

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, JULY 16, 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 Sipola and supported by Baribeau to approve the Consent Agenda, as

follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held June 25, 2013.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 13-013 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve Application for Exempt Permit for Elder Services Network, Inc., to hold a raffle on October 23, 2013.

Motions carried and Finance Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to authorizing blocking off the 300 block of Chestnut Street, including the intersection, from 2:00 P.M. until 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, August 21, 2013, to allow April Tatur, T Squared, to have a ping pong release as part of the 100 year celebration of the T Squared building. Motion carried.

Mayor Russo reviewed the recommendations submitted by the Planning and Zoning Commission from their meeting held on July 1, 2013.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Littlewolf to approve a Conditional Use Permit for Don Etter to manufacture and operate a micro-brewery at 101 3rd Avenue North, with a condition not to exceed 2,000 barrels per year, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to approve a Conditional Use Permit for John Bouska to allow parking of semi-trailers at 101 2nd Street South for use as public storage in a Central Business District (B-1), with a condition that the project be reviewed after one year, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to approve a Conditional Use Permit for John Bouska to allow mini storage in a Central Business District (B-1) at 101 2nd Street South, with the following conditions:

- No outside storage.
- Enclosed trailers only.
- No routine sales events or other uses from the trailers. (Any sales events would be non-routine sales events.)
- Project will be reviewed after one year.

Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to approve a variance for John Bouska, 101 2nd Street South, to vary from Chapter 11, Subdivision 14E2, which requires parking lots to have an asphaltic or concrete surface. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Sipola to approve a 5 foot height variance to the maximum allowable height of 3 feet in a front yard (3rd Street South), to allow John Bouska to place a fence 8 feet in height at 101 2nd Street South. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to approve a 2 foot variance to the maximum allowable height of 6 feet on the side yard (West property line), to allow John Bouska to place an 8 foot fence in height at 101 2nd Street South. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Cuffe to approve a 20 foot variance to the required 20 foot setback requirement (corner lot 1st Avenue), to allow John Bouska to place a fence on the 1st Avenue property line at 101 2nd Street South. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to approve a 6 foot height variance to the maximum allowable 2 foot height (corner lot 1st Avenue), to allow John Bouska a place a fence 8 feet in height at 101 2nd Street South. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Littlewolf to approve a 5 foot variance to the required 5 foot setback abutting a City alley, to allow John Bouska to construct a fence on the alley property line at 101 2nd Street South. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Sipola to approve a 2 foot variance to the maximum allowable height of 6 feet, to allow John Bouska to construct a fence 8 feet in height on the alley property line at 101 2nd Street South. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baranzelli to request the Street/Alley/Public Safety Committee to review the need for a stop sign at 2nd Street South to control traffic turning onto 1st Avenue, once the mini-storage project is completed at 101 2nd Street South. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 13103 authorizing submission and acceptance of a Redevelopment Grant through the Department of Employment and Economic Development for the Reconstruction of Fourth Street North between Sixth Avenue and Ninth Avenue West. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to authorize the Finance Department to process accounts payables on July 31, 2013. Motion carried.

Councillor Ralston reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on July 9, 2013.

Moved by Russo and supported by Baribeau to authorize the payment of the 2013 cash appropriation, in the amount of \$7,405, to the Laurentian Chamber of Commerce. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to request the department heads to submit a five year capital improvement plan, including personnel, as part of their 2014 budget presentation. Motion carried.

Councillor Ralston stated the budget presentations will begin on August 6, 2013, as part of the Finance Committee.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 13104, authorizing the request and acceptance of State bonding funds for the US Highway 53 Relocation of Utilities and Trails. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to recommend that the Mayor, City Council or staff represent the City of Virginia at the St. Louis County Board meeting on July 30, 2013, in Floodwood to discuss the proposed wheelage tax. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Sipola to authorize the Ad Hoc Committee to direct Advantage Billing to change the delinquent dates to collect ambulance bills from 150 days to 90 days. Motion carried.

Councillor Baribeau stated he continues to attend City Council meetings in the area to give an update on the Highway 53 relocation project and request a Resolution opposing the westerly route to relocate Highway 53. Councillor Littlewolf volunteered to participate in the meeting with the Mesabi Community College staff to discuss the Highway 53 Relocation Project.

Councillor Littlewolf stated she is serving on the IRRRB Task Force to monitor the Doug Johnson Fund to ensure the funds are secure for future generations. Councillor Littlewolf will continue to give updates and asked for ideas to share with the task force.

Councillor Cuffe stated a letter was from received from Governor Dayton acknowledging Virginia's opposition of the westerly route to relocate Highway 53 and noted the westerly route will continue to be an option.

Mayor Russo stated Habitat for Humanity will hold a ground breaking ceremony at 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, June 21st, 2013, for the home located at 12th Avenue West and 1st Street South.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 P.M., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 13, 2013.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LOUIS J RUSSO
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI
City Clerk