

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, APRIL 22, 2014

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

Roll Call:

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

Absent: None

Mayor Russo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held April 8, 2014.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 14-008 ó Schedule of Bills.
3. Adopt Resolution No. 14153, approving Premises Permit Application for the Virginia Elks 1003 at Flaimenø Bar.
4. Adopt Resolution No. 14154, approving Premises Permit Application for the Virginia Elks 1003 at Virginia Servicemenø Club.

Motions carried and Resolutions adopted unanimously.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Sipola to adopt Resolution No. 14155, accepting the proposal from Mesabi Bituminous, to furnish bituminous cold mix, in the amount of \$98.00/ton (furnished and delivered) and \$92.00/ton (furnished only) for the period May 1, 2014, to May 1, 2015. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 14156, accepting the proposal from North American Salt Co., to furnish crushed rock salt, in the amount of \$75.30/ton, for the period May 1, 2014, to May 1, 2015. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 14157, accepting the proposal from Hawkins, Inc., to furnish ferric chloride, in the amount of \$658.00/dry ton, for the period May 1, 2014, to May 1, 2015. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Sipola to adopt Resolution No. 14158, accepting the proposal from Forest Concrete Products to furnish and deliver Class 5 aggregate, in the amount of \$8.75/ton, for the period May 1, 2014, to May 1, 2015. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Baranzelli to adopt Resolution No. 14159, accepting the proposal from Ulland Brothers, Inc., to furnish Class 5 aggregate, in the amount of \$5.00/ton, for the period May 1, 2014, to May 1, 2015. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baranzelli to adopt Resolution No. 14160, accepting the proposal from Forest Concrete Products, to furnish and deliver granular material, in the amount of \$6.50/c.y., for the period May 1, 2014, to May 1, 2015. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 14161, accepting the proposal from KGM Contractors, Inc., to furnish granular material, in the amount of \$3.53/c.y., for the period May 1, 2014, to May 1, 2015. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baranzelli to adopt Resolution No. 14162, accepting the proposal from Fastenal Company to furnish assorted nuts, bolts, washers, hoses and other fittings, in the amount of \$29,000, for the period May 1, 2014, to May 1, 2015. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 14163, accepting the proposal from Industrial Lubricant to furnish lubricants, in the amount of \$7,660.85, and fluids, in the amount of \$966.35, for the period May 1, 2014, to May 1, 2015. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Baranzelli to adopt Resolution No. 14164, accepting the proposal from Northwest Asphalt Maintenance to provide up to 27,027 lineal feet of asphaltic concrete surface maintenance services, in the amount of \$.74/foot. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Baribeau to authorize the City Council and administrative staff to attend the 2014 League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference, which will be held June 18-20, 2014, in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Cuffe to approve the following variances for Ronald Reiersen, 2020 Hazel Avenue, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission:

- a. A 2.5 foot variance to the required 20 foot setback, in order to construct a garage 17.5 feet from the front yard property line.
- b. A 2 foot variance to the required side yard setback of 5 feet, in order to construct a garage 3 feet from the North property line.

- c. A 2 foot variance to the required rear yard setback of 5 feet, in order to construct a garage 3 feet from the East property line.
- d. A variance to Chapter 11, Section 11.30, Subd. 1.A.5, to allow more than one accessory garage per residence.
- e. An 8 square foot variance to the maximum allowable 1,000 square foot, in order to have 1,008 square feet of accessory structures with the condition of eliminating the existing shed.

Motion carried.

Councillor Ralston reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on April 15, 2014.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Littlewolf to refer all bids to the Finance Committee for review, prior to placing on the City Council agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to authorize the City Administrator to send a letter of intent to Essentia to convey the former East Range clinic property to the City and work with the potential developer on the project. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Littlewolf to adopt Resolution No. 14165, accepting the low bid from Hammerlund Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$1,095,000, for the Fourth Street North Reconstruction Project. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to approve the travel request for Cheryl Weappa, Deputy Assessor, to attend the Minnesota Association of Assessing Officers 2014 Summer Seminar, which will be held May 20-22, 2014, in St. Cloud, MN. Motion carried. City Administrator Tourville will determine if a City vehicle is available for the travel.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Littlewolf to adopt Resolution No. 14166, accepting the proposal from Springsted, Inc., to prepare a Fiscal Impact Analysis, at a cost of \$12,500, plus out-of-pocket expenses, on the proposed relocation of the Virginia high school and to invoice the Virginia School District for the cost of study, upon completion. Motion carried.

Councillor Baribeau requested that an advertisement be placed in the newspaper to inform the public of the fiscal impact study and invite the public to submit comments or questions regarding the proposed relocation or expansion of the Virginia High School to the City Clerk.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baranzelli to authorize the Engineering Department to obtain a quote from DSGW Architects to update the engineering plans to replace the stairways at both City Hall entrances. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to support the Fire Department's participation in the MDA "Fill the Boot" fundraising event, which will be held May 7-9, 2014. Motion carried.

Councillor Littlewolf reported on the Buildings/Grounds Committee meeting held on April 15, 2014.

Councillor Littlewolf reviewed the www.crimemapping.com website that is available to the public to view crime activity.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Sipola to approve the west entryway location for the new restroom to be constructed at the Olcott Park Greenhouse. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baranzelli to approve the budget for the Olcott Park restroom and refer the request from Friends of the Greenhouse for the City to provide ten percent in matching funds to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Sipola to refer the issue of allowing the Friends of Greenhouse to participate more actively in the plant care at the Olcott Park Greenhouse to the Personnel Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Cuffe to allow the Lyric Center for the Arts to use Olcott Park for a summer theatrical production, contingent upon coordinating the rehearsals and presentations with the Park/Recreation Director. Motion carried.

Councillor Littlewolf stated the Buildings/Grounds Committee will review available land in the City of Virginia and discuss potential sites for a new high school.

Councillor Cuffe reported on the Personnel Committee meeting held on April 22, 2014.

Councillor Cuffe reviewed crime statistics that were presented by the Police Chief at the Personnel Committee meeting: 2012 ó 2,385 arrests (263 felonies); 2013 ó 2,385 arrests (313 felonies).

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to move forward with the hiring of one additional police officer. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to move forward with the hiring of a Parking Monitor on a part time basis of sixteen hours per week. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baranzelli to move forward with the internal posting process for the Park/Recreation Department positions that will be vacant due to upcoming retirements. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baranzelli to advertise for a utility position for the Public Works and Park/Recreation Departments. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Sipola to appoint James Kochevar, Jr., to the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority for the unexpired term ending January 1, 2015. Motion carried.

Councillor Cuffe thanked the Department of Public Utilities for providing in-kind services to drill the holes for the flag poles that will be installed around the Veterans Memorial and stated a special ceremony will be held on Memorial Day to dedicate the flags.

Councillor Sipola reported the Lakes Beautification Committee has received a \$5,000 grant from the VRMC Foundation and a \$5,000 grant from the Virginia Foundation to be applied towards the Silver Lakes walking trail.

Councillor Sipola referred two complaints to the City Administrator to review: 1) Pile of debris on the Baileyø Lake walking trail behind the surgery center; and 2) Vandalism on the bench located on the Baileyø Lake trestle.

Mayor Russo appointed Michael K. Harvey to the Virginia Economic Development Authority for a term ending December 31, 2015.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to hold one City Council meeting in July, with the date set for Tuesday, July 15, 2014. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M. with the next meeting scheduled for 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 13, 2014.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LOUIS J. RUSSO
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI
City Clerk