

**VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, JUNE 24, 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, Sipola, Baranzelli, Mayor Russo - 7

Absent: None

Mayor Russo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held June 10, 2014.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 14-012 ó Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve Taxi License for Custom Cab Companies, LLC, through December 31, 2014.

Motions carried and Finance Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 14188, accepting the quote from Hibbing Excavating, Inc., for crushing bituminous and concrete stockpiles, in the amount of \$2,000 for mobilization and \$7.95 per ton for crushing one inch minus material, as amended. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 14189, approving a Development Agreement with the Laborers Local #1097 to construct a union office on Fourth Street North. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 14190, approving a Development Agreement with the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters to construct a union office on Fourth Street North. Resolution adopted unanimously, with Councillor Ralston abstaining.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 14191, approving a Development Agreement with Ulland Brothers, Inc., to develop a new facility in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 16, Township 58 North, Range 1 West. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Ralston to accept the list of election judges, absentee ballot board and health care facilities judges for the Primary Election on August 12, 2014, and the General Election on November 4, 2014, as submitted by the City Clerk. Motion carried.

Councillor Ralston reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on June 17, 2014.

Moved by Ralston and supported Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 14191, authorizing the purchase of property located at 910 North 6th Avenue from East Range Clinics, Ltd. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to authorize staff to apply and accept IRRRB Demolition Grant Funds for the demolition of the former East Range Clinic building. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 14193, approving a Development Agreement with K. Waschke Properties, LLC, to develop the former East Range Clinic

site for an auto sales and service business, contingent upon the City acquiring the site and obtaining funds for the demolition of the former clinic building. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 14194, approving a Lease Agreement with Ken Waschke Auto Plaza, Inc., to lease the former East Range Clinic site for a one year period, as of July 1, 2104, or until the City transfers title of the property to K. Waschke Properties, LLC. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to retain the 2008 Ford E450 Ambulance as a spare for the ambulance service. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to authorize the Finance/HR Director to post externally for the Repair Crew and Heavy Equipment/Recycling positions within the Public Works Department. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baranzelli to authorize the Finance/HR Director to post externally for any position in Public Works Department that is not filled by an internal posting. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to authorize the Finance/HR Director to advertise for two skilled laborer positions. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Sipola to authorize the Park/Recreation Director to move forward and remodel the locker room at the Miners Memorial Building, contingent upon obtaining a design from DSGW Architects for a project that does not exceed \$234,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baranzelli to publish the photos of the vandalism and graffiti that occurred in Olcott Park and offer a \$1,000 reward for any information that leads to the arrest of the vandals. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Littlewolf to refer the travel request for Cheryl Weappa, Deputy Assessor, to the Personnel Committee. The motion and support were withdrawn.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to approve the travel request for Cheryl Weappa, Deputy Assessor, to attend the Minnesota Assessment Administration seminar on July 20-24, 2014, in Plymouth, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 14195, accepting the proposal from SEH Engineering to provide professional services for the utility extension to the new Ulland Brothers site, as follows, contingent upon obtaining grant funds for the infrastructure:

- Design, plans, specifications, bidding \$26,300
- Construction administration, observation, staking Hourly/Not to exceed \$31,500

Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 14196, accepting the proposal from Alliance Steel Construction, in the amount of \$139,001, for the Staver Foundry Building Demolition Project. Resolution adopted unanimously

