

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, APRIL 9, 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
Luoma Gentilini – 7

Absent: None

Steve Falkowski appeared regarding use of lead pellets by the Gun Club on Silver Lake and expressed concern that waterfowl will ingest the pellets and be poisoned. Mayor Luoma Gentilini stated she will invite him to the final meeting with Dr. Tom Johnson to discuss the results of the lake analysis, which will be held in May, 2002.

Councillor Peterson removed Item 3B, 1 and 2, from the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Lucarelli and supported to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Item 3B, 1 and 2, as follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held March 26, 2002.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 02007.
3. Approve travel requests:
 - A. Debbie Judnick, Continuing Education/Certification Competencies, April 29, 2002, Grand Rapids, MN.
 - B. Connie Larson, Human Resources/Safety Coordinator:
 1. Workers Compensation Seminar, April 26, 2002, Duluth, MN.
 2. Annual Safety and Health Conference, May 1 – 3, 2002, Minneapolis MN.
 3. PERA Seminar, May 28, 2002, Duluth, MN.
 - C. Rod Seppala, Public Works; Robin Olivanti, Police Department; Dave Jankila, Park and Recreation Department; Lyle Vandervort, Fire Department, Safety and Loss Control Workshop, April 30, 2002, Chisholm, MN.

- D. John Bachman, Park/Recreation Director, Grant acceptance, April 22, 2002, Duluth, MN.
4. Adopt Resolution No. 02084, approving Amendment No. 3 to Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant Agreement to construct flood damage reduction measures.
 5. Adopt Resolution No. 02085, approving Premise Permit Application for Chicagami at Wink's Place, 215 Chestnut Street.
 6. Adopt Resolution No. 02086, approving Premise Permit Application for Elks Lodge 1003, 220 5th Avenue North.
- Motions carried and Resolutions adopted unanimously.

Regarding Item 3B, 1 and 2, discussion was held on the registration fee for both seminars and the need to set up a budget for the Human Resource/Safety Coordinator.

Moved by Lucarelli and supported to authorize Connie Larson, Human Resource/Safety Coordinator, to attend the Workers Compensation Seminar on April 26, 2002, in Duluth, Minnesota, and the Annual Safety and Health Conference, May 1-3, 2002, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Moved by Lucarelli and supported to approve the Urban Edge to hold a "Fun Run – Blue Pride Blast" on the proposed route on City streets on April 27, 2002. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson and supported to adopt Resolution No. 02086, authorizing the sale of the Easterly 3.44 feet of Lot 12, all of Lots 13 and 14, and the Westerly 41.56 feet of Lot 15, Block 6, Nelson's Addition to Virginia, to Richard and Maxine Florey, in the amount of \$5,200.00, contingent upon construction starting on the house within 20 months and completed within 36 months. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported to adopt Resolution No. 02087, accepting easement with the Virginia-Eveleth Economic Development Authority for maintenance of utility lines on the public right-of-way, known as Sykes Boulevard. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Mayor Luoma Gentilini stated Dr. Rutka is planning to leave the Laurentian Clinic and Kyle Hopstad, Administrator, Virginia Regional Medical Center, has requested that the City Council go on record in support of Dr. Rutka. Councillor Lindberg suggested that we also talk to John Strange, St. Luke's, regarding their commitment for doctors they promised to have in the new Laurentian Clinic building.

Moved by Russo and supported to waive the requirement for a written resolution for the following motion. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to adopt Resolution No. 02088, extending the City Council's support for Dr. Rutka and the need to retain him in our community, with a copy of the resolution sent to Dr. Rutka and St. Luke's Clinic. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Lucarelli and supported to receive and file the communication from the League of Minnesota Cities regarding the Board of Director and Officer positions for the year 2002-2003. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to receive and file the communication from the St. Louis County Community Development Division regarding the public hearing on 2002 program accomplishments and 2003 CDBG kickoff, which will be held from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. on April 11, 2002, at the Mt. Iron Community Center. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson and supported to approve the transfer of the on-sale liquor license to Antoinette Mitchell, d/b/a The Magic, 116 Chestnut Street, contingent upon receipt of the liquor liability insurance. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to approve free Dial-a-Ride shuttle service from the Miners Memorial Building to Olcott Park during the Land of the Loon Festival on June 15 and 16, 2002. Motion carried.

Councillor Lindberg reported on the Public Safety Committee meeting held on April 2, 2002, to discuss residential parking in the 500 block of Second and Fourth Street South. They will meet again with representatives of the school to discuss solutions to the parking problem.

Councillor Politano reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on April 9, 2002.

Moved by Politano and supported to authorize Councillor Politano to meet with the Cemetery Association to represent City interests in dealing with them. Motion carried.

Moved by Politano and supported to adopt Resolution No. 02089, accepting quote from Olson Power for a tractor and flail mower, in the amount of \$34,778.32, for the Park/Recreation Department. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Also, City Clerk/Finance Director Lackner reviewed with the Finance Committee comparisons of the first quarter actual expenditures with the budget. Total actual expenditures were under the budget by about four percent.

Councillor Russo reported on the Personnel Committee meeting held on April 9, 2002.

Moved by Russo and supported to appoint Ellwood Young Jr. to the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Commission for the unexpired term ending January 1, 2003. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to approve the Motor Vehicle Record Check Policy. Motion carried.

The Personnel Committee delayed posting the job descriptions for the Receptionist, Clerk for Public Works and Park/Recreation Departments and Accounting Clerk until the clerical job descriptions are approved by Local Union No. 454.

Councillor Russo announced the golf course restaurant, “Michael’s On The Course” will open on April 22, 2002.

Councillor Lindberg also encouraged the public to send Dr. Rutka a letter requesting that he remain at the Laurentian Clinic.

Moved by Lucarelli and supported to approve the Spring Spruce Up from April 22 through May 11, 2002, from 7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, and from 7:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, with drop off locations at the Virginia Public Works Department and the Virginia Compost Site.

Ayes: Councillors Lucarelli, Russo, Baribeau, Lindberg – 4

Nays: Councillors Politano, Peterson, Mayor Luoma Gentilini – 3

Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to approve advertising “Severe Weather Awareness Week” in Minnesota and notifying residents that the City of Virginia will be testing the emergency preparedness sirens on April 18, 2002, at 9:00 A.M. and 1:45 A.M. for a mock tornado drill and also on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 P.M. Motion carried.

Mayor Luoma Gentilini reported on the following items:

- Meeting will be held on April 24, 2002, from 10:00 A.M. – 12 Noon at the Virginia Public Library to discuss the local perspective on the State budget crisis and the impact on our community.
- Local Board of Appeal and Equalization will be held from 10:00 A.M. – 12 Noon on April 23, 2002, in the City Assessor's Office, City Hall.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to adjourn to 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 23, 2002, in the Council Chambers, City Hall. Motion carried.

CAROLYN LUOMA GENTILINI

Mayor

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LOIS ROSKOSKI

Deputy City Clerk