

**VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL**  
**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, MAY 13, 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 Baribeau and supported by Sipola to approve the Consent Agenda, as

follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held April 22, 2014.
2. Approval/correction of minutes of Special Meeting held April 29, 2014.
3. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 14-009 ó Schedule of Bills.
4. Approve renewal application for 2 AM Liquor License for Martini, Inc., d/b/a Tommy's Rainy Lake Saloon and Deli.

Motions carried and Finance Resolution adopted unanimously.

Mayor Russo stated Jodi Schefers resigned from the Park/Recreation Commission and requested the City Clerk to send a letter of thanks and advertise for the vacancy.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Littlewolf to adopt Resolution No. 14167, approving the hiring of Jennifer Brozek for a Patrol Officer for the City of Virginia, contingent upon passing the pre-employment physical, occupational therapy assessment and psychological assessment, with a starting date on or after May 19, 2014, and subject to a twelve month probation period and the terms of the Law Enforcement Labor Services Local 195 labor agreement. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baranzelli to approve the request from Jonathan Benz, DARE Officer, to use City land located on the north and south sides of Fourth Street North, between Sixth and Ninth Avenue West, for a public parking fundraiser during the Land of the Loon Festival on June 21 and 22, 2014. Motion carried.

Councillor Ralston reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on May 6, 2014.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to approve the travel request for Kris Johnson, Attorney's Office, to attend "The Exceptional Assistant" Seminar, to be held June 11, 2014, in Duluth, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to authorize the City Administrator to request St. Louis County to place a value on the tax forfeited properties that Virginia has agreed to provide the building demolition. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to table updating Virginia's Comprehensive Plan until the City Administrator obtains additional information on the grant funding that is available from the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to approve the purchase of the remote edit software from Vanguard Appraisals, Inc., in the amount of \$4,550.00, contingent upon the Deputy Assessor confirming that the software is of value to the City Assessor's Office. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baranzelli to adopt Resolution No. 14168, to approve transfers to Special Revenue, Debt Service, Capital Projects, Enterprise and General Funds for the year ending December 31, 2013. Resolutions adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Sipola to approve a contribution of ten percent of the costs to install a restroom in the west entryway of the Olcott Park Greenhouse, with the amount not to exceed \$5,000, and contingent upon the Friends of the Greenhouse obtaining the remaining funding sources.

Ayes: Councillors Cuffe, Baribeau, Sipola, Baranzelli, Mayor Russo ó 5

Nays: Councillor Ralston ó 1

Motion carried.

Councillor Ralston stated he did not agree that the west entryway is the best location for the restroom.

Councillor Cuffe reported on the Public Utilities Commission meeting held on April 28, 2014. Items discussed included the biomass system, repairs to the water tower and frozen water lines. Councillor Cuffe stated the video to educate the public on the biomass system has not been completed.

Councillor Littlewolf reported the Women and Families Economic Security Summit will be held on May 22, 2014, in Duluth.

Councillor Baribeau reported on meetings he attended, as follows:

- Minnesota Department of Transportation Highway 53 Coffee and Conversation held on May 1, 2014. Experts are reviewing concerns on the geotechnical, construction and geometrics of the Highway 53 reroute. A new land and bridge option through the Rouchleau Pit is being considered. The next meeting will be held on June 5, 2014.
- Laurentian Visioning Partnership Meeting on May 5, 2014. A presentation was given on the sulfate issue and wild rice study. A public hearing will be held in August of 2014. They are hoping to resolve the sulfate issue by the end of 2014.

Councillor Baranzelli congratulated Rod Seppala, Al Cochran and Greg Altobell on their recent retirements from the City of Virginia.

Mayor Russo stated the Dustin Damm Memorial Walk will begin at 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 15, 2014, in Olcott Park.

Councillor Cuffe reported the Mineview in the Sky opened on May 1<sup>st</sup> and a movie night has been scheduled for June 5, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M. with the next meeting scheduled for 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 27, 2014.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LOUIS J. RUSSO  
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI  
City Clerk