

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

### CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, APRIL 27, 2010

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, Mayor Peterson - 5

Absent: Councillors Sipola, Russo - 2

Mayor Peterson led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held April 13, 2010.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 10-008 – Schedule of Bills.

Motion carried and Resolution adopted unanimously.

Joe Leoni, Hospital Commissioner, gave an update on the progress of the Virginia Regional Medical Center for the past month and stated things are going extremely well and Mr. Hopstad is working well with the staff, doctors and public with his proactive position. Mr. Leoni also stated the contract with Steve Feltman for the Interim CFO services is working excellent.

Mr. Leoni reported on the following issues for the VRMC:

- Received a verbal commitment from Orthopaedic Associates to perform surgical procedures at the VRMC, if additional operating space is made available. Iron Range Resources has provided funding, which requires matching funds.
- Negotiating with Dr. Samuel Kriegler to come an employee of the VRMC.
- Received a commitment from an OB Gyn physician to begin in July.
- Working on a collaborative coalition effort with the Fairview Medical Center (Hibbing) and the Itasca Medical Center (Grand Rapids) to pool resources. Each hospital would commit to \$50,000 for collaboration, with the Iron Range Resources committing to \$200,000 for the joint venture.

- VRMC should see profits by the end of 2010.
- Major loss for the month of April, due to the payment to Med Assets.
- Collection of accounts receivable was down to 47 days from 67 days. (Acceptable range is below 50 days.)
- New operating rooms should be available in 90 days.
- Commission will review information from the Human Resources Department on the salary/benefits for the Finance Director position to compare to the \$110 per hour paid to Steve Feltman for interim services. Six month commitment has been made to Steve Feltman.
- Hospital Commission approved increased rates with Blue Cross/Medicare to the maximum amounts.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10067, authorizing conveyance of property to Menard, Inc. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported to authorize the City Council, City Operations Director, City Attorney, City Clerk and Finance Director to attend the 2010 League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference, to be held June 23-25, 2010, in St. Cloud, MN. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to accept the resignation from Kathleen Martz from the Hospital Commission, effective April 22, 2010. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson asked the City Council to consider the appointment of Rocci Lucarelli to the Hospital Commission to fill the unexpired term. Mayor Peterson stated Mr. Lucarelli interviewed for the position in February and is still interested in serving on the Hospital Commission.

Moved by Ralston and supported to appoint Rocci Lucarelli to the Hospital Commission for the unexpired term ending February 1, 2013. Motion carried.

Councillor Baribeau recommending changing the City Charter to allow people to serve on the Hospital Commission that live within the service area. City Attorney Butorac reviewed the options to change the City Charter and recommended that the issue be discussed at a Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to authorize Benchmark Engineering, Inc., to advertise for bids for the demolition of the former Seppi/Virginia Ready Mix Site. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson reviewed the communication from Bill Hennis, Lead Engineer, requesting permission to set a public hearing for 6:30 P.M. on May 25, 2010, to spread assessments for improvement projects, C.P. 1-08 and C.P. 1-09.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10068, providing for a hearing on proposed assessments for C.P. 1-08, Reconstruction of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue West (8<sup>th</sup> Street South to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street South) and C.P. 1-09, Reconstruction of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue West (13<sup>th</sup> Street South to 8<sup>th</sup> Street South). Resolution adopted unanimously.

Mayor Peterson reviewed the communication from Bill Hennis, Lead Engineer, recommending acceptance of the bid from Bougalis Construction for C.P. 1-10, Troy Building Demolition Project. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10069, accepting the quote from Bougalis Construction, in the amount of \$139,439.50, for C.P. 1-10, Troy Building Demolition Project. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Mayor Peterson reported on the Finance Committee meeting held as a Committee-of-the-Whole on April 20, 2010.

Moved by Ralston and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10070, accepting proposal from Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc., to provide professional services for the rehabilitation of the City of Virginia Wastewater Treatment Plant. Resolution adopted unanimously.

City Operations Director Tourville stated the agreement for services to prepare construction loans and grants for the renovation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant will be submitted separately to the Finance Committee.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10071, approving Change Order No. 1 to increase the contract with Max Gray Construction, by the amount of \$30,997, for cadmium abatement for C.P. 7-09, Miners Rehabilitation Project. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported to table the Change Order to increase the contract with Max Gray Construction, by the amount of \$1,495, for the stairway lighting for C.P. 7-09, Miners Rehabilitation Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10072, accepting the quote from Abate Tek, Inc., in the amount of \$7,100.00, for the removal of hazardous materials from the houses located at 223 and 225 3<sup>rd</sup> Street South. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Cuffe and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10073, authorizing acceptance of 2009 Assistance to Firefighters Grant. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Cuffe and supported to authorize the Fire Chief to apply for a 2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grant to be used for a sprinkler system, kitchen modifications and training, with a five percent match required by the City. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to approve the travel request for Britt See-Benes, Administrative Assistant, to attend the MCFOA Clerks Institute, July 12-16, 2010, in Brooklyn Center, MN. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to approve the travel request for Rick Puhek and Cheryl Weappa, City Assessor's Department, to attend the MN Association of Assessing Officer Summer Seminar, to be held May 25 – 27, 2010, in St. Cloud, MN. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported to authorize the submission of a grant application to the NMSDP for planning for the greenhouse project. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to call for bids for the storage and distribution of City garbage bags. Motion carried.

Councillor Littlewolf reported on the following items:

- Human Rights Commission will be holding their Spring conference on April 28, 2010, at the Mesabi Range College.
- Will be attending the Young Elected Leaders National Convention in Washington, DC, May 13-16, 2010, and requested the Council and staff to notify her of any issues that she could discuss with Senator Klobuchar, Senator Franken and Representative Oberstar.

City Operations Director Tourville thanked the Virginia Foundation for approving a \$10,000 grant for the Miners Memorial Renovation Project and a \$2,000 grant for the Greenhouse Renovation Project.

Mayor Peterson reported on the following items:

- Local Board of Equalization met on April 13 and 20, 2010. Citizens can appeal any adjustments to the St. Louis County Board of Appeal.
- Met with representatives of Duluth Metal. They will continue to provide updates on the project, which could be a viable project for the area.

See 2010 Resolution Book for Resolution Nos. 10067 – 10073 and Finance Resolution No. 10008.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M., with the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 2010, in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

STEVE PETERSON

Mayor

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LOIS ROSKOSKI

City Clerk