

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, FEBRUARY 26, 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.

Councillor Ralston removed Item 2 from the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Baranzelli to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows, with the exception of Item 2:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held February 12, 2013.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No.13-004 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve Application for Exempt Permit for North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity for a raffle to be held on August 1, 2013.
4. Approve Application for Exempt Permit for Dave Salsman Memorial Chapter Ruffed Grouse for a raffle to be held on April 25, 2013.
5. Approve 2013 Transient Merchant/Solicitor License for Barb’s Fried Bread.

Motions carried unanimously.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to approve Item 2 on the Consent Agenda, Finance Resolution No. 13-004 – Schedule of Bills. Resolution adopted, with Councillor Ralston abstaining.

Councillor Ralston reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on February 19, 2013.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 13057, accepting the quote from Range Paper to purchase 760 cases of City garbage bags, at a cost of \$28.50 per case, or total cost of \$21,660.00. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 13058, extending the Inter Agency Agreement between the Hibbing Community College, City of Virginia and the Northeast Law Enforcement Administrators Council for the Community Oriented Policing Services Grants. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Littlewolf to authorize the Finance and Personnel Committee Chairs to meet with the Finance Director to discuss the staffing needs for the Finance Department. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baranzelli to adopt Resolution No. 13059, approving the sale of the City owned property located at 409-411 2nd Street South to St. Louis County, for a price of \$45,000. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Ralston stated the Finance Committee reviewed the draft Business Plan for the Fire Department that was prepared by Springsted. The revisions discussed at the meeting will be incorporated into the plan and reviewed further at a future Finance Committee meeting.

Councillor Cuffe reported on the Hospital Advisory Committee meeting that was held on February 20th and stated a letter will be sent to Essentia Health outlining the issues discussed at the meeting. Representatives from Essentia Health will be invited to the next Hospital Advisory Commission meeting, which has been scheduled for 10:00 A.M. on March 21, 2013.

Councillor Cuffe reported that he and Councillor Baribeau attended the Public Utilities Commission meeting and stated the Department of Public Utilities is preparing a video to inform the public on the operation of the Public Utilities and the affiliation with the Laurentian Energy Authority. Councillor Cuffe also reported the Public Utilities will also be advertising information on the Conservation Improvement Program.

Councillor Baribeau requested the Public Utilities staff to meet with the City Attorney to discuss the need to hold public hearings prior to moving forward with policy changes that affect the residents. Councillor Baribeau also stated the Public Utilities Commission is requesting the City Councillors to be placed on the appearance portion of their meeting if they have issues to be addressed that are not on the agenda.

Councillor Cuffe reported the Public Utilities Commission changed their meeting dates to 3:30 P.M. on the fourth Monday of each month.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the CIRI Board meeting held on February 21st and stated the City of Virginia will receive funding for the Phase 1 and II cleanup of the former Staver Foundry property.

Councillor Littlewolf encouraged the public to attend the event that will be held at the Olcott Park Greenhouse from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 2nd. The event will feature live music and a short program to review the history, improve projects and future vision of the greenhouse.

Moved by Baranzelli and supported by Ralston to allow the International Snowmobile Youth Racing Association to hold youth snowmobile races on Bailey's Lake during the second or third weekend of March, if ice conditions permit. Motion carried.

Councillor Baranzelli will continue to work with the snowmobile association on possibly holding their national event in Virginia in future years.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Littlewolf to add the donation request from the Summer Work Outreach Project to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, March 12, 2013.

LOUIS J. RUSSO

Mayor

(CORPORATE SEAL)

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City Clerk