

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, September 11, 2018

Regular meeting of the City Council of 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: Councillors Paulsen, Friedlieb, Johnson, Baribeau, Baranzelli, Mayor Cuffe, Jr.(7)

Absent: None

Mayor Cuffe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Cuffe read the Proclamation declaring September 5-15, 2018 Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week in the City of Virginia.

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held August 28, 2018
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 18-017 Schedule of Bills
3. Approve Pay Estimate #2 to Mesabi Bituminous for the 2018 Road Reconditioning Project in the amount of \$270,023.18
4. Approve the following Travel Requests:
 - a) Allen Lewis, Fire Department, to attend the Incident Command Capabilities Planning, Anniston AL, October 1 - 5, 2018 at no charge
 - b) Dustin Erickson, Jeff Cielocha, Erik Jonassen, Fire Department, to attend the Instructor 2 at Camp Ripley on October 26-28, 2018 at a total cost of \$180.00
 - c) Mayor, Council, City Staff to attend the LMC Regional Meeting in Mt Iron on October 10, 2018 at a cost of \$45.00 each
5. Approve Sunday Liquor License for the American Legion Post 0239 for the remainder of 2018 contingent upon receiving proper paperwork

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen and supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 18125 approving the transfer of property legally described as Lot 6 and the East 9 feet of Lot 7, Block 76, SECOND ADDITION TO VIRGINIA to Michael R. Vidmar. Resolution adopted unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Moved by Councillor Johnson and supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt Resolution 18126 setting the proposed 2018 tax levy collectible in 2019. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 18127 approving a special levy for the Virginia Economic Development Authority in the amount of \$65,404.00. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau and supported by Councillor Paulsen to adopt Resolution 18128 approving the purchase of the parcel of land PID 090-0180-01535 and PID 090-0180-01537 in Midway from John Malovrh for \$90,000.00.

Ayes: Baribeau, Friedlieb, Paulsen, Johnson, Baranzelli, Cuffe Jr.

Nays: Jorgensen

Motion carried.

Approve the following variances, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission at regular meeting held September 9, 2018:

Moved by Councillor Friedlieb and supported by Councillor Johnson to approve the variance requests by Lee Gorsha at 710 2nd Street South:

1. Approve a 4-foot variance to the required 5-foot side yard setback to construct a new 22x26 garage 1 foot from the East side yard property line with an amendment that the water coming off of the roof be controlled and not going onto the neighboring property.
2. Approve a 2-foot variance to the required 5-foot separation requirement from the residential structure on this property to construct a new 22x26 foot garage 3 feet from the existing residence on the west and south building lines.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole Meeting held September 4, 2018:

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve the request from the MN Department of Natural Resources requesting the Parks & Trails to submit a letter of concurrence for the Iron

Range OHVRA Expansion Development to cross City owned lands in Sec. 15 and Sec. 16, Township 58 North, Range 17 West. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to decline the purchase of state tax forfeited land Parcel 090-0110-01110 and Parcel 090-0190-00110. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to Cease any further work by SEH on the 8th Street South wetland delineation project by Grooming by Janes and Kunari's due to 99% of the area is wetlands. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to authorize staff contact the property owner at the corner of 8th Street South and South 16th Avenue to discuss potential development in that area. Motion Carried.

The request to block two intersections near 8th Street North on September 14, for Twistars 10th Anniversary was removed due to a change in event location.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to Adopt Resolution 18129 extending the Professional Services Agreement with Jerich and Associates in the amount of \$3,000.00 per month for a total of \$36,000.00 commencing October 1, 2018 to September 2019. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to adopt Resolution 18130 appointing James Podpeskar/Podpeskar Insurance Agency as the Agent of Record for the City of Virginia for a three year period from July1, 2018 through June 30, 2021. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt Resolution 18130 approving the bid from PVS Chemicals for ferric chloride for the Waste Water Treatment Plant for \$630.00 per dry ton. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt Resolution 18132 to approve Change Order #1 for the 2018 Road Reconditioning Project in the amount of \$8,614.65 for 12th Street South. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, supported by Councillor Paulsen to approve soliciting additional Request for Proposals for Project Development Services for the Downtown Development Business District. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, supported by Councillor Johnson to adopt Resolution 18133 to approve a five-year lease for eight (8) tough Book Computers for the Police Department Squad Cars from Keltek Incorporated with a total payment of \$79,123.50. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Friedlieb to approve a one-time payment of mileage to the coaches for the 2018 baseball season and for the City to create a policy regarding coach mileage and payment. Motion carried.

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Mayor Cuffe Jr. made special mention of the youth that participate in the Fire Explorers Program, several go off to carries in within the Fire/EM field and volunteer Fire Departments.

The Virginia Fire Department will host its Annual Open House during Fire Prevention week on Tuesday, October 9, 2018.

City Administrator See-Benes reported that Bridge Daze will be held on Friday September 14 and Saturday September 15, 2018 with a list of events scheduled for the celebration:

Friday, September 14

3:00-7:00 p.m. United Taconite Open House & Cake Social at the Virginia Senior Center.

Saturday, September 15

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Bridge String Art for Adults, and Kids Bridge Daze Activity at Smiths Infusion

NOON - Bridge View Park Grand Opening – this new park is the best and only place to view the bridge from the side! It’s located along the Mesabi Trail on the northwest side of the bridge .8 miles south of East Chestnut Street

2:30 p.m. - Volkswalk Art Walk – Register and Start at the east end of Chestnut Street to discover public art all around town and support a great cause: the Lyric Center for the Arts. Get a free “fandana” and drink ticket for the 218 Tap House with your registration!

3:30-7:30 p.m. Live Music Street Show (Live Music by Christopher David Hanson and Psycho Jane on the 3rd Avenue in front of the 218 Taphouse)

6:30 p.m. Headlamp Hustle Fun Run/Walk across the bridge, departing from the east end of Chestnut St. Your registration includes a stylish and useful headlamp, plus a drink ticket at the 218 Tap House

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m. to Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.in the Council Chambers.

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

Larry Cuffe, Jr. Mayor

Pamela LaBine, City Clerk