

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

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 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 23, 2011.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 11-016 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Approval renewal of 2 AM Liquor License for QCSP, Inc., d/b/a Queen City Sports Palace.
4. Approve the Sportspage Bar to serve liquor at Olcott Park for a Virginia Foundation fundraiser on October 7, 2011, from 4 PM to 8 PM, as allowed per Minnesota Statutes 340A.404.

Motions carried and Resolution adopted unanimously, with Mayor Peterson abstaining from Item 4.

Moved by Sipola and supported to adopt an Ordinance Amending Chapter 8, Section 8.07, Subd. 4 and 5 of the City Code of the City of Virginia entitled “Rules and Regulations for the Operation of Boats and Watercraft on Silver Lake and Virginia (Bailey’s) Lake”. Ordinance adopted unanimously.

Councillor Sipola stated the Lakes Beautification Committee will take care of the signage for the boat landing area next summer.

Moved by Russo and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11146, approving the Ambulance Intercept Agreement with the City of Hoyt Lakes. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11147, approving the hiring of Cory Rondeau for the Patrol Officer position, effective on or after September 13, 2011, and contingent upon passing the pre-employment physical, occupational therapy assessment, and psychological assessment. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Mayor Peterson reviewed the request from Carly Gobats, The 218 Bar, to rent the City property located at 220 Chestnut Street for a fundraiser for the Children's Memorial Park on September 24, 2011, and requested the Council to consider waiving the \$75 rental fee.

Moved by Sipola and supported to approve the request from The 218 to hold a rib cook-off fundraiser for the Children's Memorial Park on September 24, 2011, at the City property located at 220 Chestnut Street and to waive the \$75 rental fee. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to set the Truth in Taxation Hearing at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 29, 2011. Motion carried.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Street/Alley Committee meeting held on August 30, 2011.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to table the temporary repair of the bridge on Sixth Avenue North and request the engineers to continue to research a plan to permanently repair the bridge and determine if there are grants available through the Minnesota DNR. Motion carried.

Councillor Sipola stated the Department of Public Utilities has informed the Laurentian Energy Authority truck drivers to slow down when the trucks cross the Sixth Avenue bridge.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to place the installation of a storm sewer on 20th Street South, between 12th Avenue and Southern Drive, on the 2012 project list and request the Engineering Department to obtain a cost estimate and determine if funding is available. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to authorize the Engineering Department to obtain quotes to crush materials from the City recycling area for street projects. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to authorize Benchmark Engineering to prepare preliminary plans to install a right turn lane on 12th Avenue South for southbound traffic turning right onto 17th Street South. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on September 6, 2011.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to revise the proposed language change to Section 5.02 – Applications and Licenses under this Chapter Procedure and Administration, Subd. 4B, to allow the license to remain with the liquor establishment through the end of the license period, or for a period of no less than six months from the date of closing. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Littlewolf to change Sec. 5.75 – Consumption and Display, Subd. 3B, as follows: “It is unlawful to sell liquor on unlicensed premises.” Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to change the language in Sec. 5.75, Consumption and Display, Subd. C, as follows: “In order to coordinate the expiration of a consumption and display license with a State permit, all licenses shall expire at the same time as the State licensing period.” Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to approve the first reading of an Ordinance Amending to Amend Chapter 5 of the City Code of the City of Virginia Entitled “Alcoholic Beverages Licensing and Regulations. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11148, accepting the proposal from Ulland Brothers, Inc., in the amount of \$482,400.00, for the Pearsall Industrial Addition Utility, Infrastructure and Site Improvements. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported to approve the travel request for Joshua Mettler, Police Department, to attend the Patrol Rifle Instruction Course, from September 18-23, 2011, in Walker, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported to adopt Resolution No. 11149, setting the proposed 2011 tax levy, collectible in 2012. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to table the reimbursement resolution for the soils correction for the P & H Minepro site until Paul Steinman of Springsted reviews the options at a Finance Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Councillor Russo reported on the Personnel Committee meeting held on September 13, 2011.

Moved by Russo and supported to approve the transfer of the AFSCME employee in the City Hall receptionist position to the Library Clerk position, effective September 19, 2011, with a 30 day probationary period. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to approve the transfer of the employee from the LELS Union to the Engineering Secretary AFSCME position, effective September 19, 2011, with a 30 day probationary period. Motion carried.

Councillor Russo stated the City Council will consider filling the vacant police officer position, once the thirty day probationary period is over.

City Operations Director Tourville stated a final interest rate of 1.458% was set for the loan through the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mayor Peterson reported on the following events that he recently attended:

- Participated in Governor Dayton's regional economic development summit that was held at the Mesabi Range Community and Technical College.
- Attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Virginia Teen Center to celebrate the recent renovations and encouraged the public to visit the Teen Center.
- Attended a dinner at the Virginia Regional Medical Center' Inpatient Rehab Care Unit to honor the achievements made by people that utilized their program.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 P.M., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, September 27, 2011.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

STEVE PETERSON
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI
City Clerk