

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, JUNE 23, 2015

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia, Minnesota, was called to order by Mayor Cuffe at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Roll Call:

Present: Councillors Baribeau, Littlewolf, McReynolds, Sipola, Baranzelli, Mayor Cuffe - 6

Absent: Councillor Jorgensen – 1

Mayor Cuffe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held June 9, 2015.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 15-012 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Adopt Resolution No. 15126, approving Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, and the Virginia Fire Department.

Motions carried and Resolutions adopted unanimously.

Jeremy Emery and Dan Stupca appeared to discuss the new business they are planning to open at 423 Chestnut Street, which will include a bar, short menu grill and a music venue for all ages. Mr. Emery requested the City Council to reserve a liquor license for their business. City Clerk Roskoski stated there are currently two on-sale liquor licenses available, with a third license becoming

available on July 1, 2015. Mr. Emery will work with the City Clerk on completing the documents to obtain an on-sale liquor license.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Littlewolf to reserve an on-sale liquor license for a period of six months for Jeremy Emery and Dan Stupca for their new business located at 423 Chestnut Street. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Littlewolf to adopt Resolution No. 15127, accepting the quote from AbateTek Environmental Services, in the amount of \$13,900, to remove asbestos materials from three residential properties that are scheduled for demolition. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baranzelli and supported by Sipola to approve the construction plans and specifications for the Waschke Dodge Chrysler Jeep Facility, as prepared by Benchmark Engineering, Inc. and authorize them to call for bids for the project. Motion carried.

Moved by McReynolds and supported by Baranzelli to authorize the Finance Department to process the accounts payables, prior to the July 21, 2015, City Council meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baribeau to approve the request from Selah Reid, d/b/a The Shop Coffeehouse/218 Taphouse, to create an outdoor seating area adjacent to their business on Third Avenue and allow the sale of alcohol in the designated outdoor area, contingent upon receipt of a Certificate of Insurance to encompass the outdoor area. Motion carried.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on June 16, 2015.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to request the Olcott Park Fountain Restoration Committee to attend a Buildings/Grounds Committee meeting to determine the phases and budget for the project. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by McReynolds to rename the MinePro Development Project Fund as the Northern Heights Industrial Park Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Littlewolf to move forward with the conveyance of the current Natural Harvest Coop site, plus the parking lot, to the Natural Harvest Food Cooperative, Inc., contingent upon them obtaining a registered land survey. Motion carried. The City Engineering Department will review the survey and determine the legal description for the land conveyance. The land conveyance will require approval of the City of Virginia for any future conveyances or uses of the property. The City Council will take action on the resolution to approve the land conveyance once the legal description is available.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by McReynolds to authorize the City Administrator to move forward with a development with Natural Harvest Food Cooperative, Inc., for a new facility on Fourth Street North and contact Jim Glowacki regarding his right of first refusal to purchase the property. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Baranzelli to adopt Resolution No. 15128, approving the renewal of the lease with Virginia Youth Hockey Association for the Miners Memorial Building for the period October 17, 2015, through May 7, 2020. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Littlewolf to approve a contribution of \$3,500 to the Olcott Park Fountain Restoration Committee to be used for professional grant writing services by Lisa Kvas, d/b/a Lamplighter Strategies, LLC. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Baranzelli to adopt Resolution No. 15129, authorizing the City of Virginia to raze the hazardous building located at 111 12th Street South. Motion carried.

Councillor Littlewolf reported on the Buildings/Grounds Committee meeting held on June 23, 2015.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Baranzelli to table the Olcott Park Fountain, Project Fund Agreement with the Virginia Community Foundation, until the Buildings/Grounds Committee meeting scheduled for 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 14, 2015. Motion carried. It was noted that the language in #2 of the Project Fund Agreement will be changed to reflect the same language as in #10 regarding unused funds being transferred to the Parks/Trails/Recreation Fund. Greg Gilness will meet with the Virginia Community Foundation to review the changes to the Project Fund Agreement prior to the Buildings/Grounds Committee meeting scheduled for July 14, 2015.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Baranzelli to move forward with razing the unsafe building located at 1019 North 7th Avenue. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by McReynolds to approve the request from Dave Bozicevich to hold a Midway Neighborhood Reunion at the former Midway School location from 1 P.M. to 10 P.M. on Saturday, August 8, 2015, and request City staff to mow the grass. Motion carried.

Councillor Baranzelli reported on the Land of the Loon street dance held on June 20, 2015, and stated there were very few problems. If street dances are held in the future, additional trash containers will be provided.

Councillor Sipola stated the Silver Lake beach is open.

Mayor Cuffe reported on the following items:

- The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will be publishing a notice of intent to hold a nonferrous metallic minerals lease sale. The information will be posted on the DNR's website at the time the notice of intent to hold the sale is published and will be available until August 21, 2015, during which time public input will be accepted about the areas under consideration.
- The Final Environmental Impact Statement for the US Highway 53 Project, Virginia to Eveleth, is available for review at the Virginia City Hall. The information is also available on the Minnesota Department of Transportation website or at their offices located on Hoover Road.
- Thanked for Virginia City Band for providing the summer concerts at Olcott Park.
- Donations will be accepted for the Olcott Park Fountain Restoration Project. Forms will be available at the Virginia City Hall, Miners Memorial Building and Virginia Foundation Office.
- A meeting will be held with members of the American Legion and Veterans Memorial Committee to coordinate an effort to bring the replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall to the City of Virginia.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 P.M., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, July 21, 2015.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LARRY CUFFE JR.
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI
City Clerk