

# VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

**CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, June 13, 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, Paulsen, Littlewolf, Baranzelli, Jorgensen (6)

Absent: Councillor Johnson (1)

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. read the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. read the Proclamation for the Finland 100 Month. The celebration will take place on Saturday, June 24, 2017 from 4:00 PM To 9:00 PM at Kaleva Hall, 125 3<sup>rd</sup> Street North in Virginia.

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held May 23, 2017.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 17-011 schedule of Bills.
3. Approve a temporary liquor license for the Lyric Center on July 14, 2017.
4. Approve a 2017 Transient Merchant License for Generous Jerry's Fireworks.
5. Approve request from Jeff Peterson, Poppers Bar for the annual bean bag tournament on the 100 block of Chestnut Street from on June 17, 2017 from 11:00 AM to 6 PM.
6. Approve Sale of Surplus Equipment.
7. Approve Travel Requests:
  - a. John Gregorich to attend the MPCA Biosolids Collection seminar in St Paul, MN on November 6-9, 2017 at a cost of \$1,067.60
  - b. Britt See-Benes to attend the CGMC Summer Conference in Fergus Falls, MN August 2-4, 2017 at a cost of \$717.45
  - c. Tom Butorac to attend the MN Association of City Attorneys Legislative Update on June 22, 2017 in St. Cloud at a cost of \$535.79
8. Approve the Transient Merchant License for Barry Thomas Laine D/B/A B's Street Tacos.

Motion Carried

## APPEARANCES:

Mr. Dan Johnson and Mr. Matt Sipola were not able to attend tonight's meeting and will be at the next City Council meeting.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 17083 approving the quote for the installation of the Trough Support Brackets at the WWTP from Magney Construction in the amount of \$38,250. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Littlewolf, supported by Councillor Paulsen to receive and file the MN State Demographic information. Motion Carried.

## PLANNING AND ZONING RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve the variances, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission at the regular meeting held June 5, 2017:

A. Mary Rozier - 703 7<sup>th</sup> Street South.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Paulsen to approve a 5.5 foot variance to the required 8 foot side yard setback to build a garage 2.5 feet from the East property line. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to approve a 315 square feet variance to the maximum 30% rear yard coverage (645 square feet) to build a garage 960 square feet. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve a 2 foot variance to the minimum of 5 feet required separation between residence and structure to build a garage 3 feet from residence. Motion Carried.

B. Alex Pluskwik - 1019 17th Street North:

Moved by Councillor Littlewolf, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve a 0.7 foot variance to the required 8 foot side yard setback to build a new garage 7.3 feet from the East lot line. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to approve an 8 foot variance to the

maximum 1,000 square feet allowable accessory structure in order to construct a new garage 1,008 square feet.

Motion Carried.

C. Mike Pennala - 129 11<sup>th</sup> Street South

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Littlewolf a 2.3 foot variance to the required 5 foot side yard setback in order to build a new 16x16 foot porch 2.7 feet from the East property line. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to support a variance to build a second accessory structure. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve a 404 square foot variance to the maximum 1,000 square feet in order to allow 1404 square feet of accessory structure. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to approve a 720 square feet variance to the maximum 30% rear yard coverage to build a 2<sup>nd</sup> accessory structure garage 1024 square feet. Motion Carried.

D. Steve Gustafson - 519 13th Street North:

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Paulsen to approve a 2 foot variance to the maximum 2 foot high fence on a corner lot in order to construct a 4 foot high fence. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve a 15 foot variance to the required 20 foot setback on a corner lot in order to construct a fence 2 feet from the West property line. (6<sup>th</sup> Avenue). Motion Carried.

E. Range Cooperatives - 102 South Hoover Road

Moved by Councillor Littlewolf, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve a 5 foot variance to the maximum 25 foot height limit in order to construct a new sign 30 feet in height. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve a 266 square foot variance to the maximum 64 square foot of signage window to construct a total of 316 square feet of signage. 266 square

feet existing plus 50 square feet new additional signage. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Littlewolf, supported by Councillor Baribeau to move the appeal hearing for Amy Martinich at 53 Midway Drive regarding violations of the City Code Chapter 11 Zoning and Chapter 21 Virginia Property Maintenance and Preservation Code to the next Committee of the Whole meeting on June 20, 2017. Motion Carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve the request for a curb cut at 1201 19<sup>th</sup> Street South at the expense of the home owner and to comply with engineering codes. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt the Resolution 17084 authorizing the 2017 Road Reconditioning Project and awarding the project to KGM Contractors in the amount of \$167,459.45 the project to include 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue West and 13<sup>th</sup> Street South. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Littlewolf, supported by Councillor Paulsen to approve the easement request from Residential Services, Inc. at 114 South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue West along the north edge of the sidewalk fronting 1<sup>st</sup> Street South. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Paulsen to approve the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission in naming the bandstand at Olcott Park the “Bob Baldrice Bandstand.” Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Littlewolf, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the quote from DSGW for architectural services for the main (West) greenhouse repair at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the change order to raise Manhole 555 on Trunk Highway 53 approximately 8’ to accommodate the necessary fill requested by Bridgeview Development; at the expense of Bridgeview Development. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to enter into a purchase agreement

