

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA April 12, 2016

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia, Minnesota, was called to order by Councillor Baribeau at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Roll Call:

Present: Councillors Baribeau, Littlewolf, Jorgensen, Sipola, Baranzelli (5)

Absent: Mayor Cuffe, Jr., Councillor McReynolds (2)

Councillor Baribeau led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A presentation was given by Fire Chief Lewis for the following Virginia Fire Department promotions and oaths of office:

Kevin Poffs, Battalion Chief; Joel Martinson, Captain; Tiffany Larson, Engineer; Jeffrey Cielocha, Engineer;

William Fischer, Firefighter; Justin Root, Firefighter; Zachary Yurczyk, Firefighter.

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held March 22, 2016 and the Special Meeting held March 29, 2016.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 16-007 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve travel request for Jared Kral to attend the Death Investigations Conference in Brainerd, MN on April 20-22, 2016, cost of \$421.04.
4. Approve travel request for Chris Clark to attend the State Fire Marshals conference in Minneapolis, MN on April 25-27, 2016 cost of \$426.00.
5. Approve travel request for Jen Brozek to attend the Domestic Abuse, Risk Assessment and Predominant Aggressor Workshops in Carlton, MN on May 2, 2016 and June 13, 2016 no cost to City.
6. Approve Transient Merchant/Solicitor License for Gerald William Maki, d/b/a Kettle Mania, at the Miner's, car shows, home shows and Land of the Loon and any other events in the City.
7. Approve Resolution 16078 for the renewal of the lease agreement for one year with St. Louis County for parking spaces in the lot adjacent to the County's Motor Pool Facility.
8. Approve Resolution 16069 for the IRRRB Residential Grant Program, application for three properties.

9. Approve the 2 a.m. Renewal Application for Martini, Inc. d/b/a Tommy's Rainy Lake Saloon and Deli.
10. Approve Resolution 16070 for the promotion of Jeffery Cielocha to Fire Engineer starting April 6, 2016.
11. Approve Resolution 16071 for the promotion of Joel Martinson to Fire Captain starting April 6, 2016.

Motion Carried and Resolution adopted unanimously.

Planning & Zoning Commission recommendations from the meeting held on April 4, 2016.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Sipola to consider the following Amendment to the zoning map for James R. Greski, d/b/a/ Legacy Collision, LLC, 115 4th Street South, Virginia, MN legally described as Lots 16 through the Westerly 3 feet of Lot 22, Block 47 Plat of Virginia to change zoning from the existing R-2, 1-4 family residential to B-2 Community Business District. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Littlewolf, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to consider the following variances for Northland Restaurant Group to construct new signage at 1400 13th Street South, Virginia MN:

- 1) A 20 foot variance from the maximum allowable height of 25 feet in a B-1 Central Business commercial zone in order to construct a pedestal sign 45 feet in height.
- 2) A 196 square foot variance to the maximum allowable 64 square feet of commercial signage in a B-1 Central Business District in order to have a total of 260 square feet of signage.

Motion Carried.

Councillor Baribeau read the Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to allow D.A.R.E. to use the land located on the 600-700 blocks of 4th Street North, both sides, for public parking during the Land of the Loon Festival on June 18-19, 2016. Contingent upon no conflict with the Natural Harvest construction progress in the area.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve Resolution 16072 to file a petition regarding the Minnesota Rules implemented by the MPCA. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Littlewolf, supported by Councillor Sipola to approve the Development Agreement as written with Natural Harvest to include Lots 9 through Mary's Place as show on the drawing, sheet 10 of 12 of the plans that were submitted. Include in the Development Agreement language that Natural Harvest will add shrubbery to the property and also maintain this shrubbery and language to paragraph one stating "The City's responsibility is strictly limited to the amount of the IRRRB grant award". Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve advertising for bids for the Natural Harvest construction project subsequent to the approval of the Development Agreement with Natural Harvest. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve advertising for bids for the Spectrum Carefree Assisted Living Virginia construction project. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Sipola to deny the 2 a.m. license renewal for the Mirage Bar for six months starting March 6, 2016, and then review the complaint activity with the Police Department prior to applying for the renewal. Motion Carried.

Councillor Littlewolf updated on the Building and Grounds meeting held March 22 and 29, 2016.

Moved by Councillor Littlewolf, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to update section four of the City Code by the adoption of the State Perpetual Building Code and to insert language referencing any subsequent changes so that we stay current with state code. Motion Carried.

The State Building Code is included in the IPMC the only exclusion is on maintenance portion of the code. Councillor Littlewolf gave an update on the area in Midway. John Fedo & Daren Alto attended the Finance meeting to discuss the possible developments in the Midway area. Councillor Jorgensen will be attending the Mine View meeting.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve moving forward with the 2016 Wastewater Treatment pilot for a trial period using the Sorbx-100. Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve updating one lift station panel for approximately \$8,200.00 this year and proceed with an updated panel each year until all three lift stations are completed. Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve resolution 16073 for purchase of an Ice Resurfacer from Frank J. Zamboni & Co., Inc. in the amount of \$136,475.45 to be delivered and paid for after March 2017. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve Resolution 16074 supporting the application for the Regional Park Designation for Olcott Park. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to approve the Parks and Trails 2013 Master Plan, updating the cover page to list the current Commission Members and updating this Master Plan as needed in the future. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve Resolution 16075 for the extension of Professional Services Agreement with Paul Checco for the operation of the City of Virginia's Golf Course, the clubhouse and bar/restaurant, including a six month review in September 2016. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Jorgensen, to approve Resolution 16076 for transfers to Special Revenue, Debt Service, Capital Projects, Enterprise and General Funds, effective for year ending December 31, 2015, for a normal year end closing procedure. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Sipola to approve Resolution 16077 for the successful probationary review and salary step increase for City Clerk Pamela LaBine. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt Resolution 16079 seeking a .50% sales tax increase specifically for the Miners Memorial Restoration Project that would sunset at the last payment of the project, continuing with the exceptions of the sales tax that the County, Hermantown and Duluth have in place. Motion Carried.

Discussed the sales tax on specific vehicles such as ATV's, cars and trucks. There would be no City sales tax on vehicle purchases, an optional \$20.00 excise fee could be implemented. The numbers from the State of Minnesota is the actual sales tax in the city limits, a conservative amount of \$720,000.00 is what could be collected. Councillor Jorgensen noted that when it is resolved at the Capital then the citizens will be able to vote on this in November.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to approve contacting the League of Minnesota Cities to seek a qualified presenter on Economic Development Authorities (EDA) to present an educational seminar on EDA to the Council and the VEDA board. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to appoint Christopher Heishman to the Human Rights Commission for a three year term ending in 2018. Motion Carried.

Councillor Jorgensen updated on the Olcott Park Fountain Restoration meeting that was held on March 31, 2016. About \$84,000.00 has been raised with a few larger donations to come in. The Committee is close to reaching the \$100,000.00 goal. The Restoration Committee held a get together at the Elks Club, and raised around \$6,000.00. Councillor Jorgensen thanked all the people that have been donating to the Olcott Fountain Project.

Councillor Baribeau attended the Governors meeting on April 1, 2016. There will be a newsletter coming from RAMS with the details of the meeting.

Finance Director Sherry Erickson let the Council know the auditors are here to do the 2015 audit.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. with the next regular meeting to be April 26, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers

(CORPORATE SEAL)

Larry Cuffe, Jr., Mayor

Pamela LaBine, City Clerk

