

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

City of Virginia, Minnesota November 24, 2015

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia, Minnesota was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Cuffe, Jr. in the council chambers, city hall.

Present: Mayor Cuffe, Jr.; Councilors Jorgensen, Baranzelli, Sipola, McReynolds, Baribeau (6)

Absent: Councillor Littlewolf

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- 1 Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held November 10, 2015.
- 2 Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 15-021 – Schedule of Bills.
- 3 Adopt Resolution 15213 for the CDBG grant for Baileys Lake project
- 4 Adopt Resolution 15214 for the CDBG grant for the Olcott Park Fountain project.
- 5 Adopt Resolution 15215 for the IRRRB Residential Grant Program Application for four properties.
- 6 Approve application for the exempt permit for Mesabi Range Student Advocates to hold a raffle on January 15, 2016.

Motions and resolutions adopted unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Finance Committee of the Whole held on November 17, 2015.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve resolution 15216 for the purchase of four Motorola radios in the amount of \$9,885.00 for the Fire Department.

Resolution adopted unanimously

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to authorize participation for the Ambulance Department toy drive at McDonalds November 27th and 28th, 2015. Motion Carried

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. noted that not only will the Ambulance be attending, but the Virginia Police Department as well as the Gilbert Police Department will be participating. Councillor Baranzelli would like to let the public know this is not an emergency or catastrophe it's to help provide for those that are in need.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to authorize the use of the Miners Memorial Building for the Yoga and core strengthen conditioning programs. Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to approve resolution 15217 as the low bid from Nortrax for the purchase of an excavator in the amount of \$215,255.00.

Resolution adopted unanimously

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to allow Ed Alto to work with Paul Gardner to make the determination on the final numbers relating to garbage pickup and report to the council. Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to approve resolution 15218 for the quote for asbestos removal for six homes from ACCT in the amount of \$14,560.00.

Resolution adopted unanimously

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve resolution 15219 for change order #1 from Ulland Brothers, Inc. for 2nd Street South Improvements decrease of (\$839.00).

Resolution adopted unanimously

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to approve Pay estimate #4 from Ulland Brothers, Inc. for 2nd Street South Improvements in the amount of \$223,916.66 Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to approve resolution 15220 to approve the contract with SEH for the Hwy 53 utility Relocation, cost of \$236,430.00

Resolution adopted unanimously

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve a temporary waiver of the City noise ordinance during construction of Hwy 53. Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to request the clerk to send a letter to Congressman Nolan and Representative Metsa requesting attendance of a representative at finance meeting to get more information on the Trans Partnership resolution. Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to apply a late fee to the liquor license if not completely submitted by due date

More discussion regarding the implementation of a late fee on past due liquor license applications that is applicable from the due date, Friday, the 13th, 2015 and shall be collected prior to submitting the complete application package for liquor license renewal. Councillor Sipola noted that the agenda and minutes from last year reflect this, it was put this in place last year and it would apply from the implemented date. No applications shall be submitted to state until all applications are *complete i.e.:* paperwork, payment, insurance etc. is turned in to the clerk. It was agreed that the motion from 2014 for the late fee of 10% to be valid now and in the future.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to draw the previous motion

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Sipola to allow the City Clerk to process liquor license renewals contingent upon meeting licensing requirements from this day forward.

Motion Carried

Councillor Jorgensen noted that this is a formality for the clerk to submit to the state and the clerk, shouldn't need direction this is a routine item for renewal of licenses.

Councillor McReynolds reported on the Building & Grounds Meeting held on November 17, 2015

Moved by Councillor McReynolds, supported by Councillor Baranzelli, to recommend hiring SEH to do the comp plan for the city and to refer to the Finance Committee for further discussion and to receive a contract with the cost for review. Motion Carried

A presentation was given by Lori Maki regarding a new location for the Mine View in the Sky. It was recommend she work with Engineer Bill Hennis on the finding out who currently owns the property that she is recommending for the new site.

Moved by Councillor McReynolds, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to direct Bill Hennis to gather all the information pertaining to the property issue at 410 5th St. S. for the next meeting.

Motion carried

Bill Hennis updated on the stair way at city hall, it will be delayed until spring as the quarry stone isn't matching.

Councillor Sipola reported on the personnel items.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt resolution 15221 to hire Mr. Jacob Roskoski as a Patrol Officer for the City of Virginia on or after January 4, 2016.

Resolution adopted unanimously

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt resolution 15222 to hire Mr. Tanner Banks as a Patrol Officer for the City of Virginia on or after January 4, 2016.

Resolution adopted unanimously

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. received a letter regarding the United Taconite LLC plant idling. It will be thru the first quarter of 2016. Mayor Cuffe, Jr. read the letter regarding the situation at United Taconite. The City of Virginia would like to extend its sympathy to all the families in need and anyone affected by this.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr., appointed William Terch to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority for a Five-year term commencing November 22, 2015. He explained the candidate has to live at one of the HRA buildings. He thanked the other applicants for applying.

Councillor Jorgensen discussed the Park and Recreation meeting held on November 18, the vote was unanimous to name the gun club the Klein-Cuppoletti Park Facility. It will be presented to building and grounds and then to council for approval. A second name was brought up Ida Canosa; a background was given regarding this person and what she had done for the city. The committee agreed she deserves nomination for future naming events or to have a plaque put up in her honor.

Discussed the equipment at the Miner's, it is degrading and the heat system has failed. John Bachman noted it is getting more difficult to put band aids on the building. It is getting to be a serious issue and costing the city a lot of money.

Discussed the golf course, we have casual labor working for the city and would like to pay them the minimum wage, on the course and at the restaurant. We can raise dues to promote revenues. We would also like to promote our restaurant; they have excellent food and great specials and encourage the public to check it out.

Would like to move forward with the proposal for 12 hole disc golf course, \$10,000 includes mapping and installing the holes, we can split the payment for half this year and half next, we will need to send to finance meeting for approval.

Councillor Jorgensen is the liaison to the joint powers group with the Curling group. The NBC's Curling Night in America is December 3rd to the 5th there will be 12 teams competing, opening night party is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2nd, they would like a big turnout, it is free to attend and there will be viewing in the arena area.

City Administrator John Tourville announced to everyone to have a safe and happy thanksgiving.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. discussed an economic development issue, Andy Weiner with Rock Step Capital, a retail investment firm, has ownership of the T-bird Mall, and would like ideas on ways to update the mall, what would we like to see. If anyone has any ideas to make it a better place please let us know.

We have received the Polymet final environmental impact statement on DVD and it is available at the Clerk's office for anyone that would like to view it. It is being put on the city website also.

City Administrator John Tourville also noted that the city received a grant from the Historical Society for \$7,000 to Olcott Park to be named in the National Register Evaluation. The council passed a motion to accept the grant.

Moved by Councillor McReynolds, supported by Councillor Sipola to approve the Mayor to sign for the grant from the Historical Society in the amount of \$7,000.00 Motion Carried

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. would like everyone to continue to work together. He also discussed the total quality management program and a statement from that, that he would like to share, "do we have as much sense as a goose" the Mayor read saying on the plaque. He encourages the city to work with the community to help solve problems, and to go into the New Year with new challenges. Change of the Range is very concerned about the homeless population increase and what we do for these people in need; we need to have compassion for others, and be able to help each other out. Please call the city, the police department if you have concerns about someone and they will come out and check on them. We have a contact with Social Services also.

On behalf of the council have a safe, healthy and happy holiday season!

Meeting adjourned at 7: 35 p.m. with the next regular council meeting to be held Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LARRY CUFFE, JR.
Mayor

PAMELA LaBINE
City Clerk