with the VCCU to purchase 100' of city owned land adjacent to their facility for \$1, the buyer is responsible for all cost associated with the purchase and the City to allow access to 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue from the VCCU parking lot and VCCU will pay all costs associate with the curb cut. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the quote from Gornick's Nuisance Wildlife Control for trapping of pigeons for eight weeks at a cost of \$2,000. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Paulsen to create a long term plan for pigeon control as well as having a long term contract in place. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to approve submission of a letter to the Commissioner of Transportation and local Legislatures regarding the Hwy 53 project funding gap and requesting access to Department of Transportation funds. Motion Carried.

Approved the 2018/2020/2022 bonding bill requests as follows:

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to Adopt Resolution 17085 for the Highway 53 Utility Relocation. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Littlewolf, supported by Councillor Paulsen to adopt Resolution 17086 for the Regional Fire-Based Emergency Medical Services Facility. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to adopt Resolution 17087 for Comprehensive Multi-Year Multi-Modal Reconstruction/Repair Program. Resolution adopted unanimously  
The comprehensive plan will be amended to accommodate the repair program.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to direct the City's lobbyist, Jerich and Associates, to move forward with legislation for a one-half percent increase in City sales tax to be used for the renovation of the Miner's Memorial Building and to direct City staff to work on the project. Motion Carried.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. gave an update on the Miner's project and the reason the City is requesting the lobbyist to move forward with the Sales Tax legislation for the Miner's. The City has to match the \$12 million allocated by the State for the Miner's. The funding will not be released until the City makes an effort towards

contributing to the project. There will be a public forum within the next couple months. This is a City sales tax and will be paid for by anyone shopping in the City. A recommendation needs to be made by June 13, 2017.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the updates to the 2017

VEDA Business Renovation Grant Guidelines:

- 1.b. all projects to be approved by VEDA prior to starting project
- 1.c. The match is on a 2/3 to 1 basis
- 3.a. signage is not included in the grant

Motion Carried.

Councillor Jorgensen updated on the VEDA changes in the guidelines and noted that VEDA has four projects not completed. To date VEDA has granted \$23,735 and \$27,000 will be granted for the pending projects.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt the hiring Resolution 17088 for the Skilled Laborer Position for Mr. Jesse McIntyre contingent upon passing all required background checks. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to rescind the motion approving the Committee of the Whole meeting on July 11, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. and to hold one council meeting on July 11, 2017 at 6:30 PM. Motion Carried.

#### COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Councillors Baribeau and Jorgensen attended the sulfate seminar. This could financially affect small cities with the standards that the MPCA is trying to implement.

Councillor Jorgensen updated on the Olcott Park Fountain Fundraiser, \$18,000 more is needed to reach the \$50,000 donation. The Committee has received notice that Olcott Park was accepted as a Historic Park and is now on the National Register.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. updated on the following:

- School Resource Officer Proposal will be discussed on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

- The Virginia Art Crawl will be held on June 15, 2017 from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM with art displays at various businesses until July 14, 2017.
- A Charter Commission meeting was held and the Commission discussed changing the charter for the sale of the hospital and it was approved unanimously by the Commission.
- The Land of the Loon Festival and Grand Parade will be held on June 18, 2017. The City Council will be in the parade and handing out tokens to the bystanders.
- A request was received to sign on to the National letter of support for the U.S. EPA Brownfields Program funding for 2018.
- The Lyric Theatre will be having a fundraiser, The Silent Movie Festival, will be held June 16, July 17, and August 17, 2017 at 516 Chestnut Street from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
- Farmers Market is open from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Thursday's across from the Veteran's Memorial Park.
- Jefferson lines is looking for a letter of support for funding for their 2018 operations.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to approve the U.S. EPA Brownfields letter of support for 2018 funding. Motion Carried.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. noted that St. Louis County has purchase of the home located to the west of their current parking lot on 1<sup>st</sup> Street and will be moving forward with the demolition of the house in the near future.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to send a letter of support to Jefferson Lines for their funding in 2018. Motion Carried.

The Council congratulated the Virginia High School tennis team on their participation in the State Tennis Tournament.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM to Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers.