

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, FEBRUARY 11, 2014

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, Baranzelli, Mayor Russo-6

Absent: Councillor Sipola -1

Mayor Russo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Baranzelli to approve the Consent Agenda.

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held January 28, 2014.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 14-003 ó Schedule of Bills.

Motions carried and Resolutions adopted unanimously.

Mayor Russo stated he has appointed Tony Petrick to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority for the unexpired term ending November 22, 2016.

Councillor Baribeau spoke about the sample resolution in support of PolyMet Mining NorthMet Project.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Ralston to adopt Resolution No. 14033, supporting PolyMet Mining NorthMet Project's last phase of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Baranzelli to deny the request from William Krisak, 1210 8th Street South, to vacate the public alley between his home and garage, legally described as Lot 2, Block 1, William's Addition to Virginia. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baranzelli to authorize the Park and Recreation Director to go out for quotes for the replacement of the lighting fixtures at the Tennis for All Facility. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 14034, accepting the quote from MTI, Inc., to purchase a Toro Groundsmaster 3500 D2, under the State of Minnesota contract in the amount of \$31,494.63, plus tax, for the Golf Course. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baranzelli to adopt Resolution No. 14035, authorizing the submission and acceptance of a Grant Agreement with the Eveleth Area Community Fund, in the amount of \$500.00, for the Quad Cities Tennis for All. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to approve the travel request for Jonathan Benz, Police Officer, to attend the DRE Training, to be held on February 23-28 and March 2-6, 2014, in White Bear Lake, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Littlewolf to approve the travel request for Sherry Erickson, Finance/Human Resources Director, to attend the SHRM Talent Management Conference Training, to be held on April 25 - May 2, 2014 in Nashville, Tennessee. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to reexamine the T-Square's metal elevator curbside access cover for repairs in the spring/summer months, when the frost is gone. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Littlewolf to adopt Resolution No. 14036, to approve a short term loan, in the amount of \$75,000.00, to the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority, contingent on the funds lent on an as needed basis and repaid no later than January 15, 2015. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Littlewolf to adopt Resolution No. 14037 to approve the creation of Ambulance Enterprise Fund 670 and to approving the transferring revenue and expenditures relating to the Ambulance operations out of the General fund into the Enterprise Fund effective January 1, 2014. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to accept the budget portion of the Ambulance Enterprise Fund 670 as part of the Official Budget. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to instruct the Investment Committee to analyze the investment and submit a recommendation to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baranzelli to authorize the discussion of a sale or fair trade with St. Louis County for land within the City of Virginia, in exchange for the Northland Building parking lot. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baranzelli to deny any cash contribution to any individual or company that may take over management of the Mineview in the Sky and to approve the payment of the fixed costs for the Mineview, including the land lease, property taxes, utilities and up to \$500.00 in maintenance costs. Motion carried.

Councillor Littlewolf reported on the Buildings/Grounds Committee meeting held on February 4, 2014.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baranzelli to authorize City staff to work out the details with Lori Beth Maki on a proposal and business plan to manage the Mineview in the Sky, which will be submitted to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baranzelli to waive the sewer charges for any amounts that Public Utilities believe are related to frost prevention and to support the Public Utilities in instructing the Midway residents, who have already had to thaw out a water line this year and anyone else the Public Utilities advises to trickle their water. The Department of Public Utilities will have the authority to adjust charges for this to be done. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Baranzelli to direct the Friends of the Green House to refer the matter to the Personnel Committee when requesting the union to provide workers to assist in a Green House clean-up day in the future. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Cuffe to remove ten lockers from the women's locker room at the Golf Course Clubhouse and install them in the Cart Building for use by women, men or children. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Baranzelli to accept and approve the relocation of the 4th Street North section of the Mesabi Trail, as proposed by SEH Engineering. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Ralston to seek grant funding from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and IRRRB for a business plan to develop an aqua-ponics facility in the City of Virginia, which would be similar to the facility in Silver Bay, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the following items:

- Recently attended a meeting regarding the proposals from contractors to manage the reconstruction of Highway 53.
- The Highway 53 Committee will be reactivated to discuss the project design from Highway 53 to Highway 135 to the East.

Councillor Cuffe reported the position of City Assessor has not been filled at this time, however, the City has continued to advertise for this position. The State has a requirement that the City Assessor position must be filled within a 90 day period and the City of Virginia will need to apply for an extension. Vanguard software is being currently being used for reports and inspections in the Assessor's Department.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baranzelli to continue to advertise for the City Assessor position and to continue to utilize the Vanguard software system. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported by Littlewolf to apply to the State of Minnesota for an extension to the 90 day period requirement for a licensed Assessor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 25, 2014.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LOUIS J. RUSSO
Mayor

KRIS JOHNSON
Administrative Assistant