

**VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, MAY 14, 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 Baribeau and supported by Littlewolf to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes:
  - a. Regular Meeting held April 23, 2013.
  - b. Special Meeting held April 30, 2013.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 13-009 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve Transient Merchant License for TNT Fireworks.
4. Approve 3.2 On-Sale Beer License for Aszendrops, LLC, d/b/a The Shop, 235 Chestnut Street.  
Motion carried and Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Cuffe to accept the resignation from James E. Johnson from the Eveleth-Airport Authority, effective June 30, 2013, and send a letter of appreciation.  
Motion carried.

Councillor Ralston reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on May 7, 2013.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to reimbursement the Virginia Senior Citizens Center, in the amount of \$47.74, for their April telephone bill.

Ayes: Councillors Cuffe, Sipola, Baranzelli, Mayor Russo - 4

Nays: Councillors Littlewolf, Ralston, Baribeau --3

Motion failed, as a two thirds majority vote is required for financial issues.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Littlewolf to request the Finance Director to meet with a representative from the Virginia Senior Citizens Center to review their 2013 budget, prior to further discussion by the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 13091, accepting the proposal from Walker, Giroux and Hahne, Ltd., to perform the City audit for the year ending December 31, 2013, with the option of renewal for fiscal years ending December 31, 2014 and 2015. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to authorize the City Council and administrative staff to attend the 2013 League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference to be held, June 19-21, 2013, in St. Paul, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Street/Alley/Public Safety Committee meeting held on May 7, 2013.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Ralston to place a handicapped parking sign at 719 3<sup>rd</sup> Street South. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Ralston to request the City Attorney and Police Chief to prepare a recommendation to change the City Code regarding outdoor patio areas at liquor establishments. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to request the Police Chief to prepare a cost estimate to purchase civil defense sirens through the Federal Signal Corporation for review by the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Councillor Baribeau asked the City Council to review the changes to the City Code regarding the fire code and stated the proposed ordinance will be reviewed at the next City Council meeting.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Ralston to adopt Resolution No. 13092, in support of Virginia's Healthy Systems Pilot Proposal. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Ralston to deny the request from Phillips Law Office, Ltd., to repair the driveway approach between 412 1<sup>st</sup> Street South and 414 1<sup>st</sup> Street South and send a letter explaining that type of repair is the responsibility of the property owner. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Cuffe to authorize the Public Works Department to repave the area around the fueling station and develop a paved area for the sand and salt. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Cuffe to refer the removal of the playground at the Veteran's Memorial to the Building and Grounds Committee. Motion carried.

Councillor Cuffe reported on the Personnel Committee meeting held on May 14, 2013.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baranzelli to approve the "Temporary" to "Permanent" job description for the Building Maintenance Repair Assistant. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 13093, approving a Letter of Understanding with AFSCME Local Union No. 454 regarding the "Temporary" to "Permanent" Building Maintenance/Repair position. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to authorize the Fire Chief to further discuss a shared Fire Marshall position with other communities and provide the Personnel Committee with an update at a future meeting. Motion carried.

Councillor Littlewolf reported on the Buildings/Grounds Committee meeting held on May 14, 2013.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Baranzelli to allocate \$5,000 to the 2013 Neighborhood Revitalization/Mini Grant Program, which will be administered through the Housing and Redevelopment Authority. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Cuffe to request the Virginia Economic Development Authority to commit \$5,000 to the 2013 Neighborhood Revitalization/Mini Grant Program. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Sipola to allow Karl Jonas to use the City owned property on Fourth Street North (former Seppi site) for a Farmers Market, with the space to be determined by the Engineering Department and excluding the Land of the Loon weekend or any other dates that have scheduled events. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Baranzelli to set a Buildings/Grounds Committee meeting at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, to discuss the Housing, Property Maintenance and Rental Code. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Baranzelli to not insure any monuments that are placed on City property. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Cuffe to place the property located at 104 1<sup>st</sup> Street North at the top of the demolition list, contingent upon the owner performing the property abatement and submitting the proper forms to the IRRRB. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Sipola to request the Veterans' Memorial Committee to submit their plans to develop the area that is currently occupied by the playground equipment. Motion carried.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Laurentian Visioning Partnership meeting and stated he will distribute minutes from those meeting to the City Council.

Councillor Baribeau reported on a meeting held with the Minnesota Department of Transportation regarding the Highway 53 relocation project and stated meetings will be held every two weeks. Hard statistical data is being obtained from individuals and cities to determine the effects of the proposed route as it relates to retail sales, traffic count and tourism.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to waive the requirement for a written resolution for the following motion. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Littlewolf to adopt Resolution No. 13094, to go on record in support of the E2A option to reroute Highway 53. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Littlewolf encouraged the public to sign up for the Virginia Public Library's Summer Reading Program, which will be held May 29, 2013 through July 30, 2013.

Councillor Littlewolf stated she has been working on setting up a public forum to raise awareness about the use of synthetic drugs in our community, as well as developing State wide policies that cities could adopt.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to authorize Councillor Littlewolf to follow through in holding a public forum in the City of Virginia to educate the public on the use of synthetic drugs. Motion carried.

Mayor Russo stated the Dustin Damm Memorial Walk will begin at 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 16, 2013, at Olcott Park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 28, 2013.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LOUIS J. RUSSO  
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI  
City Clerk