

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, JULY 15, 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 Baribeau and supported by Baranzelli to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held June 24, 2014.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 14-013 ó Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve Application for Exempt Permit for Essentia Health Foundation to hold a raffle on August 13, 2014.

Motion carried.

Mayor Russo read the communication from Police Chief Benz stating he has no objection to the 2 AM closing time for Sunnyø Magic Bar, as the police calls to that location have been minimal.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Baribeau to approve the renewal of the 2 AM Liquor License for the Northeast Investment & Management, LLC, d/b/a Sunnyø Magic Bar, 116 Chestnut Street. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Baribeau to approve the transfer of the On-Sale Liquor License from The 218, Inc., d/b/a The 218, to the Danger Boys, LLC, d/b/a Uncle Eric's, located at 218 Chestnut Street.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to approve a variance for Jason Lamppa to construct a second garage at 1232 11th Street South, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to approve a 680 square foot variance to the maximum 1,000 square foot allowable for Jason Lamppa to construct a 1,200 square foot garage at 1232 11th Street South. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baranzelli to authorize the Finance Department to process the accounts payable as of July 31, 2014. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Sipola to reschedule the next City Council meeting for 6:30 P.M. on Monday, August 11, 2014, due to the Primary Election on August 12, 2014. Motion carried.

Councillor Cuffe reported on the Personnel Committee meeting held on July 1, 2014.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Littlewolf to replace the position at the Library that is anticipated to be vacant in the first quarter of 2015, due to a retirement. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baranzelli to authorize the Police Chief to include the request for a twentieth police officer in the 2015 budget process. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to proceed with hiring one additional Paramedic/Firefighter at the current time. Motion carried.

The Fire Chief was directed to prepare a 24 hour on/48 hour off schedule for the Fire Department for the Personnel Committee to review.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to place Mikell Ruedebusch in the EMS Coordinator position on an interim basis, with the position reviewed in three months. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Littlewolf to hire applicants, as soon as possible, for the four positions that are currently advertised for the Public Works Department, contingent upon receiving qualified candidates. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to revisit the City Assessor position once the Deputy Assessor has completed the Minnesota Assessment Administration Course in July, 2014. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Littlewolf to table the job description for the Accounting Clerk-Confidential position until the first week of September, 2014. Motion carried.

Councillor Ralston reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on July 8, 2014.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 14199, accepting the bid from MacQueen Equipment, Inc., in the amount of \$118,115.00, to purchase a 2014 Heil Rapid Rail 20 cubic yard body for the new garbage truck. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 14200, accepting the bid from Skubic Brothers, Inc., in the amount of \$101,898.25, to purchase a 2015 International side-loader cab and chassis for the new garbage truck. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to approve the payment to the League of Minnesota Human Rights Commission, in the amount of \$100.00, for the 2014 membership dues. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baranzelli to adopt Resolution No. 14201, accepting the proposal from MacNeil Environmental, Inc., in the amount of \$400, for the asbestos and hazardous waste inspection of the former Northwynd Canine Center. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Littlewolf to adopt Resolution No. 14202, accepting the quote from Northeast Technical Services, in the amount of \$5,213.00, to continue with the Limited Site Investigation on the MPCA Leaksite #18023, located at the former Troy Building site in Virginia. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Sipola to adopt amended Resolution No. 14203, accepting the proposals for the purchase and installation of a surveillance camera system, with the Finance Director and City Administrator to determine the funding:

- Graybar Electric Company, Inc., Surveillance Camera System \$176,043.00
- Arrowhead Radio & Security, Installation Not to exceed \$95,692.00

Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Street/Alley/Public Safety Committee meeting held on July 8, 2014.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Littlewolf to approve the Lyric Center Volkswalk Event on August 14, 2014, and the route, as modified. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Littlewolf to request the City Attorney to determine the ownership of the property located south of the Parkview Learning Center and the Southeast portion of the parking lot by Culligan's, prior to August 1, 2014, and to continue to work with the Virginia School District on the bus loop for the Parkview Learning Center. Motion carried.

Councillor Baribeau stated the Street/Alley/Public Safety Committee was not in favor of using the Olcott Park entrance as part of the proposed bus loop for the Parkview Learning Center. Councillor Littlewolf reiterated that she is not opposed to the Virginia School using the Olcott Park entrance as part of the proposed bus loop and further noted she is not opposed to an alternate route either.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Baranzelli to approve the request from the Virginia School District to hold the "Blue and White 5K Run" on October 4, 2014, contingent upon modifying the route due to the construction on Fourth Street North. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Ralston to accept the quote from Lanyk Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$3,200, to install the Emergency Vehicle Preemption at the traffic signals located the intersection of Fourth Street North and Ninth Avenue. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Ralston to eliminate all the City parking meters and post two-hour or permit parking in the City parking lots. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Ralston to provide the Virginia Servicemen's Club with ten courtesy City parking permits that can be used in the parking lot behind Virginia Surplus. Motion carried.

Councillor Cuffe thanked the City of Virginia for allowing the disabled American veterans to hold a golf event on September 11, 2014.

Councillor Baranzelli thanked the anonymous donor for the donation for the Olcott Park fountain.

Councillor Baranzelli stated the Dream Machines Car Club will be holding another cruise night on Friday, July 18, 2014.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Highway 53 Coffee and Conversation Meeting that was held on July 3, 2014. The Minnesota Department of Transportation has stated the original deadline will not be met for the Highway 53 realignment project and are currently working on a test pillar bridge. The next meeting is scheduled at 10 A.M. on August 5, 2014, at the MnDOT office in Virginia.

City Administrator Tourville stated a ground breaking ceremony will be held at 1:00 P.M. on July 24, 2014, at the site along Highway 135 for the new facility for Ulland Brothers.

Finance Director Erickson reported the City's bond rating status was improved to an A+ rating, with a stable outlook.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M. with the next meeting scheduled for 6:30 P.M. on Monday, August 11, 2014.

LOUIS J. RUSSO

Mayor

(CORPORATE SEAL)

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City Clerk