

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, September 22, 2015

Regular meeting of the City Council of the city of Virginia, Minnesota was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Cuffe, Jr. in the council chambers, city hall.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: none

Mayor Cuffe, Jr, led the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC HEARING:

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, and supported by Councillor Baranzelli to open the public hearing to consider a levy for the benefit of the Virginia Economic Development Authority. Motion carried.

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 \$64,595 with respect to taxes payable in the calendar year 2016, as allowed in Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.107. The proposed 2016 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 Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to adopt Resolution No. 15168, approving a special levy for the Virginia Economic Development Authority for the taxes payable in 2016.

Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the consent agenda as read:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held on September 8, 2015.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 15-017 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Adopt Resolution 15169 for a Premise Permit Application for Chicagami at Tommy's Rainy Lake Saloon.
4. Approve the transfer of property to Waschke Properties LLC, Part of Blocks 1, 2, 5, and 6 and the vacated Eighth Street North (Orange Street) and vacated Fifth Avenue West (Central Avenue) right of ways in GREAT NORTHERN ADDITION TO VIRGINIA, according to the recorded plat thereof on file in the City of Virginia, St. Louis County, Minnesota. Resolution to be considered at the October 13, 2015 meeting
5. Approve Application for Exempt Permit for Holy Spirit Church to hold a bingo on November 8, 2015.

Motions carried and Resolutions adopted unanimously

Councillor Baribeau expedited items from the Finance Meeting of the Whole on September 22, 2015:

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve of the kidney shaped north bound exit onto 9th Avenue from the VCCU. Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to allow VCCU to Purchase the property to the north they will have to get a legal and negotiate price for property approximately 3000 sq. ft. Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to approve the resolution 15174 with MNDOT and authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to sign the traffic control signal agreement in the amount \$71,835.98. Resolution adopted unanimously

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt Resolution 15175 approving the Highway 53 partnership agreement and pay schedule and allow the Mayor and City Administrator to sign after the September 22, 2015 council meeting. Resolution adopted unanimously

Littlewolf noted they can request for bids as soon as signed; Cuffe time frame is compressed and the city and MNDOT and working diligently along with Bill Hennis. \$12.4 Million left and if there are funding gaps we will make the adjustments but we need to move forward to keep the schedule current.

Moved by Councillor Littlewolf, Supported by Councillor to approve the following variance for

Dorothy Manni, 12 Driftwood Drive, Virginia MN

1. Approve a 4' foot variance from the 20' foot required front yard setback to build a 24X24 accessory structure 16' feet from the property line.
2. Approve a 3' foot variance from the 5' foot required side yard setback to build accessory structure 2' feet from the property line.
3. Approve variance to place a 24X24 accessory structure in the front yard.

Motion Carried

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Finance Committee of-the Whole meeting held on September 15, 2015:

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to adopt the resolution 15178, for the 2016 contract and to increase the budget for 2016, total budget \$32,754.00 for the Humane Society.

Resolution adopted unanimously

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to approve the pay Estimate No. 2 Ulland Brothers, for the 2nd Street South Project, in the amount of \$180,565. Motion Carried

Baribeau noted funding coming from state aid and CDBG grant

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt resolution 15171 approving the bid with NE Technical for removal of asbestos at the properties 211 4th St S; 206 11th St. S; 205 3rd St. N; 1019 7th Ave N; 111 12th St. S; 408 1st St. S. Resolution adopted unanimously

Motion by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to approve the policy for Miners Memorial Building as presented. Motion Carried

Sipola would like further discussion on the policy, who would it affect, Virginia residents only or all people wanting to rent the facility, motion to table

Moved by Councillor Sipola, supported by Councillor McReynolds to table the policy for further clarification. Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to approve the Leadership training @ Camp Ripley for Dustin Erickson-reimbursed by state for tuition. Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve training for truck Operations in Illinois for Jeff Cielocha-no travel cost course fee \$825 will be reimbursed by International Fire.

Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to adopt resolution 15172 approving the 3 year contract with FIRE-CATT for hose and ladder testing in the amount of \$3480.00.

Resolution adopted unanimously

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the travel request for Jonathan Benz to attend the MN DARE Board meeting in Brooklyn Park October 15, 2015 no fees.

Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt resolution 15173 approving the professional service agreement with SEH. Resolution adopted unanimously

Mayor Cuffe Jr. noted that it is an ongoing commitment for JOYGLOBAL for a laydown area for their expansion of operations

Councillor Baribeau noted there will be a Finance meeting on October 6th at 9:00 a.m.

