

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, October 23, 2018

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia, Minnesota, was called to order by Mayor Cuffe Jr. at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Present: Councillors Baribeau, Johnson, Paulsen, Friedlieb, Baranzelli, Jorgensen, Mayor Cuffe Jr. (7)

Absent: None

Mayor Cuffe 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 October 9, 2018
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 18-020 Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve Pay Estimate #3 to Mesabi Bituminous for the 2018 Road Reconditioning Project in the amount of \$19,991.23
4. Approve the Temporary Liquor License for the Lyric Center on November 17, 2018

Motion Carried

APPEARANCES:

Mr. Greg Gillness, Olcott Park and Fountain Committee, Erik Wedge, DSGW gave an update on the Olcott Fountain restoration project. The Committee has received over 1,400 private donations from across the country. The amount of private donations has exceeded \$562k.

The liner was installed in August as well as the lights and electrical controls. The fountain will be winterized October 24, 2018 and the walking surface and observation deck will be complete on Thursday, October 25, 2018. The steps have been poured from the upper to the lower fountain area. Sidewalks will be completed and stamped. They are waiting for the delivery of the lights and they will be installed this year. Phase II was to get it the water running but that be late spring or early summer of 2019. Phase III will be working on grant funding for the odds and ends to complete the project. Mayor Cuffe, Jr. thanked Mr. Gillness and the Olcott Fountain Committee for all the work they have done on the restoration project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt the ordinance enacting a code of ordinances for the City of Virginia, this is the second reading. Motion Carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The following Resolution(s) were adopted authorizing special assessments against properties:
Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Paulsen to adopt Resolution 18147 for delinquent blight invoices on the Property Maintenance and Preservation Code. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt Resolution 18148 for delinquent Public Utilities. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 18149 for violation of the Clear Water Discharge Ordinance. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the 2nd Annual Bell Drop on Small Business Saturday, November 24, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. and to hold horse carriage rides from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 17, 2018 and block off the area on the south east side of 4th avenue for the horse carriage. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the Amended By-Laws of the Virginia-Eveleth Economic Development Authority. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the Amended Joint Powers Agreement of the Virginia-Eveleth Economic Development Authority. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Paulsen to appoint Jared Ahrens to a five (5) year term to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority ending November 22, 2023. Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 18150 accepting the donation from Essentia Health Foundation for Bridge Daze. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt a Resolution 18151 accepting the donation from SERVPRO for Fire Prevention Week Open House. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to adopt Resolution 18152 for the purchase of a 2016 Ford Interceptor SUV for the Police Department in the amount of \$9,000. Resolution

adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt Resolution 18153 to apply for a Contamination Cleanup Grant through DEED for the Great Northern Addition. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 18154 for the City to act as the legal sponsor in the Minnesota Investment Fund Application for Norther Lights Manufacturing project and to apply to DEED for this funding on behalf of the project. Resolution adopted unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Meeting held October 16, 2018

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to allow Growing Together to install temporary fences that are subject to removal around the community gardens at Pine Mill Court, Baileys Lake, Northside. Motion Carried.

Councillor Jorgensen informed the Council that the Parks & Recreation Commission was offended that they were not consulted about the request for the installation of the fencing. Councillor Johnson noted that the grant was time sensitive and needed to be approved before the deadline.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. gave an update on the discussion that was held by the Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting regarding the goose issue in the City of Virginia.

Councillor Paulsen and Johnson thanked Chief Lewis for his leadership skills as well as the staff for their work.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the change of the EMS Coordinator position to the Division Chief of Training position and allow for an MOU with the IAFF union for the position change. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Johnson to approve adding the Lieutenant Position in lieu of the EMS Shift Trainer position in the IAFF union and to allow for an MOU for the position change. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve the addition of the

Deputy Fire Chief position in the MAPE union. Motion Carried.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. informed the Council of the award that was given to Chief Lewis for Fire Chief of the year award for cities under 10,000 population.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt the Resolution 18155 designating the Royal Bank of Canada as a City Depository. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Paulsen to approve a \$50,000 forgivable loan to Vertex Roofing d/b/a Northern Lights Manufacturing as part the Development Agreement with the City. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to allow City staff to proceed with a development agreement for Parcel #090-180-00401 for Pan of Gold located at 14th Avenue North with a sale price of \$1.00. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 18156 to accept the bid from Northeast Technical Services in the amount of \$8,184 for the pre-demotion for the asbestos/hazardous waste inspections for eight residential locations in Virginia. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb, supported by Councillor Johnson to approve supporting the Miner's Memorial Building Project and the implementation of the 1% sales tax. Motion Carried.

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Councillor Baribeau gave an update on the VPUC meeting. The steam conversion has been completed on 150 plus homes. Over 400 lines have been installed and they will try to continue working through the winter months. The VPUC will be using the wood plant after January 1, 2019.

Councillor Paulsen reminded to the public to vote for K-9 Teddy for the canine grant. You are able to vote every 12 hours.

Councillor Johnson informed the public of the Mesabi Range football playoff game, Sunday, October 27, 2018 in Mt. Iron at 1:30 p.m.

Councillor Baranzelli informed the Council of the passing of Mr. Leonard Youngman on October 23, 2018, prior to his passing a private ceremony was held to honor him and he was given the key to the City.

City Administrator See-Benes informed the public that on Friday, October 26, 2018 work will begin at Midway Playground at 7:00 a.m.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. noted that the General Election is November 6, 2018 and to be sure to get out and vote. If you have any questions regarding the sales tax referendum please contact City staff or the Virginia City Council. Many informational meetings were held regarding the sales tax implementation. The levy for ISD #706 is a separate issue from the sales tax ballot question.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. to Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.in the Council Chambers.