

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, JUNE 22, 2010

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

Roll Call:

Present: Councillors Cuffe, Littlewolf, Ralston, Sipola, Baribeau, Russo, Mayor Peterson -7

Absent: None

Mayor Peterson led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councillor Littlewolf removed Item 3 from the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Sipola and supported to approve the Consent Agenda, with exception of Item 3.

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held June 8, 2010.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 10-013 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Adopt Resolution instructing District Judge to appoint Charter Commission member.
4. Approve election judges for Primary Election on August 10, 2010, and General Election on November 2, 2010.

Motion carried and Finance Resolution adopted unanimously.

Regarding Item 3, Councillor Littlewolf notified the public that the Charter Commission currently has ten active members and State law allows a maximum of fifteen members.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10089, instructing the District Judge to appoint Larry Cuffe, Jr., to the Charter Commission for a four year term. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Mayor Peterson stated Mike Appelwick, Northeast Technical Service, will attend the next Finance Committee meeting to discuss the updated Water Emergency and Conservation Plan.

Discussion was held on the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to vacate the alley running North-South between Lots 1 and 5 and Lot 6, Block 21, Original Plat of Virginia, as requested by Queen City Federal. City Attorney Butorac that the City Council vacated the East-West alley in 1973 and an easement is in place to maintain access to the alley.

Moved by Ralston and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10090, authorizing the vacation of the alley located in Block 21, Original Plat of Virginia. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Russo reported on the Finance Committee meeting held as a Committee-of-the-Whole on June 15, 2010.

Moved by Russo and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10091, declaring the official intent of the City to reimburse certain expenditures from the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds to be issued by the City for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project. Resolution adopted unanimously.

City Operations Director Tourville stated the terms of the bond issue will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Councillor Russo stated the Overfunded PERA Police Pension Fund was tabled until the next Finance Committee meeting.

Moved by Russo and supported to extend the current Cable Franchise Agreement with Mediacom through August 31, 2010. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10092, complying with 2010 Laws of Minnesota, Chapter 359, Article 5, Section 26, and reaffirming Resolution No. 09088 adopted by the City of Virginia on June 23, 2009, to approve a plan to correct the overpaid employee and employer contributions to PERA. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported to request the Finance Department to prepare a master list of employees that hold City credit cards. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to authorize the Finance Director to contract with Greg Knudson of Walker, Giroux and Hahne for accounting services, in an amount not to exceed \$1,800. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10093, accepting the bid from Mesabi Bituminous, Inc., in the amount of \$51,410.00, for C.P. 2-10, Mill and Overlay of 16th Street North from 4th to 6th Avenue West. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Russo and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10094, accepting a proposal from Benchmark Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$3,380.00, for design phase services for the reconstruction of the alley South of 8th Street South between 3rd and 4th Avenues, contingent upon the cost being split equally with the Public Utilities. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Ralston reported on the Buildings/Grounds Committee meeting held on June 15, 2010.

Moved by Ralston and supported to approve the transfer of the alley that runs North-South between Lots 1 through 5 and Lot 6, Block 21, Original Plat of Virginia, with the resolution to be adopted at the July 20th meeting. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported to refer the proposed ordinance regarding the overuse of police services to a Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to send a letter of appreciation to the Iron Range Resources to thank them for their assistance in demolishing nine structures in Virginia. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to authorize City staff to prepare a temporary lease for the City property located on Highway 53 north of the Golf Course. Motion carried.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Central Iron Range Initiative (CIRI) meeting and requested that the City Council adopt a resolution to allow CIRI to submit an application to the US EPA for a Brownfield Assessment Grant. Councillor Baribeau stated the CIRI group did not receive the Brownfield Assessment Grant in 2009.

Moved by Russo and supported to adopt a Resolution to authorize the Central Iron Range Initiative to apply for a Brownfield Assessment Grant.

Moved by Ralston and supported to table the previous motion until additional information is obtained regarding the grant application and fiscal agent for the project. Motion carried.

Councillor Littlewolf reported on the following items:

- Thanked the Police Chief and Police Department for their efforts with Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative Program.
- Blandin Community Leadership Program is taking applications for 24 people to participate in their program to be held October 25-29, 2010, in Grand Rapids.

Councillor Cuffe reported on the Regional Radio Board meeting and requested that the Finance Committee discuss a plan to update the City's radio equipment.

Mayor Peterson stated the City has received approximately \$1,300 to date in donations for the Fourth of July fireworks display.

See 2010 Resolution Book for Resolution Nos. 10089 – 10094 and Finance Resolution No. 10-013.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M., with the next regular City Council Meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, July 20, 2010.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

STEVE PETERSON
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI
City Clerk