

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, June 10, 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: Ralston, Baribeau, Sipola, Baranzelli, Cuffe, Littlewolf - 7

Absent: None

Mayor Russo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Baribeau and Supported by Sipola to approve the Consent Agenda excluding the request to renew the 2AM closing liquor license for Northeast Investment and Management, LLC d/b/a Sunnyø Magic Bar. Motion carried.

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held May 27, 2014.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 014-011 ó Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve Application for Exempt Permit for the Benedictine Health System Foundation to hold a raffle on September 18, 2014.
4. Approve Application for Exempt Permit for the AEOA to hold a raffle on August 2, 2014.
5. Approve renewal of 2 AM closing liquor license for Northeast Investment and Management, LLC, d/b/a Sunnyø Magic Bar, located at 116 Chestnut Street.
6. Approve the St. Michaelø Foundation Chili Cook-off at Miners Memorial Building Thursday Sept. 18, 2014.
7. Adopt Resolution No. 14178, approving extension of Surface Lease 13272 with RGGGS Lands & Minerals, Ltd., for the Viewpoint in the Sky.
8. Letter of Thank you to Eleanor Anshus for her \$500.00 Donation towards the Fountain in the Park Restoration Project.
9. Adopt Resolution No. 14179, designating the General Fund Balances
10. Approve Application for Transient Merchant/Solicitor License for TNT Fire works for June 26th through July 6th

There have been several complaints from residents near the Sunnyø Magic Bar regarding noise issues that were present last summer. Concern was expressed that these disturbances would repeat this summer. Previously the establishment spoke directly with the City Attorney and guaranteed that this would not continue. The Police Department had charged a disorderly conduct at this place of business and as part of trying to resolve that issue they had agreed to remove the back enclosure deck to prevent these issues from continuing. It was suggested to first speak with the Police Department to see if there have been further disturbances here, before approving the license.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Littlewolf to table the motion to renew the 2AM closing Liquor License for Northeast Investment and Management, LLC d/b/a Sunnyø Magic Bar until a report can be obtained from the Police Chief to verify if further disturbances have been reported. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and Supported by Sipola to deny request from Virginia Building, LLC, d/b/a Iron Trail Motors, for 27.4 foot variance to the required 30 foot front yard setback requirement, to construct an automatic car wash at 1301 17th Street South. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to approve the proposed development project by Regional Council of Carpenters on the former Seppi Lot. Motion carried.

Ayes:- 6 Cuffe, Littlewolf, Baranzelli, Sipola, Russo, Baribeau

Nays:-0

Abstained:-1 Ralston

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baranzelli to adopt Resolution No. 14180, giving support to AEOA by form of Resolution on their proposed acquisition/rehabilitation of a rental housing development at the Ivy Manor. Resolution adopted.

Ayes:- 6 Cuffe, Littlewolf, Baranzelli, Sipola, Russo, Baribeau

Nays:- 0

Abstained:-1 Ralston

Moved by Ralston and Supported by Sipola to adopt Resolution No. 14181, granting a 24 Month First Right of Refusal to Road Machinery & Supply on the 17 acre parcel of land that is located on the south side of the P & H Road, adjacent to HWY 53, to build a new facility . Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Littlewolf to adopt Resolution No. 14182, authorizing the City of Virginia to make application to and accept funds from the IRRRB Comprehensive Plan Grant Program. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 14183, approving entering into agreement with the St. Louis County for a Subsurface Utility Easement. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baranzelli to adopt Resolution No. 14184, authorizing payment to DSGW in the amount of up to \$6,000.00 for Architectural Services on the restoration of the stone work on both sets of stairs to the City Hall Building. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 14185, approving the quote with e.p.a Audio Visual, Inc. for the purchase of a new broad cast system in the amount of \$25,246.25. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 14186, authorizing submission and acceptance of an IRRRB Grant for Commercial Demolition of the Northwyne Canine Center. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Ralston to grant an easement agreement to Joseph Caulfield, allowing him to pave the alleyway to fix the disparity on 3rd Avenue and 3rd Street North at his own expense. Motion Carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to work with the new Committee that has formed which will research possible route options for an ATV/Snowmobile trail that will keep Eveleth and Virginia assessable after the relocation of HWY 53 and propose them to Minnesota Department of Transportation. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to request the COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE to attend the Street/Alley/Public Safety Meeting on June 17, 2014 for the presentation of updating the parking plans for the downtown district. Motion Carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baranzelli to adopt Resolution No. 14187, supporting Aurora's Resolution Opposing a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) in the Superior National Forest (SNF) and Calling on Minnesota Leaders to Demand the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) cease PEIS consideration. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Cuffe reported that there will be a Save Our Steel Rally at the Miner's Memorial Building on June 23, 2014 at 10:00 AM to support U.S. Steel and to rally against flooding the market with Foreign Steel. City council and Mayor Russo have been invited to attend this Rally.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Coffee & Conversation Meeting this week with Roberta Dwyer regarding bridge options on the E2 routes. He stated that the proposed bridge that would need to be built could be the highest bridge in the state of Minnesota. July 3rd and August 7th are the next Coffee and Conversation Meeting dates.

City Administrator John Tourville reported on the upcoming purchase of the former East Range Clinic Site at a nominal cost, the purchase agreement and discussion regarding the IRRRB Demolition program and project costs along with Potential Economic Development for the site will be discussed at the next Finance Committee Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 P.M., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 24, 2014.

LOUIS J. RUSSO
Mayor

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