

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

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, McReynolds, Baribeau, Jorgensen, Sipola, Baranzelli, Mayor Cuffe
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Absent: Councillor McReynolds - 1

Mayor Cuffe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baranzelli to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes:
 - a. Special Meeting held on August 19, 2015, and the Regular Meeting held August 25, 2015.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 15-016 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Adopt resolution 15160 for Flood Damage Reduction Grant Assistance Program.
4. Adopt resolution 15161 for Development Infrastructure Grant Program with IRRRB – Auto Dealership project.
5. Adopt Resolution 15162 for Development Infrastructure Grant Program with IRRRB – Joy Global Yard.

Motions carried and Resolutions adopted unanimously.

Appearances: Parkview Elementary teachers, Julie Sandstede, Bobbie Spry, Stacie Baribeau, and Alli Williams addressed the Council about safety concerns with the parking situation at the Parkview

Elementary school due to construction and they requested that the Olcott Park be made available for teacher/parent parking during school hours. Currently the Park gates have been closed to public access.

Discussion followed. Both Councillors Baribeau and Littlewolf felt the Park gates should remain open to the public per Council directive, and no formal request from Superintendent Stender was made to the Council to close the gates. Mayor Cuffe entertained a motion to keep the gates open, allow teacher/parent parking on a temporary basis, with further discussion between the Parkview Elementary Superintendent Stender and City staff.

Moved by Councillor Sipola and supported by Councillor Baribeau to keep the Olcott Park gates open to the public. The Park should not be a parking lot for the teachers, but the park gates should remain open 24/7 to the public to follow the Council directive given to Park Director John Bachman. Continue to work with the Parkview School, Virginia Police Department, City staff to address the parking issue by teachers and parents. Invite the Parkview School Superintendent, staff to the next Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2015. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Jorgensen and supported by Councillor Baribeau to adopt resolution 15-163, approving lateral transfer hiring of Patrol Officer Jessie Holecek. Motion carried.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on September 1, 2015.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau and supported by Councillor Littlewolf to approve 2016 budget appropriation of \$5,000 to the Mesabi Symphony Orchestra. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau and supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve 2016 budget appropriation of \$12,000 to the Virginia/Eveleth Airport Authority. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau and supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve travel request for Library Director, Nancy Maxwell to attend the Minnesota Annual Library Conference to be held October 7-9, 2015, in St. Paul, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau and supported by Councillor Littlewolf to approve travel request for Library Director, Nancy Maxwell to attend the Readers and Writers Seminar to held November 5-8, 2015, in Grand Marais, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau and supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve increasing the Police Department by two additional officers in 2016. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau and supported by Councillor Baranzelli to approve the travel request for Lieutenant Steve Estey and Detective Jared Kral to attend the CLEO and Command Academy to be held October 5-9, 201, at Camp Ripley, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau and supported by Councillor Jorgensen to approve travel request for Lieutenant Steve Estey and Sargent Jon Benz to attend the TZD Conference on October 28-30, 2015, in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau and supported by Councillor Sipola to adopt resolution 15164, accepting the proposal from Five Bugles Design, in the amount of \$16,500, plus travel expenses to provide predesign services for a future Headquarters Fire Station/Training Center for the Virginia Fire and Ambulance Department, and incorporate the surrounding communities in the process. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau and supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt resolution 15-165 approving fees for extrication and rescue services performed by the Virginia Fire Department. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau and supported by Councillor Jorgensen to adopt resolution 15166 accepting the quote from Jim Perrault Construction in the amount of \$13,208, for asphalt roofing for the Virginia Historical Society Museum, located in the Olcott Park. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau and supported by Councillor Baranzelli to authorize the Fire Department to provide a ride to school in a fire engine truck for the winners of the Virginia Public Library reading program. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau and supported by Councillor Sipola to send a letter in support of the Virginia Historical Society's IRRRB grant request to repair the stained glass window on the museum building. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau and supported by Councillor Baranzelli to adopt resolution 15167 approving the agreement between the Independent School District #2154, Eveleth/Gilbert, for use of the Tennis for All facility for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Baribeau and supported by Councillor Jorgensen to table the request from Range Respite to waive rental fees for use of the Miners Memorial Building for an event scheduled October 2, 2015. Motion carried.

City Administrator, John Tourville presented the lease agreement between K. Waschke Properties and the City of Virginia; along with the amendment to the development agreement. The project will create up to thirty-five new jobs with a \$1.5 million dollar tax value business within the City. Councilor Littlewolf read the second paragraph of the recitals of the amendment to the development agreement. The City has put forth a lot of effort to get this business going.

Moved by Councillor Sipola and supported by Councillor Jorgensen to authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to sign the documents for the City. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sipola and supported by Councillor Baribeau to approve posting for a Part-time Parking Meter Monitor externally. Motion carried.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Highway 53 Coffee n' Conversation meeting held September 3, 2015,

- Hoover Construction is onsite doing rock work, which is close to being done.
- MN DOT is still looking for housing for the workers/families that will be area.
- October 1, 2015 is the next DOT Coffee n' Conversation meeting.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the proposed 2016 Budget, there is a \$107,000 shortfall in the General Fund. Further review of the 2016 Budget at the Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, will include Enterprise funds.

Mayor Cuffe reported on the following items:

- Thank you from the J Mott family for waiving the fee for the use of the Miners in their fund raising event to cover medical expenses.
- Update on the pigeon problem in the City. So far over three hundred pigeons have been live trapped and relocated in a humane manner.

Both title and property owners of the blighted property at 1307 Tenth Street South, have signed off on the house agreeing to demolishing the blighted property.

Moved by Councillor Littlewolf and supported by Councillor Sipola to move forward with the demolition of the blighted property at 1307 Tenth Street South. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, September 22, 2015.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LARRY CUFFE JR.
Mayor

SHERRY ERICKSON
City Finance/HR Director