

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, MARCH 24, 2015

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia, Minnesota, was called to order by Mayor Cuffe at 7:10 P.M. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: None

Mayor Cuffe led the pledge of allegiance.

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held March 10, 2015.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 015-006 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve Application for Exempt Permit for Ruffed Grouse Society to hold a raffle April 16, 2015.

Motions carried and Finance Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Sipola to adopt Resolution No. 15065, approving the sale of City owned property legally described as the South one half of Lot 19 and all of Lot 20, Block 103, Virginia Second Addition, to Delores Mullikin, in the amount of \$1,000, plus transfer fees. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baranzelli to adopt Resolution No. 15066, approving the sale of City property legally described as Lot 1, Block 1, Fairview Second Addition, to Mary C. Person and Duane F. Person, in the amount of \$15,000, plus transfer fees. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on March 17, 2015.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to adopt Resolution No. 15067, retaining Andrew Pratt from Eckberg Lammers, Attorney at Law, as Bond Counsel for the City of Virginia. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Jorgensen to adopt Resolution No. 15068, accepting the quote from Wiikwaibaan Inini, Inc., in the amount of \$6,900, for the purchase of a control panel for the Finntown Lift Station. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by McReynolds to authorize the City Administrator to move forward with a pre-design study for a Joint Public Works Facility and approve up to \$6,000 as Virginia's portion of the cost. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Baranzelli to adopt Resolution No. 15069, accepting the quote from Wesco Distributing, in the amount of \$43,933.32, for the purchase of six LED light standards for Fifth Avenue. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Littlewolf to approve the travel request for Dennis Benz, Police Chief, to attend the Minnesota Chief of Police Conference, to be held April 19-23, 2015, in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported Baranzelli to approve the travel request for Nicole Young-Mattson, Police Department, to attend the Essentials of Criminal Investigation, to be held April 13-16, 2015, in St. Paul, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by McReynolds to approve the travel request for Chris Clark, Fire Department, to attend the State Fire Marshal Conference, to be held April 13-15, 2015, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to authorize the Finance/Human Resources Director to transfer the proceeds from the sale of the Northland parking lot (fixed assets) to the General Fund to appropriate for other economic development projects. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Baranzelli to authorize the City Administrator to work with an adjacent property owner to the former Staver Foundry property on a potential transfer of property. Motion carried.

Councillor Sipola reported on the Personnel Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on March 17, 2015.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Jorgensen to adopt Resolution No. 15070, approving the Early Retirement Agreement between the City of Virginia and Cheryl Weappa, effective April 30, 2015. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Littlewolf to move forward and fill the vacant position at the Library. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baribeau to promote Matthew Kelley, Jonathan Benz and John Swenson to the Sergeant position and allow Chief Benz to fill the fourth Sergeant position within six months. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by McReynolds to recognize the new hires for the Police and Fire Departments by holding the swearing in ceremony at a City Council meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baranzelli to promote Joel Martinson, Mikell Ruedebusch and Chris Clark to the permanent position of Fire Equipment Operator at the Virginia Fire Department. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baranzelli to accept the resignation from William Claviter from Park and Recreation Commission and send a letter of appreciation. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baranzelli to appoint Allan Bier to the Park/Recreation Commission for an unexpired term ending February 1, 2017. Motion carried.

Councillor Littlewolf reported on the Building and Grounds Committee meeting held on March 17, 2015.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Baranzelli to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance setting the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) as the City's minimum standard for residential properties.

Ayes: Councillors Littlewolf, McReynolds, Jorgensen, Sipola, Baranzelli, Mayor Cuffe – 6

Nays: Councillor Baribeau – 1

Motion carried.

Councillor Baribeau stated he could not support the motion as he has not been able to review the 2012 IPMC. Councillor Baribeau expressed concerned that the aging population would not be able to afford to meet the standards of the IPMC and also noted he would also like to obtain input from the staff to determine if this would create additional work and require more staff.

Councillor Sipola noted the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code is available for review on the City's website and stated the code provides a minimum standard for residential properties to be safe, sanitary and habitable.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Baribeau to request the City Attorney to bring forward a current copy of the City's building code to the Buildings/Grounds Committee to review.
Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and support by Jorgensen to request the IT Department work with the website designer on integrating an online platform to the City of Virginia website to create a Rental Registry.

Ayes: Councillors Littlewolf, McReynolds, Jorgensen, Sipola, Baranzelli, Mayor Cuffe – 6

Nays: Councillor Baribeau – 1

Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by McReynolds to amend the location of proposed new restroom at the Greenhouse to the existing location, as proposed by the Friends of the Greenhouse, and refer the cost estimates to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Baranzelli to authorize the Park and Recreation Director to obtain estimates to repair the roof on the northwest end of the Greenhouse and refer the estimates to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on March 24, 2015.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Baranzelli to adopt Resolution No. 15071, accepting the proposal from Lenci Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$284,000, to construct two new locker rooms at the Miners Memorial Building. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Sipola reported on the Lakes Beautification Committee meeting held today and stated the Virginia Foundation indicated they are will be focusing on beautification and crime as their two main objectives for strategic planning. Councillor Littlewolf stated she will invite the Virginia Foundation Director to the Housing Committee that she is currently serving on.

Councillor Sipola stated the cities of Eveleth and Virginia have been selected by the Minnesota Council of Airports to receive an Intermediate General Aviation 2014 Project of the Year Award for the Runway 09/27 and 14/32 Rehabilitation and Taxiway A, B & C Relocation Project.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Baribeau to authorize the City Administrator and Airport Liaison to attend the Minnesota Council of Airports annual banquet on April 15, 2015, in St. Cloud to receive the Intermediate General Aviation 2014 Project of the Year Award. Motion carried.

Councillor Sipola stated there is no crime data for Virginia listed on the crime mapping.com site and asked that staff look into the issue.

Councillor Littlewolf reported on the Library Commission meeting held today and reviewed the revenue that is received from the Arrowhead Library System.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Public Utilities Commission meeting held on March 23rd:

- Midway residents were encouraged to run water through April.
- Mr. Marwick has agreed to return to work temporarily in a supervisory position until two management personnel are back to work.
- Department of Public Utilities is working in conjunction with the AEOA on the Conservation Improvement Program.
- The General Manager is looking into painting the light standards on Fifth Avenue and will provide us with details at a future date.

Mayor Cuffe reported on the following issues:

- Proclaimed the month of April, 2015, as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month”.
- Representative Jason Metsa is sponsoring a legislative update at 7:00 P.M. on April 1, 2015, at the Eveleth City Hall.
- A letter from the Dream Machines Car Club regarding their annual car show/cruise night will be referred to the Street/Alley Committee.
- March for Babies will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 14, 2015.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LARRY CUFFE JR.
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI
City Clerk