

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, MAY 11, 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, Sipola, Russo, Mayor Peterson - 7

Absent: None

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

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held April 27, 2010.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 10-009 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve variances for Gerald & Jeannie Suihkonen, 514 5th Street South, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission at a meeting held on May 3, 2010:
 - A. Approve a 2 ½' variance from the required 5' side yard setback, in order build a 20' wide garage 2 ½' from the West property line, contingent on the installation of rain gutters.
 - B. Approve a 2 ½' variance from the required 5' side yard setback, in order to build 2 1/2' from the East property line, contingent upon installation of rain gutters.
 - C. Approve a 70 sq. ft. variance to the required maximum 30% (450') rear yard coverage, in order to building a 520 sq. ft. garage.
4. Approve Transient Merchant's Licenses:
 - A. Ofelia Jonas, d/b/a First Filipina Food Stand.
 - B. Penny Vlasich, d/b/a Northland Variety.
5. Approve Application to Renew 2 AM Liquor License for Martini, Inc., d/b/a Tommy's Rainy Lake Saloon & Deli.

Motions carried and Resolution adopted unanimously.

Mayor Peterson reported on the Finance Committee meeting held as a Committee-of-the-Whole on May 4, 2010.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10074, approving Change Order No. 3 to increase the contract of Max Gray Construction, by the amount of \$2,872.00, for C.P. 7-09, Miners Rehabilitation Project. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Mayor Peterson reviewed the ordinance to develop a water conservation and water emergency plan, in case there is a failure with the system. Councillor Ralston stated he will not support the ordinance, as he felt it was an unnecessary level of government.

Moved by Russo and supported to place An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3 of the City Code of the City of Virginia Entitled “Water Conservation and Water Emergency Plan” on the Councillors’ desks.

Ayes: Councillors Cuffe, Littlewolf, Baribeau, Sipola, Russo, Mayor Peterson - 6

Nays: Councillor Ralston – 1

Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to authorize the Engineering Department to call for bids to mill and overlay 16th Street North, from 4th Avenue to the alley West of 6th Avenue. Motion carried.

City Operations Director Tourville stated he will determine if there are funds available in the grant to cover the installation of curbs and gutters.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported to approve the travel request for Dana Waldron, Police Chief, to attend the Wage-Hour and FMLS Seminar for Minnesota Public Agencies, to be held June 10, 2010, in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Ayes: Councillors Littlewolf, Ralston, Baribeau, Sipola, Russo, Mayor Peterson - 6

Nays: Councillor Cuffe – 1

Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10075, approving the amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Stephen Fingeroos for the Virginia Golf Course. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10076, approving the OPEB Administrative Account Agreement between the City of Virginia and the Public Employees Retirement Association. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported to approve transferring the City's checking account to Queen City Federal. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10077, authorizing submission and acceptance of an Iron Range Resources Grant for a study on the operations and management of the Washington Manor housing facility. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to approve the installation of a street light in the alley behind 314-318 11th Street South. Motion carried.

Councillor Ralston reported on the Buildings/Grounds Committee meeting held on May 4, 2010.

Councillor Ralston stated the Public Works Department and Engineering Department will develop a demolition plan and continue to pursue the costs to provide the demolition services with City staff, which will be reviewed at a future meeting.

Moved by Ralston and supported to receive and file the communication from St. Louis County regarding the proposed sale of State tax forfeited lands. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to approve the extension of the contract with Rick's Tree Service to remove an additional 57 tree stumps, at a price of \$50 per stump. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to authorize the Virginia DARE Program to utilize the former Seppi site for public parking during the Land of the Loon Festival. Motion carried.

Councillor Russo reported on the Joint City/Hospital Sub-Committee meeting held on May 11th and stated Cardinal Health gave a presentation on their services that they provide to the Virginia Regional Medical Center pharmacy.

Mayor Peterson reported on the following items:

- Received a letter from Lyle Conaway thanking the City staff for their assistance and services they provided during the fire at his residence on April 1st.
- The Firefighters Auxiliary will be hosting an Open House for EMS Awareness Week from 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. on May 18th at the Virginia Fire Hall.
- 2nd Annual Dustin Damm Memorial Walk will be held on May 20th at Olcott Park.

See 2010 Resolution Book for Resolution Nos. 10074 – 10077 and Finance Resolution No. 10009.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M., with the next regular City Council Meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 25, 2010.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

STEVE PETERSON
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI
City Clerk