

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, JUNE 11, 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, Mayor Russo-6

Absent: Councillor Baranzelli

Mayor Russo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lisa Vance and Terry Carol came forward to discuss their issues with renting a duplex that is located at 726 11th Street North during the Public Forum. The Council urged them to attend the next Building and Grounds Committee meeting on June 25, 2013 to share their story to the group which is trying to develop a rental code. They also urged the tenants to become active in this project. Tom Butorac also stepped outside to discuss some emergency funds that may be available through programs in our community that would assist them in getting power restored in the home they are renting.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to approve the Consent Agenda, as

Follows:

1. Approval/Correction of Minutes of Regular Meeting held May 28, 2013.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 13-011-Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve Transient Merchant/Solicitor License for Generous Jerry's Fireworks Inc.

4. Approve Transient Merchant/Solicitor License for Northland Variety.

Motions carried and Finance Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to approve the following variance for John Seurer, 517 6th Street South, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission: 3 Foot (3') variance to the required 5 foot (5') setback on the West Property line, in order to construct a 12' x 20 carport two feet (2') from the west property line. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Ralston to approve the following variances for Spencer Oates, 601 11th Street South, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission: A two foot (2') variance from the required five foot (5') alley setback, in order to build a garage three feet (3') from the alley. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Ralston to approve the following variances for Spencer Oates, 601 11th Street South, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission: a twenty foot (20') variance to the required twenty foot (20') setback with the condition of the North/South corners being 45 degrees and approximately eight feet (8'). This is in order to build a fence on the East (6th Avenue) property line. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and Supported by Baribeau to approve the following variances for Spencer Oates, 601 11th Street South, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission: A four foot (4') variance to the maximum height allowable of two feet (2'), in order to build a fence six feet (6') in height on the East (6th Avenue) property line. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Littlewolf to approve John Tourville, Mayor Russo and City Council to attend the 2013 Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities Summer Conference, July 24-26, Bemidji MN. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 13098 , accepting the proposal from Federal Siren Corporation for Federal Warning system, to purchase a new severe weather siren system, in the total amount of \$91,994.79, which includes four sirens, software/hardware packages, installation costs, training, shipping and tax. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 13099, accepting the proposal from BullEx, to purchase an Intelligent Fire Extinguisher Training System, in the total amount of \$5,947.36, including shipping. This purchase is to be equally split between the City of Virginia, the Housing/Redevelopment Authority and Public Utilities. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and Supported by Cuffe to approve the sale of Lot 1, Block 2, Fairview Second Addition, to Becca Maki and Garrett Lamppa in the amount of \$15,000.00, with a Resolution to be adopted at the next City Council Meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Sipola to externally post the position of Building Maintenance/Repair Assistant for the Public Works Department, subject to a probationary period of 67 shifts. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and Supported by Baribeau to appoint Steve Johnson to the Park and Recreation Commission for an unexpired term ending on February 1, 2016. Motion Carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baribeau to amend the minutes to the June 4, 2013 Personnel Committee meeting reflecting the heading as Personnel Committee. Motion carried

Moved by Cuffe and Supported by Sipola to Adopt Resolution No. 13100, changing the Job title of John Tourville's position to City Administrator. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Littlewolf to amend the minutes of the June 4, 2013 Building and Grounds Committee meeting reflecting the heading as Building and Grounds Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Sipola to refer the concerns of the bridge which goes over Bailey's Lake and Silver Lake be moved to the Street and Alley Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Sipola to authorize city staff to begin to looking forward in the project of stabilizing the shoreline and to begin looking into possible funding for this potential project. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Sipola to authorize city staff to start a list of qualified lawn care/maintenance businesses that are established with insurance and properly qualified, that could be given to individuals whom have need these services.

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

Nays: Councillor Ralston, Baribeau-2

Motion carried.

Councillor Baribeau was in opposition to this motion because he felt that these services should not be referred out and was concerned that these lawn mowing jobs would be taken away from the younger kids who do this for summer work.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Cuffe to look for funding for initial light ground prep work to make the property next to P&H more presentable for development. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Ralston to require private parties whom wish to have the City of Virginia participate in the demolition of a structure for them to be financially responsible for the removal of the utilities and to have the abatement done before the City of Virginia would consider the project for the demolition program. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Sipola to advise the Engineering Department to gather quotes for a preliminary conceptual designs on the Horace Mann Development Project.

Ayes: Councillors Cuffe, Littlewolf, Baribeau, Sipola, Mayor Russo - 5

Nays: Councillor Ralston – 1

Motion carried.

Councillor Ralston was in opposition to this motion due to the fact that the city needs to make some decisions on what type and style of homes; before hiring out for a conceptual design. He also felt that we would be getting ahead of things since the land has not been surveyed or platted at this time.

Councillor Baribeau was also in opposition of this motion due to the fact that in order to get an accurate quote, the a firm would need to know what the City of Virginia would like to do in that area before they are able to prepare an accurate quote for preliminary conceptual design services.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Sipola to approve the layout of the proposed gravel walking trail with lath or spray paint along/near the lake by the old Seppi site. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Ralston to have the June 11, 2013 Building and Grounds Committee Meeting minutes amended to reflect Building and Grounds Committee Meeting as the header. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Sipola to move the issue of eliminating the required blue bags to the next Finance Meeting. Motion carried

Councillor Baribeau requested that at the next finance meeting, Sherry Erickson HR/Finance Director bring a report as to what the blue bags generate vs. what our tipping fees are.

Councillor Ralston also requests that the Saint Louis County be invited to this meeting.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Sipola to set the next Building and Grounds Meeting for June 25, 2013 at 9:00 AM. Motion carried.

Councillor Sipola reported on the Meeting that was held with Advantage Billing at the Fire Department.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Public Utility Commission May 28th, 2013 meeting.

Councillor Cuffe reported on a Highway 53 Meeting this afternoon with MNDOT.

Councillor Sipola stated that the Silver Lake Beach will open Monday June 17th and will remain open until Sunday August 18th.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 P.M., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday June 25, 2013.

LOUIS J RUSSO

Mayor

KRIS JOHNSON

Administrative Assistant