

**VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, MAY 10, 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 Sipola and supported to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held April 26, 2011.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 11-009 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve Transient Merchant/Solicitor Licenses:
  - A. Veronica Johnson, d/b/a Bubba's Dirty Dogz.
  - B. Ofelia Jonas, d/b/a First Filipino Food Stand.
4. Approve Application for Tobacco License for T.H.E. Corp., d/b/a Manseau's Range Music, 224 Chestnut Street.
5. Adopt Resolution No. 11084, correcting Resolution No. 11054, adopted on March 22, 2011, regarding Professional Services Agreement with Stephen Fingeroos for Golf Professional Services for the period April 1, 2011, through October 31, 2014.

Motions carried and Resolutions adopted unanimously.

Mayor Peterson reviewed the communication from the Planning and Zoning

Commission submitting recommendations from their meeting held on May 2, 2011.

Moved by Russo and supported to approve the request from George Tokarczyk, d/b/a Exact Eye Care, to rezone the property located at the intersection of 17<sup>th</sup> Street South and 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue West from I-2 (Heavy Industrial) to B-1 (Central Business District), to construct a new eye care clinic. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported to approve the request from George Tokarczyk, d/b/a Exact Eye Care, for a variance up to 134 square feet to the maximum allowable of 64 square feet, in order to have up to 200 square feet of signage on-site. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to approve the Optional 2 AM Liquor License for the Northeast Investment & Management, d/b/a Sunny's Magic Bar, 116 Chestnut Street. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported to approve the Optional 2 AM Liquor License for Martini, Inc., d/b/a Tommy's Rainy Lake Saloon & Deli. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson read the proclamation to proclaim the summer of 2011 as the "Olcott Park Summer of Celebration", in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Olcott Park. Councillor Sipola stated a tree will be planted in Olcott Park at 12:00 Noon on May 11, 2011, to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Moved by Russo and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11085, approving Premises Permit Application for Chicagami at the Sportspage Bar. Resolution adopted, with Mayor Peterson abstaining.

Mayor Peterson reported on the Finance Committee meeting held as a Committee-of-the-Whole on May 3, 2011.

Moved by Russo and supported to authorize the Housing and Redevelopment Authority to obtain quotes to replace the first floor hallway carpeting at the Washington Manor. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11086, reopening Olcott Park to vehicular traffic on a permanent daily basis, effective June 1, 2011. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported to reopen the Silver Lake beach during the summer of 2011, contingent upon the City Attorney checking with the League of Minnesota Cities and City's insurance agent regarding potential liability with or without lifeguards. Motion carried.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the remainder of the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Finance Committee meeting.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11087, accepting the proposal from J & M Displays, Inc., for a fireworks display for the Fourth of July celebration in 2011, 2012 and 2013, at a cost of \$7,500 per year, contingent upon satisfaction with the 2011 Fourth of July fireworks display. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adopt the following resolutions:

- Resolution No. 11088, accepting the proposal from Ninety-Four Services, Inc., in the amount of \$78,589.00, to purchase a 2008 Chevrolet Ambulance, which includes the trade-in of a 2000 Ford ambulance.
- Resolution No. 11089, accepting the proposal from Everest Emergency Vehicles, Inc., in the amount of \$127,900.00, to purchase a 2010 Ford Ambulance, which includes the trade-in of a 2006 Ford Ambulance, with delivery and payment to be made in October of 2011 unless the ambulance is needed earlier.

Resolutions adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11090, approving the Ambulance Intercept Agreement with the City of Eveleth. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Keith Nelson, St. Louis County Commissioner, was present to request the City Council to approve the participation of the City Assessor on the St. Louis Blue Ribbon Assessment Practice Review Panel. St. Louis County would reimburse the City Assessor for mileage and meal expenses that are incurred while attending the meetings.

Commissioner Nelson also reported that a resolution has been presented to the St. Louis County Board to allow the unorganized townships to contribute \$10,000 towards the Veteran's Memorial Project in Virginia.

Moved by Sipola and supported to authorize Rick Puhek, City Assessor, to serve on the St. Louis County Blue Ribbon Assessment Practice Review Panel. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to authorize the Engineering Department to inspect the ax forfeited properties and bring in the City's Building Inspector for an additional inspection if it is determined that the property should be condemned. Motion carried.

Commissioner Nelson committed to working with the City Council to access funding sources to work on the blighted tax forfeited properties and stated Virginia needs to take a strong stance on the issue. Commissioner Nelson stated he has the authority to pull any parcel from the tax forfeited sale within his district and it is intent to do so.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11091, approving the Business Associate Agreement with Advantage Billing Concepts, Inc., regarding compliance with Federal privacy regulations for the ambulance billings for the City of Virginia. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11092, approving the Billing Agreement with Advantage Billing Concepts, Inc., for Virginia fire and rescue services, at a fee of \$23.00 per run billed. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11093, approving the purchase of Lot 16, Block 20, Original Plat of Virginia, located at 103 North 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, at a purchase price of \$36,500.00, plus closing costs. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11094, approving an easement with Joseph Caulfield for use of City property adjacent to his property located on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North to build and maintain a rock garden. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to approve travel requests for Joseph Broneak and Steve Estey to attend the Drug Conference, which will be held May 25-27, 2011, in Nisswa, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Councillor Ralston reported on the Buildings/Grounds Committee meeting held on May 3, 2011.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Russo to authorize the Teen Center Board to proceed with the renovations to the Teen Center and to work with the Lead Engineer on the specifics of the project. (Note: Renovations include painting, replacement of the front door and air conditioning unit, installation of a laminate floor and updating of the outdoor sign.) Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to request the Friends of the Greenhouse to recommend an official name for the greenhouse and request the Park/Recreation Director to research the records to determine if the greenhouse was given an official name in the past. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to authorize the Park Department to prune the trees in Olcott Park to improve the line of site and remove the two large trees at the west entrance of the greenhouse, prior to the Land of the Loon Festival. Motion carried. City Operations Director Tourville stated the Public Works Department will provide assistance with the project.

Moved by Ralston and supported to authorize the “Adopt a Shoreline” participants to use motorized equipment, excluding chainsaws, to clean up the brush along the shoreline of Bailey’s Lake. Motion carried.

Councillor Cuffe reported on the Liquor Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on May 5, 2011, and stated the committee will continue to meet to review the City’s liquor ordinance and policy and provide all the recommended changes to the Finance Committee at one time. The next meeting of the Liquor Ad Hoc Committee will held at 9 A.M., on Tuesday, May 31, 2011.

City Clerk Roskoski stating filing for three City Council positions and the Mayor position will open on May 17, 2011, and close on May 31, 2011.

Mayor Peterson reported on the following items:

- Attended the fundraising event for the Veterans Memorial Project and thanked the Quad Cities Rotary Club for contributing \$5,622 for the project from the sales of the “Steve’s Hamburgers”.
- Requested the City Council to approve a contribution up to \$5,000 for the Veterans Memorial Project, contingent upon receiving matching contributions.

Moved by Sipola and supported to waive the requirement for a written resolution for the following motion. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11095, approving a donation up to \$5,000 to the Iron Range Veterans Committee for the Veterans Memorial Park, contingent upon the receipt of matching funds from the general public and organizations. Resolution adopted unanimously.

See 2011 Resolution Book for Resolution Nos. 11084 – 11095 and Finance Resolution No. 11009.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 24, 2011.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

STEVE PETERSON  
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI  
City Clerk