Councillor Baranzelli reported the Street/Alley/Public Safety information from the meeting held on September 15, 2015

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to temporarily place a handicapped parking sign and paint the curb blue in front of 108 5th Avenue South and to place the curb cut request for a van accessible ramp handicapped parking space into the 2016 budget. Motion Carried

Sipola would like the handicapped ramp to be paid for by the individuals, the city can paint the curb; Littlewolf said there is more than one person using the ramp. Will be at the end of the block not in front of an individual person's residence.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Baribeau to deny the request for a street light at 720 16th Street North 2016 budget. Motion Carried

McReynolds suggested an assessment of public lighting in the city and discuss long range planning

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Baribeau to authorize the use of Railroad Avenue from 1st Street South to 3rd Street North pending the authorization from Bob Norri for the temporary easement for two years for snowmobile trail use. Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Baribeau to deny the request for a stop sign at 20th Street South until a representative comes to the meeting to explain further. Motion Carried

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. noted there are many children in the area, requested speed bump and that was denied and now they would like a stop sign, Baribeau noted the PD has monitored the speed and only one vehicle was in excessive speed, possibly put up children at play signs

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Sipola to deny the request to change the parking requirements on the 300 block of 3rd Street South. Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to change wording in the ordinance for calendar parking as requested by Chief Benz. The wording change that it ends the last day of the month not the first day of the next month. Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to deny the request to resurface the alley North of 9th Street North and 6th Avenue but will look into adding it to the 2016 budget. Motion Carried

Sipola noticed only two names on the petition are adjacent to the property. Baribeau noted that the people that sign the petition need to own adjacent property. Will review for next year's budget, and develop the comp plan for the future needs.

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Baribeau to place children at play signs on the east and west end of the North alley on the 500 block of 12th Street North. Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to refer to Building and Grounds Committee to discuss the property at 232 5th Street South. Motion Carried

Baribeau noted that they did inspection and it's been pulled off the County list and goes up for auction for 30 days and if no bid will be back on tear down list. Auction 11:00 a.m. at Miners Memorial Building October 8th listed at \$24,200. Littlewolf noted right now city's hands are tied and wait and see what happens, will follow up

Moved by Councillor Baranzelli, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to block off the 200 block of 5th Avenue South from 5pm-10pm for the Youth for Christ event on Monday, 9/21/15. Motion Carried

Cuffe discussed the speed signs requested by the Police Department and the quote for those, money will be paid from the forfeiture funds. Funds can only be used for police department purchases

Finance Committee of the Whole Continued meeting held on September 22, 2015

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Jorgensen to allow the engineering department to contact someone to scrap the equipment at the Mine View in the Sky. Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor Littlewolf to allow Nancy Maxwell to hire two students from the college for the work study program at \$2.25/hour. Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to adopt resolution 15176 approving the quote for Driver Feedback signs in the amount of \$10,200 from WSB & Assoc. Resolution adopted unanimously

Moved by Councillor Baribeau supported by Councillor McReynolds to approve resolution 15177 for the proposed 2016 levy for the general fund at 9%. Resolution adopted unanimously

Jorgensen noted that there was a lot of discussion on the budget and there is a lot of uncertainty. We can't raise it any higher than the proposed levy. Cuffe, also noted, if we raised it 9% brings it close to 100% of taxable value. Total of \$309,000 revenue generated by the increase. The budget will need to be reviewed between now and the Truth in Taxation Meeting

Moved by Councillor Baribeau, supported by Councillor McReynolds to Set Truth in Taxation meeting for Tuesday, December, 15th, 2015 at 6:01 p.m. Motion Carried

Councillor Littlewolf reported on the following items:
Littlewolf attended the library commission meeting: Interviews were held for the children's librarian position. Held a summer reading program 1,160 participants. The book fair and bake sale will be held this week.

Mayor Cuffe, Jr. updated on the following items:
The youth for Christ event had National Guard bouncing house and other things to do, also discussed safety issues. They sent a thank you for the support and the accommodations for the event on short notice.

Received a thank you from Lois Roskoski- read by Mayor Cuffe and thanked her for her services to the city.

Letter from Chief Benz-regarding officers being attacked and a citizen came out and helped, Mayor Cuffe, Jr. read the letter, and Lester Peterson was thanked by Mayor, council and Chief Benz.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. with the next regular council meeting to be held Tuesday, October 13, 2015, at 6:30 P.M.,

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LARRY CUFFE, JR
Mayor

PAMELA LaBINE
City Clerk