

## **COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, JANUARY 2, 2002**

Reorganization meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia, Minnesota, was called to order by Mayor Luoma Gentilini at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

City Clerk/Finance Director Lackner swore in newly elected Councillors Lindberg, Politano and Peterson for four-year terms.

Moved by Russo and supported to nominate Charlie Baribeau for the position of Vice Mayor. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to hold the regular City Council meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 P.M. Motion carried.

Moved by Lucarelli and supported to continue to follow the “Roberts Rules of Order” for City Council meetings. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to set a time limit of five minutes for the public forum portion on the agenda and ten minutes for appearances. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to follow the same order of business as in the past, as outlined in Resolution No. 98262, adopted on October 27, 1998, with the exception of the time limits for the public forum and appearance portions. Motion carried.

Mayor Luoma Gentilini announced the following appointments for the years 2002 and

2003:

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance:	Chairperson Politano, Russo, Gentilini
Street/Alley:	Chairperson Baribeau, Lindberg, Peterson
Building/Grounds:	Chairperson Lucarelli, Peterson, Lindberg
Insurance:	Chairperson Lucarelli, Russo, Baribeau
Personnel:	Chairperson Russo, Lucarelli, Politano
Liquor/Gambling:	Chairperson Peterson, Baribeau, Politano
Public Safety:	Chairperson Lindberg, Gentilini, Lucarelli
Fire Labor/Management:	Politano, Gentilini
City Labor/Management:	Gentilini
Partners Board:	Gentilini
Range Association of Municipalities & Schools:	Lucarelli
Range Recreation and Civic Center:	Peterson
Arrowhead Regional Development Commission:	Gentilini
Quad City Economic Development Authority:	Lucarelli
Housing & Redevelopment Authority:	Russo

LIAISONS TO COMMISSIONS:

Public Utilities:	Peterson, Russo, Baribeau
Hospital:	Lucarelli, Lindberg, Politano
Park/Recreation:	Peterson, Gentilini, Lindberg
Planning/Zoning:	Baribeau, Politano, Russo
VEDA Board:	Peterson, Baribeau
Eveleth/Virginia Airport Authority:	Russo
Library:	Lucarelli
School Board:	Lindberg
Chemical Abuse Advisory Board:	Baribeau

Mayor Luoma Gentilini stated economic development must be the top priority for the City of Virginia at this time and encouraged all City Councillors to get involved in these areas.

Mayor Luoma Gentilini stated the Laurentian Vision will be holding a meeting from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. on Tuesday, January 15, 2002, at the Park Inn.

Mayor Luoma Gentilini stated staff meetings are held at 9:00 A.M. on the same day as City Council meetings to receive input from department heads regarding items on the City Council agenda.

Mayor Luoma Gentilini stated an informational orientation meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 8, 2002, for the benefit of the new City Council. All City Councillors are invited to attend, but attendance is voluntary.

Mayor Luoma Gentilini stated that Tom Micheletti and Julie Jorgensen will be making a presentation on the proposed power plant to be located at the former LTV mine site on Wednesday, January 9, 2002, at 7:00 P.M. in the Virginia City Hall.

Mayor Luoma Gentilini stated a letter was received from Mediacom regarding new rates effective February 1, 2002. The communication will be placed on the agenda for the January 8, 2002, City Council meeting.

Mayor Luoma Gentilini asked for five volunteers to serve a two-year term on the Board of Review. Councillors Russo, Lindberg, Politano, Peterson and Mayor Luoma Gentilini will serve on the Board of Review for the years 2002 and 2003, with Councillor Lucarelli to be an alternate.

Moved by Lucarelli and supported to allow the City Councillors to attend the League of Minnesota Cities 2002 Conference for Newly Elected Officials or Leadership Conference for Experienced Officials to be held in Grand Rapids on January 25-26, 2002, or St. Louis Park on February 15-16, 2002. Motion carried.

Moved by Lucarelli and supported to adopt Resolution No. 020025, designating Mesabi Daily News as the Official Newspaper for the City of Virginia for the year 2002. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adjourn to 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, January 8, 2002, in the Council Chambers, City Hall. Motion carried.

CAROLYN LUOMA GENTILINI

Mayor

(CORPORATE SEAL)

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Deputy City Clerk