

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGININA, MINNESOTA, September 27, 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: Councillor Littlewolf, Sipola, Baribeau, McReynolds, Jorgensen, Baranzelli,
Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (7)

Absent: None

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held September 13, 2016.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 16-018 Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve exempt permit for Essentia Health Foundation to hold a raffle at Essentia-Health in Virginia on November 19, 2016.
4. Approve travel request for Allen Lewis to attend the MN Fire Chief Assoc. Conference in St Cloud, MN on October 26-29, 2016 at a cost of \$688.00.
5. Approve LMC Membership dues for 2017 in the amount of \$8,435.00
6. Approve travel request for Kris Johnson to attend the Northeast MN Prep Chapter in Duluth, MN on October 6, 2016 at a cost of \$64.80
7. Approve travel request for Kris Johnson and Debbie Judnick to attend the IT Training Seminars in Duluth, MN on September 27, 2016 at a cost of \$64.80.
8. Approve the one day liquor permit for Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability for the Natural Harvest Food Co-op at 505 N 3rd St. on October 8th, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Motion Carried and Resolutions adopted unanimously.

APPEARANCES:

Darin Alto and John Fedo discussed the Bridgeview Development Project and the wetland issues. The overall project cost is approximately \$1 million. It is lower than what was previously anticipated. They have meetings scheduled with three end users within the next month.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor Baribeau approving a replacement plan for the

Notice of Decision of the wetland delineation for the Bridgeview development in Midway. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by McReynolds to adopt Resolution 16652 to approve the quote from Northeast Technical Services in the amount of \$2,652.50 for the hazardous inspections for residential demolition of homes. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve easement with Kiewit to access the former DPU Spur for highway construction. Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen, supported by Councillor McReynolds to adopt Resolution 16653 to approve the contract with Greg Gaut to prepare a report to the MN Historical Society for the Olcott Park Electric Fountain-Rock Garden. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Littlewolf, supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve the communication from Pamela LaBine, City Clerk requesting approval of election judges for the General Election. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COW Building and Grounds Meeting, September 19, 2016:

Moved by Councillor Littlewolf, supported by Councillor McReynolds to allow Public Works to obtain an estimate for material and labor for the landscaping project in FY 2017 at the Library and revisit at the next Finance meeting October 5, 2016. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Littlewolf, supported by Councillor Sipola to allow the Small Parts Players to remodel the Lyric Center/Teen building to create a stage and exit corridor on ground floor of the building, contingent upon any liability issues being resolved by using volunteers to complete the work. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Littlewolf, supported by Councillor Sipola to approve the Property Maintenance and Preservation Code of the City of Virginia contingent upon any edits to be made and to place this item on the City Council Agenda for 09/27/16 for the first reading of the ordinance. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Littlewolf, supported by Councillor Sipola to approve the Administrative Fine Schedule as modified and to place this item on the City Council Agenda for final approval after the second reading of the Property Maintenance and Preservation Code Ordinance. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Littlewolf, supported by Councillor McReynolds to allow the City Administrator to prepare a list of items for a surplus sale and authorize use of an online bidding company for the sale of the items. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Littlewolf, supported by Councillor McReynolds to direct City Staff to prepare a list of potential items that may qualify for MN State Historical Society grant funding for City Hall. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Littlewolf, supported by Councillor McReynolds to direct the City Administrator, Public Works Director and City Clerk to review potential changes to the rental policies for the City of Virginia buildings and parks and return to the City Council any proposed changes. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Littlewolf, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to direct the City Administrator to establish a security policy for all city buildings and to bring this policy to the City Council for final approval. Motion Carried.

Finance Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting, September 21, 2016:

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to allow City staff to work with School District #2154 regarding the use of the Tennis For All Facility and to include discussion regarding payment for 2015-2016. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by McReynolds to approve an additional \$10,000.00 for 2017 budget for the Eveleth/Virginia Airport for a total budget of \$22,000.00. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to adopt Resolution 16654 authorizing the purchase the Maclean MV sidewalk plow at a cost of \$146,648.00 from ABM Equipment & Supply. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt Resolution 16655 to approve the purchase of the Tuflex Rubber Tiles for the Miner's arena from Floor to Ceiling at a total cost of \$22,240.00. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by McReynolds to adopt Resolution 16656 for the lease agreement for a RICOH MPC2004 copier from Metro Sales, Inc. under the State of Minnesota bid with a term

of 60 months at \$87.33 per month. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by McReynolds to approve the Business Subsidy Policy with corrections and to place on the next City Council agenda. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve St. Louis County and the Friends of the Greenhouse to apply for a Northeast Regional Sustainable Development Partnership grant for \$50,000.00 for repairs in the south greenhouse. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Sipola to table the discussion on the request for purchase of the City Owned property on 4th Street north area for further information. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to deny the replacement of the Box Culvert under the bridges as part of the Highway 53 project. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Jorgensen to adopt Resolution 16657 for the quote from Electric Pump for the purchase of the Flygt Mixer for the secondary digester in the amount of \$15,646.00. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to adopt Resolution 16658 for the quote from Takala Farms, Inc. quote for \$28,400.00 for the disposal of the bio-solids. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Sipola to approve the calibration of the channel flowmeter by Process Measurement Co. in the amount of \$700.00. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve the machining of four sleeves for the influent pumps at \$192.00 each. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to approve a stipend \$5,000.00 in the 2017 budget for the City of Virginia Symphony Orchestra. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the 2:00 a.m. license renewal for Flaimer's Inc. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Sipola to approve a teen dance at the Miners from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on September 23, 2016. Motion Carried.

Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting, Monday, September 26, 2016

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to adopt Resolution 16659

approving the preliminary levy for the 2017 budget. Motion Carried.

Aye: Councillors Baribeau, McReynolds, Littlewolf, Jorgensen, Sipola, Baranzelli (6)

Nay: Mayor Cuffe, Jr. (1)

Resolution adopted unanimously.

COMMISSION LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Councillor Sipola discussed the new residents in Virginia and they have adopted sections on Silver Lake and Baileys Lake.

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported Councillor Jorgensen to make the appropriate signage for Silver Lake and Baileys Lake stating the name of the family who adopted the area. Motion Carried.

Councillor Baribeau updated the Council on the Northern St. Louis County Regional Trails Task Force meeting. He has been attending the meetings. Councillor Jorgensen will also be attending with Councillor Baribeau.

City Administrator Britt See-Benes has met with Rockstead Development and a development agreement and will be discussed at the Finance Committee meeting.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to set the Truth in Taxation meeting at 6:01 p.m., Tuesday, December 13, 2016. Motion Carried.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr., thanked Mrs. Betty Frazee for the monetary donation she gave the City. The Chamber Business after hours will be held at the Burnt Onion on Wednesday, September 28, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. to Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.in the Council Chambers.

Larry Cuffe, Jr., Mayor

Pamela LaBine, City Clerk