

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGININA, MINNESOTA, September 13, 2016

The 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.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councillors Littlewolf, Baribeau, McReynolds, Sipola, Jorgensen, Baranzelli, Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (7)

Absent: none

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. to consider a levy for the benefit of the Virginia Economic Development Authority.

The City Council is proposing a levy, in the amount equal to the lesser of a levy at a rate of 0.01813 percent of taxable market value in the City, or \$58,316 with respect to taxes payable in the calendar year 2017, as allowed in Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.107. The proposed 2017 budget for the Virginia Economic Development Authority was distributed to the City Council. If, after the public hearing, the City Council authorizes the proposed increase, a resolution authorizing the increase shall be published in the official newspaper of the City. If a petition requesting a referendum on the resolution, signed by voters equaling five percent of the votes cast in the last general election, is filed with the City Clerk within 30 days of publication of the resolution, the resolution would not be effective. It was noted that no written comments were received.

Moved by Councillor Littlewolf, supported by Councillor Baribeau to close the public hearing at 6:42 p.m. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor McReynolds, supported by Councillor Jorgensen and add the word preliminary in the proposed Resolution and adopt Resolution 16646 for the 2017 proposed VEDA levy. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the consent agenda as follows removing item 5.3:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held August 8, 2016.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 16-017 Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve training request for Pamela LaBine to attend the MCFOA training in Virginia on October 14, 2016, cost of \$25.00.
4. Approve training request for Tanner Banks, Henry Trunk, Gavin Nichols, and Jake Roskoski to attend the Standard Field Sobriety Testing in Aitkin, MN on September 26-27, 2016 cost of \$570.00.
5. Approve training request for Eric Thomsen to attend the DMT Intox training in Hermantown, MN on August 30-31 and September 1, 2016 cost of \$375.00.
6. Approve training request for Sue Lien and Nicole Mattson to attend the BCA Criminal Justice Conference in St Cloud, MN on September 26-28, 2016 total cost of \$639.00.
7. Approve training request for Steve Estey and Nick Grivna to attend the TZD Conference in Duluth, MN on November 15-17, 2016 at no cost.
8. Allow Mayor, Council or Administration to attend the LMC Regional meetings in Hibbing, MN on October 6, 2016.
9. Adopt Resolution 16647 to establish an absentee ballot board for the City of Virginia.
10. Approve Jeff Anderson to hold a teen dance on September 16, 2016 at the Miner's from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. contingent upon submitting proper paperwork.
11. Approve Exempt Permit for The Mesabi Humane Society to hold a raffle on November 5, 2016 at the Virginia Elks Club.
12. Approve exempt permit for the Virginia Community Foundation to hold a raffle on October 14, 2016 at the Coates Plaza Hotel.
13. Approve Exempt Permit for the Mesabi Chapter Ducks Unlimited to hold a raffle on October 27, 2016 at the Miner's Memorial Building.
14. Approve the training request for Joseph Broneak to attend the Response to Hostile Event in Cloquet on September 23-24, 2016 at no cost.

Motions and Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Sipola questioned the Joy Global Project and what the City's financial position is. Finance Director Sherry Erickson noted that \$600,000.00 was received to offset the land, but it is close to the \$1 million mark.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve Final Pay Estimate #5 for the

Joy Global Site Grading to Hoover Construction in the amount of \$56,447.03. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to adopt Resolution 16648 approving the transfer of City property to R&H Properties of Virginia, LLC. for \$5,000.00. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Attorney Butorac noted that the property will not be approved until the property is platted.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt ordinance regarding Public Protection Crimes and Offenses. Ordinance adopted unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Communications from Planning and Zoning Commission submitting recommendations from the meeting held on September 6, 2016:

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Jorgensen and for the City to write a letter to Holly and David Fort at 1205 11th Street South, as they are not in compliance and have a fence over the City Right of Way. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Baribeau recommend opting out of the Temporary Family Health Care Dwellings of 2016 and the requirements of MN Statutes, Section 462.3593. and schedule a public hearing. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor McReynolds, to approve Resolution 16649 approving the City as the Utility Owner for the Hwy 53 Project. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel Committee-of-the-Whole September 7, 2016:

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor McReynolds to authorize the City Administrator to gather information for the legal services for the City of Virginia and prepare a plan for the model and present to the Council for approval. Motion Carried.

There was some discussion on the process of getting the RFP and when it would be presented to the Council. The City is looking at options and would like a recommendation from the City Administrator.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor McReynolds to approve to post externally for the Deputy Chief Position for the City of Virginia. Motion Carried.

Finance Committee-of-the-Whole September 7, 2016:

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to approve the Third Amendment to the Affiliation and Lease Agreement with Essentia Health. Motion Carried.

Mr. Dan Milbridge thanked the Council for their support on the issue. Essentia will also be having a campus BBQ to introduce the Sam Stone, the new Campus Administrator. The BBQ will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, September 16, 2016.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt Resolution 16650 to approve the quote from SEH for survey work on the Olcott Fountain Project in the amount of \$1,400.00. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to table the discussion on the Tennis for All until the next Finance meeting. Motion Carried.

Mr. Pritten will be updating on the Finances of the Tennis for all for 2015 and 2016.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve sending Range Paint a letter asking if they would like to make a proposal on the property in question and to have them contact the City Administrator regarding the property. Motion Carried.

Councillor Baribeau updated the public on the background of the property and why a letter would be sent.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to deny the sale of the property located north of the Peace United Methodist Church along the west side of 9th Avenue to a private party. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to adopt Resolution 16651 to increase the Head Judge Election pay to \$12.50 per hour. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Sipola to move the November council meetings to Tuesday, November 15th and Tuesday, November 29th both beginning at 6:30 p.m. Motion Carried.

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Councillor Jorgensen attended the Joint Powers meeting regarding the Range Civic Center. The board agreed to have the seams maintained on the walls of the facility and there is money in the budget for the repair. They will be hosting a U.S. Mixed Qualifier and hosting the National Championship for the mixed event.

Councillor Littlewolf update on the Library's 2016 summer reading program. There was 1,022 youth in the reading program and 8,843 books were read. The Fall Brown Bag Lunch Series will begin on September 22, 2016. Peter Geye will be at the library to talk about his book. The library book sale in conjunction with a bake sale will be taking place September 28-30, 2016.

Councillor McReynolds updated on the Rutabaga Project and how it is working in conjunction with the community gardens.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. invited the community to the town hall meeting, Crime in the Community, to be held in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14, 2016. The meeting will be televised.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m. to Tuesday, September 27, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.