

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, MARCH 22, 2011

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

Roll Call:

Present: Councillors Cuffe, Littlewolf, Ralston, Baribeau, Sipola, Russo, Mayor Peterson - 7

Absent: None

Mayor Peterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Russo and supported to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held March 8, 2011.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 11006 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve Application for Exempt Permit for Dave Salsman Memorial Chapter Ruffed Grouse to hold raffle on April 21, 2011.

Motions carried and Resolution adopted unanimously.

Mayor Peterson reported on the Finance Committee meeting held as a Committee-of-the-Whole on March 15, 2011.

Moved by Sipola and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11053, accepting the quote from R &R Specialists of Wisconsin, Inc., in the amount of \$30,000.00, to retrofit the 1992 gas Zamboni to electric and to purchase a battery operated ice edger, at a cost of \$7,079.69, contingent upon the Park/Recreation Director and Public Works Team Coordinator traveling to Warroad to observe an electric Zamboni in operation and providing a final recommendation to the City Council. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Mayor Peterson stated a meeting was held with AFSCME representatives and they were in agreement with continuing the arrangement with contract employees for the outside maintenance crews at the Golf Course, contingent upon extension of the Memorandum of Understanding agreeing there would not be any future outsourcing of bargaining unit jobs and that the golf course contract employees would be laid off prior to any AFSCME bargaining unit employees.

Moved by Russo and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11054, approving the extension of a Professional Services Agreement with Stephen Fingeroos for Golf Professional Services for a four year period ending October 31, 2014. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11055, approving the purchase of property from RGGGS Lands and Minerals located in Section 19, Township 18 North, Range 17 West, located west of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, at a cost of \$25,400.00, plus closing costs. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported to authorize the Virginia Fire Relief Association to prepare an actuarial study and to adopt Resolution No. 11056, supporting the administrative consolidation of the Virginia Fire Department Relief Association with PERA. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Cuffe and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11057, approving the Ambulance License Transfer Agreement between the Virginia Hospital Commission and the City of Virginia. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11058, approving the submission of an application to the Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board to transfer the ambulance license to the City of Virginia Fire Department. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11059, to approve transfers to the Bond and Tax Increment Financing Debt Services Funds, effective December 31, 2010.

Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11060, accepting the proposal from Mesabi Bituminous, Inc., for bituminous cold mix, in the amount of \$91.00/ton (furnished and delivered), and, in the amount of \$85.00/ton (furnished only), for the period 5/1/11 through 5/1/12.

Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11061, accepting the proposal from North American Salt Co. to furnish crushed rock salt, in the amount of \$71.12/ton, for the period 5/1/11 through 5/1/12. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11062, accepting the proposal from General Chemical to furnish aluminum sulfate, in the amount of \$500.00/dry ton, for the period 5/1/11 through 5/1/12. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11063, accepting the proposal from DPC Industries, Inc., to furnish liquid chlorine, in the amount of \$840.00/ton, for the period 5/1/11 through 5/1/12. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11064, accepting the proposal from Ulland Brothers, Inc., to furnish Class 5 aggregate, in the amount of \$3.00/ton, for the period 5/1/11 through 5/1/12. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11065, accepting the proposal from Mesabi Bituminous, Inc., to furnish and deliver Class 5 aggregate, in the amount of \$7.00/ton, for the period 5/1/11 through 5/1/12. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11066, accepting the proposal from Forest Concrete Products to furnish and deliver sand, in the amount of \$7.50/c.y., for the period 5/1/11 through 5/1/12. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11067, accepting the proposal from Seppi Brothers to furnish sand, in the amount of \$3.85/c.y., for the period 5/1/11 through 5/1/12. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11068, accepting the proposal from Fastenal Company to furnish assorted nuts, bolts, washers, hoses and other fittings, at a cost of \$34,957.79, for the period 5/1/11 through 5/1/12. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11069, accepting the proposal from Trimark Industrial, to furnish lubricants, in the amount of \$7,272.75, and fluids, in the amount of \$812.35, for the period 5/1/11 through 5/1/12. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11070, accepting the proposal from Northeast Asphalt Maintenance to furnish and deliver 50,000 feet of asphaltic concrete maintenance services at a cost of \$.40/foot, for the period 5/1/11 through 5/1/12. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported to approve the travel request for Karin Krueger, Police Department, to attend the MNJIS training on April 12 and 13, 2011, in St. Paul, MN. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to invoice the Department of Public Utilities for \$72.50 for attorneys fees that were paid to review a lease obligation. Motion carried.

Councillor Ralston reported on the Buildings/Grounds Committee meeting held on March 15, 2011.

Moved by Ralston and supported to table the request from T-Square regarding designated parking spaces to the Street/Alley Committee for further review. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11071, accepting the proposal from DSGW Architects, Inc., in the total amount of \$22,000.00, for architect and structural engineering fees for the design of the greenhouse improvements. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported to adopt Resolution no. 11072, accepting the proposal from Architectural Resources, Inc., in the amount of \$10,410.00, for professional landscape architectural and engineering services for the extension of the walking trail around Silver Lake. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported to request City staff to work with the Public Utilities to develop a written demolition plan, including cost estimates. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson reported on the Finance Committee meeting held as a Committee-of-the-Whole on March 22, 2011.

Moved by Russo and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11073, approving the hiring of Matthew Kelley for a Patrol Officer position, effective March 28, 2011, and contingent upon passing the pre-employment physical and occupational therapy and psychological assessments. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported to authorize SEH Engineering to proceed with the Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovation Project, based on the schedule as outlined in their memo dated March 10, 2011. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11074, authorizing the submission of an application to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority for an \$18 million loan from the Clean Water Revolving Fund/Drinking Revolving Fund for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovation Project. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11075, approving the extension of the Memorandum of Understanding with AFSCME Local Union No. 454 regarding outsourcing of bargaining units jobs through December 31, 2011. Resolution adopted unanimously.

City Attorney Butorac reviewed a resolution that would transfer the ownership of all City lands that were previously owned by the former East Mesaba Sanitary Disposal Authority to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11076, to transfer ownership of all lands owned by the former East Mesabi Sanitary Disposal Authority to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Sipola distributed a list of the members for the Olcott Park Summer Celebration Committee.

City Operations Director Tourville stated a Team Leader for the Public Works Department has stepped down and the AFSCME Union is recommending the appointment of Steve Gobats to fill the Team Leader position.

Moved by Russo and supported to appoint Steve Gobats as a Team Leader for the Public Works Department. Motion carried.

The following committee meetings were set for the first week of April:

9:00 A.M., April 5, 2011 – Finance Committee as a Committee of the Whole, followed immediately by the Street and Alley Committee.

9:00 A.M., April 7, 2011 – Buildings/Grounds Committee.

Mayor Peterson stated the annual March for Babies Walk will be held at 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, April 30th.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported to authorize the Mayor or City Councillor to read a proclamation at the March for Babies Walk, to be held at 9 A.M. on Saturday, April 30, 2011, and to donate golf passes for the event. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson thanked the Northern State Bank for their support by investing in a bond issue through Northland Securities for the Virginia School District.

Mayor Peterson reported that he, along with Eveleth Mayor Vlaisavljevich, Ejay Dawson and Kerry Waschke, traveled to St. Paul last week to testify for Representative Rukavina's bill regarding the Highway 53 realignment.

Mayor Peterson congratulated the Virginia boys' basketball team and wished them success at the State Tournament.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 12, 2011.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

STEVE PETERSON
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI
City Clerk