

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, JANUARY 13, 2004

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 Raplinger, Lind, Baranzelli, Lindberg, Politano, Peterson, Mayor
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Absent: None

Councillor Politano removed Item 10 from the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Politano and supported to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Item 10:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held November 25, 2003.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 03024 and Finance Resolution No. 04001.
3. Approval/correction of minutes of Special Meeting held December 22, 2003.
4. Approval/correction of minutes of Special Meeting held December 30, 2003.
5. Approval/correction of minutes of Reorganization Meeting held January 2, 2004.
6. Approve Secondhand Goods Dealer Licenses: 1) Consigning Women; 2) The Encore Shop; 3) Goodwill Industries.
7. Approve Pawnbrokers Licenses: 1) C & S Pawnbrokers; 2) Northstar Pawn & Gun Shop Inc.
8. Approve Kennel Licenses: 1) Grooming by Jane Inc.; 2) Northwynd Canine Center Inc.
9. Approve Adult Services Establishment License for Synergy Therapeutic Massage.
10. Approve Solid Waste Haulers License for Waste Management of Minnesota.
11. Approve Used Metal Dealers License for A+ Auto Salvage.
12. Approve travel request for Dana Waldron, Police Department, to attend the Executive Training Institute, April 18-22, 2004, St. Cloud, MN.
13. Approve Application for Exempt Permit for Parkview Parent Teachers Association to hold Bingo at the Miners Memorial Building on April 15, 2004.
14. Adopt Resolution No. 04026, approving hiring of Patrol Officer for the City of Virginia. (Previously approved at the December 16, 2003 Council meeting).
15. Adopt Resolution No. 04027, designating depositories for 2004.
16. Authorize sale of Fire Department air packs and air bottles to City of Littlefork.

17. Adopt Resolution No. 04028, to Renew Premises Permit Applications for Community Charities of Minnesota to conduct lawful gambling at the Plaza Bowl, Virginia, Minnesota, and at the Virginia Bowling Gardens, Virginia, Minnesota. Motions carried and Resolutions adopted unanimously.

Regarding Item 10, City Department Director Leoni stated he will obtain more information on the Solid Waste Haulers License application, prior to submitting the license for approval. This item was tabled until the next Council meeting.

Kathleen McQuillan, President, Board of Directors, Laurentian Arts & Culture Alliance (LACA), was present and stated they are a non-profit organization founded in 1998 to oversee the renovation project of the historic State Theater. LACA is in the process of sending out requests for proposals to architectural firms to provide draft renderings and an architectural plan of the building. Over 50 volunteers have also been working with the Minnesota Ballet to plan a series of events for 2004, with LACA to receive the proceeds from the performances. Constance Jones thanked the City Council for the support given to the State Theater initiative and stated they are committed to restoring the State Theater and making it a regional facility. Ms. Jones invited the City Council to participate in the week long activities in March and to attend the annual meeting of the Laurentian Arts & Culture Alliance, which will be held on February 5, 2003, at Michael's on the Course. Pete Pellinen outlined some of the productions that will be held throughout the Iron Range in 2004. Mary McReynolds Pellinen stated their website, www.lyriccenter.org, is currently under construction, but will be completed in the near future and list all scheduled performances.

Moved by Politano and supported to adopt Resolution No. 04049, designating the Mesabi Daily News the Official Newspaper for 2004. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Mayor Luoma Gentilini reviewed the letter from the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Agency, Mineland Reclamation Division, regarding proposals for mineland reclamation funds and suggested applying for additional funds for accessing the area north of the Golf Course.

Moved by Politano and supported to submit an application to apply for Mineland Reclamation funding to obtain access to the area north of the Golf Course. Motion carried.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to authorize the City Council to attend the League of Minnesota Leadership Conference for Newly Elected Officials, which will be held February 20-21, 2004, in Plymouth, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Councillor Politano reported on the Finance Committee meetings held on January 6 and 13, 2003.

Moved by Politano and supported to authorize Park/Recreation Director Bachman to obtain bids for a mower and turf truckster, with the bids to be presented to the Finance Committee for a final recommendation. Motion carried.

Moved by Politano and supported to authorize City Department Director Leoni to move forward and pursue billboard advertising for the golf course clubhouse. Motion carried.

Moved by Politano and supported to donate a 2004 season golf pass to the Range Mental Health Center for a silent auction fundraiser to be held January 30, 2004, to raise funds to renovate the Bell Building kitchen. Motion carried.

Moved by Politano and supported to pursue the use of remaining funds in the Commercial Rehabilitation Loan Program as matching funds for the Pine Mill Court Playground

Project. Motion carried. The City Attorney will also check if the City can transfer the playground property to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority. Motion carried.

Mayor Luoma Gentilini reported on the Personnel Committee meeting held on January 12, 2004.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to accept the separation agreement with Lyle Vandervort, Fire Chief. Motion carried.

Mayor Luoma Gentilini stated a Committee-of-the-Whole meeting will be held with the Public Utilities Commission at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, January 26, 2004, to discuss strategic planning.

Councillor Lindberg discussed the possibility of providing compensation for Hospital Commissioners and Public Utilities Commissioners.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to authorize the Finance Committee to discuss compensation for the Hospital Commissioners and Public Utilities Commissioners. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson and supported to authorize the City Department Director to obtain quotes for the purchase of 13 gallon and 30 gallon plastic refuse bags. Motion carried.

Mayor Luoma Gentilini reported on the following items:

- Received a check from the Virginia Foundation, in the amount of \$15,000.00, for the lighted archway at City Center Park, which will be completed this year.
- Neighborhood Watch Program will meet at 6:30 P.M. on Thursday, January 15, 2004, at the Miners Memorial North Room to hear a presentation by the Minnesota Gang Strike Task Force.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to adjourn to 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, January 27, 2004, in the Council Chambers, City Hall. Motion carried.

CAROLYN LUOMA GENTILINI

Mayor

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LOIS ROSKOSKI

Deputy City Clerk