

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, AUGUST 24, 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 Russo and supported to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held August 11, 2010.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 10-016 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve Application for Exempt Permit for Quad Cities Rotary Club for raffle to be held on October 14, 2010.

Motions carried and Finance Resolution adopted unanimously.

Paul Steinman, Springsted, was present and recommended awarding the bid to United Banker's Bank for the sale of \$980,000 General Obligation Temporary Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2010A, with a true interest cost of one percent. Mr. Steinman stated Standard & Poor reaffirmed the City's rating of A+ and gave a stable financial outlook for the City of Virginia.

Moved by Russo and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10108, awarding the sale of General Obligation Temporary Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2010A; fixing their form and specifications; directing their execution and delivery; and providing for their payment. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported to adopt an Ordinance Amending Chapter 9, Section 9.10 of the City Code of the City of Virginia entitled “Parking Regulations”. Ordinance adopted unanimously.

Mayor Peterson reported on the Finance Committee meeting held as a Committee-of-the-Whole on August 17, 2010.

Moved by Ralston and supported to approve the travel request for Jennifer Sereno, Police Department, MNJIS Basic Operators Certification Training, to be held January 25 & 26, 2011.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to approve the travel request for Tim Koivunen and Steve Estey, Police Department, Toward Zero Deaths 2010 Conference, to be held October 25-26, 2010. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to accept the quote from Perpich TV & Music, Inc., to purchase two 50-inch plasma monitors, plus accessories, for the City Council Chambers, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to establish a control system for cash sales for the beverage cart at the Golf Course and request the Park/Recreation Director to report back with a further breakdown on the beverage cart sales. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to authorize Councillor Sipola to meet with the Laurentian Chamber to discuss the additional taxes for the Mineview in the Sky, due to the loss of the tax exempt status for RGGGS Land & Minerals. Motion carried.

Councillor Ralston stated the City currently has a lease agreement with RGGGS Land & Minerals for the Mineview in the Sky property and Commissioner Keith Nelson will be further discussing the tax exempt properties with the County Assessor.

Moved by Russo and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10109, accepting the quote from R & R Specialties of Wisconsin, Inc., for a Zamboni battery, at a cost not to exceed \$10,712.81. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Cuffe and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10110, accepting the quote from MTI Distributing, Inc., in the amount of \$24,935.00, plus tax, for a 2009 Demo Kubota 4WD Tractor for the Park Department, to be funded through a five-year lease plan. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported to table the discussion on a special levy, as part of the proposed 2010 levy, until the next Finance Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10111, accepting the quote from Stalker Radar, in the amount of \$6,275.00, plus tax, for a new speed display trailer and to authorize the Police Chief to apply for \$3,000 in funding from the Safe and Sober Grant Program. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Cuffe and supported to authorize the Public Works Department to demolish the house at 128 5th Street South. Motion carried.

Councillor Sipola stated the General Manager of the Public Utilities is in favor of providing in-kind services to disconnect the utilities for the project.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Street and Alley Committee meeting held on August 17, 2010.

Councillor Baribeau stated the Street and Alley Committee formed a committee to review the civil defense sirens and look at alternatives.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to place one handicapped parking space and one van handicapped parking space in the southeast corner of the public parking lot located in the 400 block of 1st Street North, as requested by Eye Clinic North. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adopt Resolution no. 10112, accepting the bid from Mesabi Bituminous, Inc., in the amount of \$14,800.00, for paving the alley in the 300 block between 8th and 9th Street South. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Baribeau asked the City Councillors to notify the City Operations Director of projects that could be submitted for Community Development Block Grants and Iron Range Resources Grants.

Councillor Sipola stated a copy of the official new master plan for Eveleth/Virginia Airport is available at the Virginia City Hall and Virginia Public Library.

Moved by Russo and supported to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee, consisting of Councillors Russo and Cuffe and Mayor Peterson, to review the ambulance issue and make a recommendation to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to authorize the City Operations Director to travel to Duluth to meet with representatives of the Minnesota Department of Transportation on September 1st to discuss the realignment of Highway 53 and to meet with Commissioner Nelson on September 7th to discuss the proposed expansion of the Virginia Court House. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson reviewed a letter from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and commended Northeast Technical Services for the excellent job in completing the Inflow and Infiltration Investigation and Elimination Plan for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mayor Peterson stated Councillor Russo, Hospital Commissioners Shelly Lindberg and Joe Leoni, along with himself, will be meeting with representatives of St. Luke's and St. Mary's to gather information regarding the future of the Virginia Regional Medical Center. Mayor Peterson stated he will keep the public, City Council and Hospital Commission fully informed of the discussions.

Mayor Peterson stated a Marine flag was stolen from the residence of Gary and Diana Bachman and asked the public for assistance in returning the flag, as it has special meaning to their family.

Moved by Russo and supported to offer a reward of \$1,000 for any information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the vandals involved in the breaking of several vehicle windows. Motion carried.

See 2010 Resolution Book for Resolution Nos. 10108 – 10112 and Finance Resolution No. 10016.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, September 14, 2010.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

STEVE PETERSON
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI
City Clerk