

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, April 25, 2017

The regular meeting of the City Council the City of Virginia, Minnesota was called to order by Mayor Cuffe, Jr. at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Present: Councillor Baribeau, Baranzelli, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (5)

Absent: Councillor Paulsen, Littlewolf (2)

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held April 11, 2017.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 17-008 schedule of Bills.
3. Approve Allen Lewis to attend the Second Year of Executive Fire Officer Program in Emmetsburg, MD at a cost of \$296.00.
4. Allow Pamela LaBine, Sherry Erickson, Kris Johnson and Britt See-Benes to attend the MCFOA Data Practice Training on May 19, 2017 in Coleraine MN cost of \$30/members, \$35/non-members, plus mileage.

Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to table the adoption of a Resolution approving the purchase and transfer of City property to Engineering Resource Leasing, LLC. the former Troy Laundry until a revised purchase agreement is received. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Bids were received for the commodities for Public Works Department for year beginning May 1, 2017 and the following recommendations were made by the Public Works Department:

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 17059 for Mesabi Bituminous, Inc. to furnish bituminous cold mix \$96/ton furnished and delivered, \$90/ton furnished

only. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt Resolution 17060 for Compass Minerals to furnish crushed rock salt at \$82.08/ton. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 17061 for Louis Leustek and Sons, Inc. to furnish and deliver Class 5 aggregate for \$7.60/ton, furnish only \$5.75/ton. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 17062 for Louis Leustek and Sons, Inc. to furnish and deliver granular material at \$10.80/cy and \$6.00/cy furnished only. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 17063 for Fastenal Company to furnish assorted nuts, bolts, washers, hoses and other fittings for \$28,984.60. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt Resolution 17064 for Northwest Asphalt Maintenance to furnish asphaltic concrete maintenance services up to 33,333 feet at a cost of \$.60/ft. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 17065 accepting a \$10,000 donation from Joy Global for the Virginia Fire Department to be used for the purchase of materials for a training facility. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Baranzelli thanked Joy Global for their generous donation to the Virginia Fire Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance COW held April 18, 2017

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to allow placement of rain gutters on the Jefferson rink warming shack with Growing Together Group to pay for the cost of the gutters and Public Works Department to install said gutters. Motion Carried.

City Administrator See-Benes noted that the Growing Together group has five community gardens

throughout town and provide produce for low income people. Anyone can rent a plot to plant a garden, or donate time to help out in the gardens.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 17066 to approve the Capital Outlay purchase of the SCBA Fill System from Emergency Response Solutions at a cost of \$248,738.12. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt Resolution 17067 for the Capital Outlay purchase of the power load cot from Everest Emergency Vehicles, Inc. at a cost of \$24,763.73. Resolution adopted unanimously.

City Administrator See-Benes explained to the Council that the Caselle financial software needs an upgrade to the current system. Caselle will offer a 5% discount for paying the annual amount in one lump sum.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 17068 to approve the quote for the Caselle software update and to pay the one time yearly cost of \$15,766 that includes the 5% discount. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve the noise ordinance waiver for Kiewit in the Bridgeview Development site north of Cuyuna Drive and request Kiewit to send a notice to the residents of Midway informing them of the process. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the VEEDA By-laws and the Joint Powers Agreement with the requested changes to the Joint Powers Agreement:

- Remove the City Operations Director and replace with City Administrator on the signature page.
- Add in to Section VII, Article E; upon review of the City of Virginia Engineering department.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt Resolution 17069 for the Issuance and Delivery of the Allonge desiring to extend the maturity date from July 31, 2017 to December 31, 2017 for the \$5,313,570 Grant Anticipation Note, Series 2016B. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to authorize City staff to move forward with the refinancing of the clinic bonds. Motion Carried.

Personnel COW held April 25, 2017

Attorney Butorac updated the Council regarding the hospital. Mr. Butorac suggested to move the discussion to the May 2, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting when a full Council could be present and to discuss further and propose a Resolution to be adopted at the May 9, 2017 council meeting.

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Councillor Baranzelli gave an update on the April 19, 2017 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

The following items were discussed:

- The golf course fountain and irrigation project is in process.
- The key/lock replacement project at the Miner's Memorial Building has been completed.
- The Bev Pepelnjak monument is in need of repair, it will be taken care of by the Parks Department when the weather cooperates.
- The Baileys Lake pier is deteriorating and the Public Works Department is working on refurbishing it
- The restrooms at Olcott Park are complete.
- The Eino Siekkienen park bench will be put in place in the spring.
- The playground in Ridgewood will be updated this year.

Britt See-Benes noted that there is funding available in the 2017 budget for Ridgewood Park.

Councillor Jorgensen updated on the Olcott Fountain Fund, there is \$240,000 and the Olcott Fountain Committee would like to raise \$160,000 more by July 1, 2017 in order to qualify for a matching grant. The funds are available to complete Phase I and hope to be completed on August 17, 2017.

The Kline Cuppoletti Building is also in need of repairs. The Parks and Recreation Commission would like to make the building more efficient. The cost to replace the door is approximately \$14,000 and the windows \$8,673. There is a schedule for improvements for the building for this year.

City Administrator See-Benes discussed the survey for the Midway Park playground. Anyone can access the survey on the City's website www.virginiamn.us. All Midway residents are encouraged to complete

the survey to help design a park that they can be proud of.

Finance Director Erickson updated the Council on the audit. The auditors will be completing their audit this week.

City Clerk LaBine reminded the Council of the Local Board of Appeals meeting on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 9:00 AM.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. gave an update on the Hwy 53 Project detours. There will not be any access to the Bourgan Road from Hwy 135. The only entrance and exit to Midway is by Bourgan Road by the old gas station on Hwy 53. The Hwy 135 detour is open, going South on Hwy 53 a left turn lane goes through the old Mineview in the Sky. These detours will continue up to two weeks prior to bridge opening which is tentatively scheduled for August 19, 2017. A ribbon cutting ceremony is in the planning stage. If you have any ideas please contact the staff at City Hall with your suggestions.

There will be many events taking place during the month of August:

- A time capsule to be opened that was placed at the south entrance of City Hall on August 16, 1967.
- The Dream Machines Car show will be held on August 17-18, 2017
- The opening of the fountain at Olcott Park.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. noted that the bridge will need to be named. This is out of the City's hands. The law states that the Legislature is the one that names the bridges and roads in the State of Minnesota. The City encourages the public to submit names to City staff and the City will submit the suggestions to the Department of Transportation.

The March for Babies Walk will be held on April 30th at 2:00 PM at the Mesaba Range College.

Councillor Baranzelli congratulated Kiewit for the fine job they have done on the Hwy 53 project.

They have also donated a tree to the City to be placed in Olcott Park for Earth Day.

Adjourned at 7: 12 PM to Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.