

**VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA March 22, 2016**

The 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 Baribeau, Littlewolf, McReynolds, Jorgensen, Sipola, Baranzelli  
Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (7)

Absent: none

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to remove item 9.1 e from the Finance Meeting Agenda. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held March 8, 2016.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 16-006 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Minnesota, on behalf of Mesabi Range College and the City of Virginia Police Department.
4. Adopt Resolution 16066 approving Mutual Aid Agreement with St. Louis County for the Boundary Waters Drug Task Force.
5. Approve Application and Permit for Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Holy Spirit Church for Saturday, May 7, 2016.
6. Approve Exempt Permit Application for the Holy Spirit Church to hold a raffle on May 7, 2016 at the Holy Spirit Church.
7. Approve one day temporary liquor license for Laurentian Arts and Culture Alliance Inc., April 28, 2016 at the Lyric Center.
8. Approve Exempt Permit Application for the Ruffed Grouse Society to hold a raffle on April 21, 2016 at the Coates Hotel.

Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the project Development Agreement with Virginia Carefree Living, LLC. Motion Carried.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on March 15, 2016.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Sipola to postpone the request by the Mirage Bar to renew their 2 a.m. Liquor License until it is reviewed at a Public Safety Committee Meeting. Motion Carried.

After more discussion regarding the Mirage Bar the Councillors agreed this should be discussed at a Public Safety Meeting and have other information available regarding other establishments and any incidents occurring at them.

Mr. Ben Garcia was available to discuss his plan. He wants to renovate the bar and make it brighter, no smoking and no loitering in the back of the bar and will try to control the clientele. They also want to change the name, and upgrade security cameras. The Mayor suggested giving time to comply. Attorney Carver Richards was present to represent the Mirage Bar. He said that Mr. Garcia has discussed the issues of the disturbances and has plans in place on how they would cure the problems. Mr. Garcia is prepared to address his problems and has requested granting a provisional 2 a.m. license. Councillor Sipola noted that it would be appropriate to discuss this at the committee level. There are still unanswered questions. It was decided to have a Street/Alley/Public Safety meeting to discuss the license renewal. A special council meeting can be held after the committee meeting for the renewal approval. The Committee meeting is set for March 29, 2016, with a Special Council meeting to follow.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve the sale of Medic One in the amount of \$4,090.00. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to approve Resolution 16067 for the purchase of a budgeted fire hose from Fire Safety USA, in the amount of \$7,500.00. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Sipola to approve the request of the Dream Machines for the Fuzzy Dice Cruise Night *with the exception* of their request for the City to reduce the food vendor licensing fees and waiving bond requirements. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve the Resolution 16068 for execution of a limited use permit between Virginia and the Commissioner of Transportation. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to authorize the City Attorney to work with the City of Eveleth's Attorney to revise the Joint Powers Agreement per Chapter 14 of the City of Virginia Code; and to review and do an analysis of any potential complications resulting from the proposed VEEDA reorganization; to include having a VEEDA representative(s) and to present to the Council. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the annual appropriation payment to the Calvary Cemetery in the amount of \$8,000.00. Motion Carried.

Councillor Littlewolf reported on the Building and Grounds Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held March 15, 2016.

Moved by Councillor Littlewolf, supported by Councillor McReynolds to table the motion referring the Chicken Ordinance to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion Carried.

#### COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Councillor McReynolds congratulated Councillor Littlewolf on receiving a grant thru the Bush Fellowship Program.

Councillor Baranzelli reported on the Safety Committee meeting on March 10, 2016: The City has applied and has been approved for the OSHA grant of \$10,000.00 and to be used at the library for their security system.

Parks and Recreation: the water main break was paid for by the insurance company. The Olcott Park Fountain Fund has a \$79,000.00 balance and they will also be getting money from CDBG and IRRRB. The City will also be applying for Olcott Park to be designated as a regional park.

The Mayor made the following updates:

The Business After Hours will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, at Michael's on the Course with all proceeds to going to the Olcott Park Fountain Fund.

The next meeting regarding the fountain will be April 6, 2016 at the Miner's. The meeting is open to the public.

There was a resolution passed at the last Highway 53 Reconstruction meeting asking the legislature to sponsor a bill for Cuyuna Drive requiring the MNDOT to keep the drive open. The next Highway 53 Reconstruction meeting will be April 7, 2016 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the MNDOT building on Hoover Road.

Applications have been received for the Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Plan and a meeting will be scheduled.

The Mayor congratulated Leonard Youngman will be turning 105 on April 27, 2016 and he is still volunteering at the hospital a few days a week.

The State of the City address was given by the Mayor and a copy is available on the website and can also be viewed on Cable Access Television.

The Mayor also updated on the Miner's Memorial building renovation, it is at the legislature and has passed a few hurdles. \$12 million was allocated to go to Committee. The Mayor will update on any new information as we know of it at future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30

p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2016.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LARRY CUFFE JR.  
Mayor

PAMELA LABINE  
City Clerk