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to accept the final site plan for the proposed Laborers Union Hall and Carpenters Union Hall on Fourth Street North, as submitted by SEH Engineering. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Sipola to adopt Resolution No. 14197, accepting the quote from Snyder Industries, Inc., to purchase twenty-five garbage containers for Chestnut Street, at a cost of \$332/each, plus tax and shipping. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baranzelli to authorize the Public Works Team Coordinator to obtain quotes to purchase a new garbage truck. Motion carried.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Street/Alley/Public Safety Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on June 17, 2014.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to establish calendar parking on the 400 block of 6th Avenue South and no parking on the east side of the 300 block of 6th Avenue South. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to remove the signs in the parking lot located to the west of the 300 block of 4th Avenue South and require parking meters and parking permits. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to remove the calendar parking sign in the 300 block of 2nd Street South and install signage indicating calendar parking is in enforcement 24 hours a day. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Baranzelli to add signage and paint the curbs yellow in front of the Marquette School in the 300 block on 3rd Street South to designate a loading zone for school buses. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to post two hour parking signs on the property that adjoins the Public Library on 2nd Street South and 5th Avenue. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Ralston to post two hour parking signage on the east side of the 100 block of 4th Avenue South, adjacent to City Hall. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Baranzelli to change the signage to two hour parking on the East side of the 100 block of 4th Avenue South, from the alley to Chestnut Street, and eliminate the yellow painted curb. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Baranzelli to post two hour parking signs on the 200 block of 4th Avenue South. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Littlewolf to sell the parking lot located in the 300 block of 1st Street North, that is currently used for dental parking. The motion and support were rescinded.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Ralston to direct the City Attorney to review the agreement with the dentists for the parking lot located in the 300 block of 1st Street North and determine if it can be sold. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Baranzelli to remove the handicap parking signs from the parking lot located in the 400 block of 1st Street North. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Baranzelli to adopt Resolution No. 14198, approving the hiring of Bruce Hedstrom for the part time Parking Monitor position, contingent upon passing the pre-employment physical, with a starting date on or after July 7, 2014, and subject to a sixty-seven (67) shift probationary period and the terms of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Local 454 labor agreement. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Littlewolf reported on the Buildings/Grounds Committee meeting held on June 24, 2014.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Sipola to allow the Friends of the Greenhouse to use the north and south areas of the Olcott Park Greenhouse for their pilot project to grow winter salad greens for a one year period. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Sipola to approve the Parkview Learning Center Site Development Bus Loop Plan, dated June 17, 2014, and refer to the City Attorney and Engineering Department to draft an easement and other legal documents, as necessary. The motion and support were withdrawn.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Sipola to refer the proposed Parkview Learning Center Site Development Bus Loop Plan, dated June 17, 2014, to the Street/Alley/Public Safety Committee meeting scheduled for July 8th, and invite representatives from the Virginia School and Architectural Resources to the meeting. Motion carried.

Councillor Littlewolf stated a police officer will be placed at the Parkview Learning Center polling place during school hours for the General Election on November 4, 2014. The Building/Grounds Committee will make a recommendation for a new location for the Precinct 1 polling place for future elections.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Sipola to have the Buildings/Grounds Committee review fees for the following rental code categories at their July meeting:

- Correction orders
- Each failure to appear for inspection
- Inspections made in response to citizen complaints
- Per unit investigation fee for each occupied rental unit being operated as rental housing that is not licensed
- Reinspection after license suspended/revoked
- Reinstating a revoked or suspended license
- Reinstated an expired license
- Reissuance of existing license with new owner and/or manager name and address for the remainder of license period
- Renewal fee for expired license
- Rental license, additional copy
- Second or more reinspections and/or any initial inspections required by the owner of a structure or an authorized agent
- Voluntary inspection required by the owner of his or her agent
- Three year rental license fee

Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Sipola to direct the City Assessor's office to provide address listings for all properties classified as rental in Virginia for use in creating a map to determine three equal rental areas for implementation of the Virginia Rental Code. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Sipola to approve the request from Anne Bier and Dan Bier to produce cast iron sculptures on the former Seppi site from October 31 to November 2, 2014, contingent upon the artists providing the cleanup. Motion carried.

Councillor Cuffe reviewed the following items that were discussed at the June 23rd Public Utilities Commission meeting: Water tower repair; operations challenges created by wet wood and pollution issues; completion of audit to meet City's compliance date of June 30th; revenue costs that were forgiven for water usage during past winter.

Councillor Sipola stated the Silver Lake beach is open for the season and the airport runway reconstruction project has begun.

Councillor Baribeau stated he attended the St. Louis County Board meeting and presented copies of the resolutions that have been passed by the City of Virginia on precious metal mining and opposing the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement in the Superior National Forest.

Mayor Russo thanked the Land of the Loon Committee and the Park Department for their efforts in creating another successful Land of the Loon Festival.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M. with the next meeting scheduled for 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, July 15, 2014.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LOUIS J. RUSSO
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI
City Clerk