for the Friends of the Virginia Public Library for event to be held on December 5, 2013, at the Holy Spirit Church.

Motions carried and Resolutions adopted unanimously.

Mayor Russo read a Proclamation proclaiming October, 2013, as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month”.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Littlewolf to approve the Application for a Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for the Friends of the Greenhouse for the event to be held on October 23, 2013. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Cuffe to approve the Application for Gambling Exempt Permit for the Ducks Unlimited Mesabi Chapter to hold a raffle on November 2, 2013. Motion carried.

Councillor Ralston reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on October 1, 2013.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to approve the travel request for Joseph Broneak, Police Department, to attend Field Training Officer instruction on December 2-6, 2013, in Anoka, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to table the extension of the contract for the Golf Professional to a future Finance Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 13128, accepting the quote from MTI Distributing, in the amount of \$9,947.36 plus tax, for the purchase of a new Toro Greenspro 1200. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Littlewolf to decline the proposal for soils that are available from the Lake Superior dredging project and thank the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board for the offer. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to approve the plan with St. Louis County to demolish eight blighted tax forfeited houses in the City of Virginia, with the Buildings/Grounds Committee requested to prioritize the demolition projects. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to apply the civil penalties, as listed in the proposed “Ordinance Banning the Sale, Possession, Transfer or Manufacture of Synthetic or Alternative Drugs”, to individuals that are in possession of the synthetic or alternative drugs and increase the penalties for individuals involved in the sale, transfer or manufacturing, as follows: \$500 for the first violation; \$1,000 for the second violation and any violations thereafter shall be charged as a misdemeanor, with up to 90 days in jail, and subject to the sanctions of the District Court. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Sipola to adopt the Ordinance Creating Section 10.38 of Chapter 10 of the City Code entitled “Banning the sale, possession, transfer or manufacture of synthetic or alternative drugs”. Ordinance adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to adopt an Ordinance Creating Chapter 10, Section 10.37 of the City Code entitled “Public nuisances within the City of Virginia, Minnesota”. Ordinance adopted unanimously.

City Clerk Roskoski stated the ordinances will be published on October 11, 2013, and the effective date would be fifteen days after publication.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baranzelli to donate \$500 to the VRMC Foundation for the 2013 Festival of Trees. Motion carried.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Street/Alley/Public Safety Committee meeting held on October 1, 2013.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Ralston to remove the ten-minute parking sign in front of the Ben Franklin store on Chestnut Street and replace with a two-hour parking sign. Motion carried.

Councillor Baribeau stated the Engineering Department will be sending a letter to the Laurentian Energy Authority to request the semi-trucks to slow down while traveling over the Sixth Avenue bridge.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to approve repairing the approaches to the Sixth Avenue bridge. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to approve the request from the Arthritis National Research Foundation to hold the First Annual Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis 5K race in the City of Virginia on June 28, 2014, contingent upon working out an agreeable route with City staff. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to approve the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Policy Manual for the City of Virginia ambulance service. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to install “no parking” signage on the vacant City lots that are for sale on 18th Street North, with the City Engineering Department to determine the placement of the signs. Motion carried.

Councillor Littlewolf reported on the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting held on October 1, 2013.

A lengthy discussion took place on the proposed covenants and lot sizes for a single family development on the former Horace Mann School site. Councillor Littlewolf stated Ryan Turner, Architect with DSGW, will be working with the Engineering Department to reduce the lot sizes for the proposed development and with the City Attorney to prepare the covenants. Councillor Littlewolf stated the Buildings and Grounds Committee will further discuss the covenants and address the concerns that were expressed by the City Council.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Sipola to request the Lakes Beautification Committee to review the location of all the historical plaques in the City and work with the Public Works Department to relocate any of the plaques, if necessary. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Sipola to deny the request from the Cable Commission to use the Trap Club on Silver Lake upon the expiration of the lease with the Kline-Cuppoletti Gun Club and continue to assist the Cable Commission in finding a new location for the public access station. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Sipola to turn the Trap Club property on Silver Lake over to the Park and Recreation Commission, upon expiration of the lease with the Kline-Cuppoletti Gun Club. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Ralston to authorize the City Attorney to confer with Kline-Cuppoletti Gun Club on the details of the lease for the trap club on Silver Lake, prior to expiration of the lease. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Baranzelli to authorize the Park/Recreation Director to obtain a quote from Damberg, Scott, Gerzina and Wagner Architects to design a bathroom for the Olcott Park Greenhouse, prior to submitting a grant request to the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board. Motion carried.

Councillor Cuffe reported on the following items:

- Attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Habitat for Humanity house at 224 3rd Street North.
- Attended the ceremony for the St. Louis County 911 Life Saver Awards. Awards were presented to citizens Cindy Forseen and Lauren Devich, Officer Steve Estey, Officer Eric Thomsen and Lieutenant Chad Nickila for their roles in saving three lives during a fire in the City of Virginia.

Councillor Sipola stated the Lakes Committee laid out the proposed walking trail around Silver Lake.

Mayor Russo stated he will be calling a meeting before the end of October to meet with City retirees to discuss their health insurance benefits.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 P.M., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, October 22, 2013.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LOUIS J. RUSSO
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI
City Clerk