

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, NOVEMBER 12, 2002

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia, Minnesota, was called to order by Mayor Luoma Gentilini at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Roll Call:

Present: Councillors Lucarelli, Russo, Baribeau, Lindberg, Politano, Peterson, Mayor
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Absent: None

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held October 29, 2002.
 2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 02021.
 3. Approve transfer of On-Sale Liquor License from Park Inn International-Virginia to MinWis Acquisition Company, LLC.
 4. Approve Application for Exempt Permit for Virginia Area Chamber of Commerce to hold a raffle on February 20, 2003.
 5. Adopt Resolution No. 02192, authorizing execution of agreement with St. Louis County for collection of residential and commercial recyclable materials for period ending December 31, 2003.
 6. Approve travel requests:
 - A. Glen Burchell, Jeff Lind, Jerry Geller, Roger Scott and Darrell Knapper, Fire Department, National Fire Incident Reporting System and Fire House Software, December 7, 2002, Virginia, MN.
 - B. Bill Kishel, Park/Recreation Department, Golf Course Fertilization Chemicals, November 19, 2002, Tower, MN.
 7. Approve Taxi License for Ralph Ainsworth, C & M Taxi, contingent upon receipt of Certificate of Insurance.
 8. Adopt Resolution No. 02193, authorizing Mayor and City Clerk/Finance Director to execute agreements to purchase tax forfeited land from St. Louis County in the 200 block of Chestnut Street.
 9. Adopt Resolution No. 02194, approving a levy for the Housing and Redevelopment Authority.
- Motions carried and resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Lucarelli and supported to adopt Resolution No. 02195, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk/Finance Director to execute agreements to sell Lot 3, Block 4, Ridgewood First

Addition, to Linda Myklebust, in the amount of \$1,200.00, plus recording fees of \$23.46. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Lucarelli and supported to adopt Resolution No. 02196, accepting bid from Utility Systems of America, in the amount of \$145,915.50, for the utility extension and new street construction, C.P. 11-01. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Mayor Luoma Gentilini invited the City Council and citizens to attend the two town meetings, which will be held at the Miners Memorial Building, as follows:

- 1) 6:30 P.M., Wednesday, November 13, 2002, to continue discussions on forming a neighborhood watch program.
- 2) 6:30 P.M., Wednesday, November 20, 2002, to discuss and share ideas and concerns about the development of the shore of Silver Lake and Bailey's Lake, as well as the former gassification site.

Mayor Luoma Gentilini suggested that the City of Virginia create a memorial for Paul and Sheila Wellstone along one of the lakeshores. She also suggested that a brick in Rotary Park be dedicated in memory of Paul and Sheila Wellstone.

Moved by Politano and supported to adopt Resolution No. 02197, allowing the Mayor and City Clerk/Finance Director to enter into an agreement with Pierce Manufacturing, Inc., for one new 2002 Pierce Model Dash 2000 Quint (Ladder, Pumper, Aerial, Water Reservoir Tank) with PAR Foam System, in the amount of \$560,847.00. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Russo reported on the Personnel Committee meeting held on October 24, 2002.

Moved by Russo and supported to turn the Miners back hockey building over to the Youth Hockey Association, with the stipulation that the Youth Hockey Association provide supervision for the open hockey, and, if they do not, the building will not be open for open hockey. Motion carried.

The Police Department is down four police officers, due to retirements and workers compensation injuries.

Moved by Russo and supported to move forward with the replacement of two police officers. Motion carried.

City Department Director Leoni stated the State of Minnesota wants to become more involved in building codes in the year 2003 and will take over plan reviews and inspections for public entities, which includes hospitals, schools and hotel/motels. The Engineering Department will continue to do all other plans reviews and also be involved in the State inspections. Councillor Baribeau questioned the time frame involved for the State to review these plans. City Attorney Butorac stated sixty-five percent of every building permit goes to the State of Minnesota. The City has previously sometimes waived the City portion of the building permit fee as an incentive for economic development. City Department Director Leoni will have more information by December and will bring this item back to the City Council.

Councillor Politano reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on October 29, 2002.

Councillor Politano stated City Clerk/Finance Director Lackner has sent a letter to Kennedy & Graven in opposition to Mediacom's petition to the FCC to prevent cities from regulating cable rates. Mr. Lackner will also contact an attorney, who specializes in franchise agreements, to obtain information on how to require Mediacom to provide audit information on franchise fees.

Moved by Lucarelli and supported to send a letter to the other quad cities asking if they would like to participate with the City of Virginia in the formation of a cable company. Motion carried.

The Quad Cities Economic Development Authority will discuss the possibility of making the Eveleth-Virginia Airport a quad cities airport.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, November 26, 2002, to prioritize the City's expenses for 2003.

Councillor Lucarelli reported on the Insurance Committee meeting held on November 4, 2002.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to recommend reducing the annual Insurance Trust Fund reimbursement to employees to \$500.00 per family plan and \$250.00 per single plan, and forward this recommendation to the Insurance Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Lucarelli and supported to accept the renewal contract with MII Life, Inc., for City life insurance, with no changes in the rates for the year 2003. Motion carried.

Moved by Lucarelli and supported to raise the self-insured dental rates for the year 2003 to \$80.00/month for a family plan and \$30.00/month for a single plan. Motion carried.

Councillor Lucarelli reported on the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting held on November 12, 2002.

Moved by Lucarelli and supported to reject the two bids received for the purchase of the former Arrowhead Library building, return the certified checks to the bidders and table the issue until the Buildings and Grounds Committee further discusses the possible use of the building by the City. Motion carried.

City Department Director Leoni will send a letter to the Iron Range Veterans Memorial Committee requesting them to follow through and review the soil borings for City Center Park, in order for the City Council to make a decision on the location of the memorial.

Moved by Lucarelli and supported to call for bids for the demolition of the three City-owned houses in the 300 block of 1st Street South. Motion carried.

Moved by Lucarelli and supported that the revised contract with Derek Aho for golf pro services and be referred to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to send a letter to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority commending them on their excellent audit review. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to authorize the Fire Department to issue a burning permit for the City compost pile. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adjourn to 6:30 P.M., Tuesday, November 26, 2002, in the Council Chambers, City Hall. Motion carried.

CAROLYN LUOMA GENTILINI

Mayor

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LOIS ROSKOSKI

Deputy City Clerk