

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, FEBRUARY 10, 2015

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.

Roll Call:

Present: Councillors: Littlewolf, McReynolds, Baribeau, Sipola, Baranzelli, Jorgensen,
Mayor Cuffe Jr.- 7

Absent: None

Mayor Cuffe Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Baranzelli and supported by Sipola to approve consent Agenda items as follows:

- 5.1 Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held January 27, 2015.
- 5.2 Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 15-003 – Schedule of Bills.
- 5.3 Adopt Resolution No. 15050 approving a temporary easement along Olcott Park requested by ISD 706 in the location specified by the map along the Olcott Park to accommodate their construction period. Motions carried and Resolutions adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baranzelli and supported by Sipola to approve consent Agenda item 5.4 as follows:

Adopt Resolution No. 15051 entering into Agreement for Collection of Residential and Commercial Recyclable Materials with St. Louis County. Resolutions adopted with Councillor McReynolds abstaining from the vote. Resolution adopted.

Cindy Kujala and John Lucas from KC PRO EAST gave the Council an update on the Northern National State Championship that will be held on Bailey Lake February 14-15, 2015. They anticipate 30 families that will be coming to town for the weekend with 120 race entries. This year they will be promoting donations to animal shelters. They encourage the public to come and watch this event, admission is free and there will be hot beverages and cookies being served.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Baribeau to set the Board of Review for April 14, 2015 for the time period of 10:00 AM-11:00 AM; barring any changings that may exist with St. Louis County. Motion carried.

Moved by Jorgensen and supported by Baranzelli to Schedule a Public Hearing on Trunk Highway 53 Relocation Final Layout for SP 6918-80 on February 24, 2015 at 6:01 PM. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to obtain and review the records from the original Heat Conversion Loan on 420 Chestnut Street which is in default, obtain a report from the Building Official on 420 Chestnut Street to determine the condition of the building and the heating system; to be reviewed at the February 17, 2015 Finance Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Jorgensen to adopt Resolution No. 15052, approve Agreement for Professional Services for the 2nd Street South Improvement Project with S.E.H in the amount of \$127,700. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Littlewolf to table the discussion on the Public Works Sewer Lift Stations. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by McReynolds to approve the travel request for three selected Fire Department Employees to attend the Image Trend Connect, July 29-31, 2015 in St. Paul MN. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Baranzelli authorize in moving forward with interest in the joint facility project with MnDot, authorizing Council and Staff to meet with MnDot and St. Louis County to additional seek out other interest from surrounding communities. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baranzelli to request the Finance Department to provide a list at the next finance meeting of all donations made in 2014, listing the organization name and donation amount. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Jorgensen to adopt Resolution No. 15053 approving the purchase of nine Surface Pro 3 Tablets including accessories and insurance through CDW-G in the amount of

\$10990.35; and the purchase of ten Office 365 software licenses; not to exceed \$211 each. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Baranzelli to table the proposed Cell Phone Policy until the next Finance Meeting scheduled for February 17, 2015; where there will be additional discussion to consider a monthly cell phone stipend for the Mayor and Councillors. Motion carried.

Mayor Cuffe Jr. provided a clarification that at the next Finance Committee they will be looking at updating the cell phone policy that the departments follow along with updating the plan and looking for costs savings. The second portion to this discussion will be looking at the Cell Phone Stipend for Councillors.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by McReynolds to adopt Resolution No. 15054 Ratifying the Local AFSME 454 next three year contract. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Jorgensen to refer the quote of a new sidewalk plow to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by McReynolds to refer the Resolution in Support of the IRRRB Grant for a restroom in the greenhouse on behalf of the Friends of the Greenhouse to the next Finance Meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Sipola to Instruct the City Attorney obtain easements from the effected private parties on the Bailey Lake Walking Trail Project with a dead line of March 15, 2015, when obtained present S.E.H cost estimates to the following Finance Committee Meeting. Motion Carried.

Mayor Cuffe Jr. gave an update of HWY 53 and the VPUC process of which they can obtain funding through the bonding cycle and our City Administrator will continue to be heavily involved in these meetings moving forward. The Mayor read a Thank You card that came from a mother who was involved in an accident with her daughter, expressing her appreciation of the Virginia Firefighter/Paramedics that assisted them.

There has been a request for the City of Virginia to show support of a Harley Davidson Rally Ride on the Range in the summer of 2016. Mayor Cuffe Jr. will bring this request to the Finance Committee to discuss, how the event would bring people to the area.

Mayor Cuffe also stated that he has concerns regarding the Bill HF163 which will provide low or no interest rate loans for rural municipal water treatment facility renovations, however this has a funds adjustment factor attached to it. If passed, cities the size of Virginia could lose up to \$387,000.

Mayor Cuffe Jr. also updated the Council that due to the amount of money that was forgiven in water and sewer charges under the Water Revenue Forgiveness Program last year; the VPUC is working with Representative Jason Metsa, Senator Tomassoni and area Lobbyists in seeking their assistance for funding this program. Greg French from the VPUC has requested a reimbursement for costs associated with these water and sewer charges waived under the Water Revenue Forgiveness Program last year.

Mayor Cuffe Jr. gave honorable mention to all of the students whom achieved the Honor Roll at the Independent School District 706.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M with the next meeting scheduled for 6:30 PM on Tuesday, February 24, 2015.

LARRY CUFFE JR.
Mayor

(CORPORATE SEAL)

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