

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, JULY 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, Mayor Luoma Gentilini – 6

Absent: Councillor Peterson – 1

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held June 28, 2002.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 02013.
3. Adopt Resolution No. 02139, to appoint Agent of Record for City's property and liability insurance.
4. Adopt Resolution No. 02140, to pay the Greenwood and Calvary Cemetery Associations for the year 2002.
5. Adopt Resolution No. 02141, to enter into contract with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation, to provide public transportation services in the City of Virginia for the year 2003.
6. Approve/deny the following variances, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission at their meeting on July 1, 2002
 - A. Dean Weiberg – 229 6th Street South.
 1. Deny a 20' variance from the required 20' side yard setback on a corner lot in order to build a fence.
 2. Approve a 17' variance from the required 20' side yard setback on a corner lot in order to build a fence 3' from the west property line.
 3. Approve a 1.5' variance from the maximum 2' height requirement on a corner lot to build a 3' 5" high fence.
 - B. Steven Leinonen – 2108 12th Avenue South.
 1. Deny a 440 sq. ft. variance over the maximum allowed 1000 sq. ft. of accessory structures to construct a 1440 sq. ft. garage in addition to 200 sq. ft. of existing accessory structures.
 2. Approve a 280 sq. ft. variance over the maximum allowed 1000 sq. ft. of accessory structures to construct a 1280 sq. ft. garage in addition to 200 sq. ft. of existing accessory structures.
 - C. Virginia Auto Wash - 1002 8th Street South.
 1. Approve a 20' variance from the required 20' side yard setback to construct an addition on the east property line.
 - D. Peter Guski – 224 South 4th Street.
 1. Deny a 2' variance from the required 5' side yard setback requirement in order to construct a garage 3' from the east property line.
 2. Deny a 3' variance from the required 5' side yard setback requirement in order to construct a garage 2' from the west property line.

3. Deny a 111 sq. ft. variance to the maximum 30% rear yard coverage of 369 sq. ft.
 4. Approve a 1.5' variance from the required 5' side yard setback in order to construct an 18' X 24' garage 3.5' from the east property line.
 5. Approve a 1.5' variance from the required 5' side yard setback in order to construct an 18' X 24' garage 3.5' from the west property line.
 6. Approve a 20 sq. ft. variance from the maximum 30% rear yard coverage of 412 sq. ft.
- E. Jamie Winger - 122 2nd Street South.
1. Approve a 5' variance from the required 20' rear yard setback to construct an attached garage 15' from the property line.
 2. Approve a 7.5' variance from the required 10' side yard setback to construct an attached garage 2.5' from the west property line.
 3. Approve a 7.5' variance from the required 10' side yard setback to construct an attached garage 2.5' from the east property line.
7. Grant permission to barricade the 200 and 300 blocks of Chestnut Street for Krazee Days on Thursday, July 18th and Friday, July 19th.
- Motions carried and Resolutions adopted unanimously.

Moved by Lucarelli and supported to approve the final plan for a planned unit development on 12th Avenue West for Larden Development, Inc., with the contingency that the City of Virginia grant an easement for a driveway on 4th Street South. Motion carried. Councillor Lindberg abstained from voting.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Liquor Committee meeting held on June 25, 2002, to discuss street dance and dry night issues. A follow-up meeting will be held.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Street and Alley Committee meeting held on July 9, 2002.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to designate a temporary handicapped parking space west of the house located at 109 1st Street North at the nearest driveway, as long as the existing St. Louis County clients occupy the dwelling. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to approve the following modifications to the 2002 Bituminous Overlay Program: 1) Delete the overlaying of 14 ½ Avenue West; 2) Add the overlaying of Midway Drive from the intersection of Vermilion Drive south to approximately 300' south of the Merritt Drive intersection, at an estimated cost of \$7,000.00; 3) Add the overlaying of the 900 block of 17th Street North; 4) Add the overlaying of the 1000 block of 16th Street North. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to not participate with St. Louis County at this time in the milling and overlay project on County Highway 657. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to approve free parking in the 100 blocks north and south of Chestnut Street on 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th Avenues during the reconstruction of Chestnut Street. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to approve contributing \$350.00 to the Mesabi Range Community and Technical College for a sports study on the multi-use sports area. Motion carried.

Councillor Lucarelli reported on the Insurance Committee meeting held on July 9, 2002.

Moved by Lucarelli and supported to accept the proposal from Madison National Insurance for long-term disability coverage, effective September 1, 2002, contingent upon a letter stating they will match the existing required benefit structure and guarantee the proposed rates for three years. Motion carried.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to approve up to \$2,500.00 for advertising in the Twin Cities Business Monthly for an insert entitled “Doing Business in Northeastern Minnesota: A Whole New Range of Opportunities”, which is sponsored through the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Agency and the Iron Range Economic Alliance. Motion carried.

Mayor Luoma Gentilini reported on the following items:

- Letter received from the City of Mt. Iron thanking the City of Virginia’s Fire Department for their efforts in fighting the Bon Air fire in Mt. Iron.
- Letter received from the Chamber of Commerce thanking the City of Virginia for their continued participation and support.
- Letter received from the Quad Cities Chambers thanking the City of Virginia for the contribution of a season golf pass for their golf tournament.
- Cam Jayson, Virginia Band Coordinator, will hold City band concerts at 7:00 P.M. in Olcott Park every Thursday through August 1, 2002.
- Fourth of July celebration in Olcott Park was a success and the event continues to grow.
- Employees of the Second Quarter: Anthony Gielen, Police Department; Tom Turja, Public Works Department; Dave Lundmark, Public Works Department.

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

CAROLYN LUOMA GENTILINI

Mayor

(CORPORATE SEAL)

RONALD LACKNER

City Clerk/Finance Director