

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, AUGUST 25, 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, Jorgensen, Sipola, Baranzelli,

Mayor Cuffe - 7

Absent: None

Mayor Cuffe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Jorgensen and supported by Baranzelli to approve the Consent Agenda, as

follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes:
 - a. Regular Meeting held August 11, 2015.
 - b. Special Meeting held August 11, 2015.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 15-015 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve Application for Exempt Permit for the Quad Cities Rotary Club to hold a raffle on October 22, 2015.
4. Adopt Resolution No. 15153, authorizing the City of Virginia to make application to and accept funds from the Application Fund Program for the Olcott Park Fountain project.

Motion carried and Resolutions adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to approve the request from Selah Reid,

The Shop Coffeehouse/218 Taphouse, to block off Third Avenue, from Chestnut Street to the alley, for

a musical event to be held from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. on September 10, 2015. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Jorgensen to adopt Resolution No. 15154, approving Change Order No. 2 to increase the contract with Lenci Enterprises, Inc., by the amount of \$72,370, for the City Hall exterior stair project. Resolution adopted unanimously. Finance Director Erickson stated \$45,000 was included in the 2015 budget for the stair project. The difference will be taken out of the Contingency Fund.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Baranzelli to add the demolition of the garage located at 901 2 ½ Avenue West to the demolition list. Motion carried.

Mayor Cuffe reviewed the letter received from Gerald and Jeannie Suihkonen thanking the Public Works Department for the professional work that was done with the demolition of the vacant building located at the corner of 6th Avenue South and 5th Street.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole held on August 18, 2015.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Baranzelli to waive the rental fee for the Miners Memorial Building for the Jim Glasgow fundraising event scheduled from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on September 25, 2015. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by McReynolds to provide a letter of support to the Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability for their application for the “Local Foods, Local Places” funding. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Littlewolf to adopt Resolution No. 15155, approving a \$65,000 tax levy for the Housing and Redevelopment Authority for the year 2016. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported by McReynolds to adopt Resolution No. 15156, approving a present intent to levy a tax for economic development authority purposes, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.107, and setting a public hearing at 6:30 P.M. on September 22, 2015. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Baranzelli to approve Pay Application No. 1 due Ulland Brothers, Inc., in the amount of \$210,260.22, for the Second Street South Project. Motion carried. Councillor Baranzelli stated the 5th Avenue/2nd Street South intersection will be open before school starts. The 4th Avenue/2nd Street South intersection is expected to open before winter.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to table the quotes to replace the roof on the Historical Society Museum located in Olcott Park and request the Park/Recreation Director to obtain quotes from all vendors for an asphalt and metal roof, plus additional information on the deterioration of the north wall of the museum. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Baranzelli to authorize the Park/Recreation Director to obtain quotes to purchase a new dishwasher for the Golf Course restaurant. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by McReynolds to request the Public Works Sign Department to provide a cost estimate to develop the historical signage for the “Virginia Downtown Commercial Historic District” designation. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to delete the following language from the resolution to hire a Paramedic: “*with certifications to be completed within one year from the date of hire*”. Motion carried.

Moved by McReynolds and supported by Baranzelli to adopt Resolution No. 15157, hiring Jon Carlson as a Paramedic, as amended. Motion carried.

Councillor Littlewolf reported on the Buildings/Grounds Committee meeting held on August 18, 2015.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by McReynolds to request the Engineering Department to obtain input from the Park/Recreation Department and provide a drawing and plan to complete the walking trail around Bailey’s Lake. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Baribeau to add 318 3rd Street South to the demolition list. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Jorgensen to add 206 11th Street South to the demolition list. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by McReynolds to request the Engineer Department to meet with St. Louis County and come up with an agreement to demolish the tax forfeited properties. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Baranzelli to authorize City Attorney to meet with Fire Chief and Police Chief to discuss providing the Fire Marshal with the authority to issue citation for fire code violations and submit a recommendation and draft ordinance. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by McReynolds to approve the request from Pauly G's to use the vacant City property located at 220 Chestnut Street for a BBQ cook off fundraising event to benefit the AEOA Headstart Program, contingent upon obtaining a Certificate of Insurance and cleaning the property after the event. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Baranzelli to authorize the City Administrator to research ways to control pigeons in the downtown area. Motion carried.

Councillor Littlewolf stated the City Clerk will research alternative sites to use as a polling place for Precinct 1.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Jorgensen to add 104 2nd Street North and 107 2nd Street North to the demolition list. Motion carried.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on August 25, 2015.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Jorgensen to accept the bids for the surplus equipment, as follows:

- John Judnick 1989 International dump truck \$3,000
- John Sopp 1992 International dump truck \$3,000

Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Baranzelli to adopt Resolution No. 15158, approving an Easement Agreement with William and Christine Culbert for a Temporary Easement for a lay down area for a lift station. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to adopt Resolution No. 15159, approving an Easement Agreement with William and Christine Culbert for a Permanent Easement for a lift station. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Littlewolf to authorize payment of the invoice due the Minnesota Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$237,120, for the steel that is required to install the Mesabi Trail and utilities on the new bridge over Rouchleau Pit, as part of the Highway 53 relocation project. Motion carried.

Councillor Baribeau gave an update on the Public Utilities Commission meeting held on August 24, 2015.

Councillor Baranzelli stated the Miners Memorial locker room renovation project has been completed. The heating system in the Miners Memorial north room has also been repaired.

Councillor McReynolds stated an area in City Center Park was formally dedicated as a farmers market area. The Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability will be working to obtain grant funds for the farmers market.

Mayor Cuffe reminded the public that the 500 block of 4th Street South has been changed from a two way street to a one way street.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LARRY CUFFE JR.
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI
City Clerk