

**VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, MAY 27, 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, Ralston, Baribeau, Sipola, Baranzelli, Mayor Russo - 6

Absent: Councillor Littlewolf - 1

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 May 13, 2014.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 14-010 ó Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve Transient Merchant/Solicit Licenses for the period ending December 31, 2014:
 - a. Penny Vlasich, d/b/a Northland Variety.
 - b. Gerald Breyer, d/b/a Generous Jerryø Fireworks, Inc.
 - c. Ofelia Jonas, d/b/a First Philippina Food Stand.
4. Adopt Resolution No. 14169, approving Premises Permit Application for Chicagami at the Arrowhead Bar.

Motions carried and Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 14170, approving the hiring of Thomas Hoard for the mechanic position, contingent upon passing the pre-employment physical and background check, with a starting date after June 3, 2014, and subject to a ninety shift

probation period and the terms of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 14171, approving the hiring of Jeff Cielocha for a Firefighter/Paramedic position, contingent upon successfully passing a pre-employment physical and occupational therapy assessment, with a starting date after May 30, 2014, subject to a twelve month probation period and the terms of the International Association of Firefighters, Local 390 labor agreement. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 14172, approving the hiring of Justin Lonien for a Firefighter/Paramedic position, contingent upon successfully passing a pre-employment physical and occupational therapy assessment, with a starting date after June 6, 2014, subject to a twelve month probation period and the terms of the International Association of Firefighters, Local 390 labor agreement. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 14174, approving the hiring of Travis Carlson for a Firefighter, Paramedic position, contingent upon successfully passing a pre-employment physical and occupational therapy assessment, with a starting date after June 16, 2014, subject to a twelve month probation period and the terms of the International Association of Firefighters, Local 390 labor agreement. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Sipola to approve the requests from the Land of the Loon Ethnic Arts and Crafts Festival to hold a parade on Saturday, June 21, 2014:

- Approve parade permit beginning at 9:00 A.M. at the east end of Chestnut Street and ending on Fifth Avenue at Eighth Street South.
 - Ban parking on parade route, beginning at 6:00 A.M.
 - Designate handicapped parking on Fifth Avenue by the Virginia High School.
- Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 14174, authorizing execution of agreement with the Land of the Loon Ethnic Arts and Crafts Festival, Inc., for use of Olcott Park for the Land of the Loon Festival on June 20, 21 and 22, 2014. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to revoke the 2 AM Closing Liquor License for I.W. Acquisitions, d/b/a Winkø Bar, 213-215 Chestnut Street, as directed by the Minnesota Department of Revenue. Motion carried.

Councillor Ralston reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on May 20, 2014.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to invite the Public Utilities Finance Director and a representative of Energy Insights to attend a Building and Grounds Committee meeting in the next month to review utility costs for all the City buildings and prepare recommendations on reducing utility costs. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and Sipola to form a consortium, including representatives from the City, AFSCME Union and Friends of the Greenhouse, to determine a plan to operate and expand the Olcott Park Greenhouse. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to request the Fire Chief and Police Chief to submit a recommendation to the Public Safety Committee on the purchase and installation of the Emergency Vehicle Preemption Project and security camera system. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 14175, accepting the bid from Crysteel Truck Equipment, in the amount of \$139,918.94, through the State Cooperative Purchasing Program, to purchase a 2014 D50 Larue Snowblower. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 14176, accepting the bid from Skubic Brothers, Inc., in the amount of \$81,211.32, plus tax and license fees, to purchase a 2015 International cab and chassis. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 14177, accepting the bid from Crysteel Truck Equipment, in the amount of \$50,653.67, through the State Cooperative Purchasing Program, to purchase a box, plow and hydraulics for the 2015 International dump truck. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Cuffe reported on the Personnel Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on May 20, 2014.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baribeau to appoint Jeff Marwick to the Public Utilities Commission for the unexpired term ending February 1, 2016. Motion carried.

Moved by Cuffe and supported by Baranzelli to table the permanent Fire Marshal position until the position is clarified and resolved in the union contract. Motion carried.

Councillor Sipola reported on the Buildings/Grounds Committee meeting held on May 20, 2014.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baribeau to request the Kline-Cuppoletti Trap Club to present a plan, including costs, to the Finance Committee to reestablish their trap club facility.

Motion carried.

Moved by Baranzelli and supported by Sipola to receive and file the communication from the Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency to cancel their lease for City Hall office space, effective June 30, 2014. Motion carried.

Councillor Sipola reported the City Administrator will make arrangements to advertise the vacant City property that is available at the former Horace Mann site and in the Fairview and Northern Heights Additions. Councillor Sipola also stated the City Administrator will submit a recommendation to the Finance Committee once St. Louis County provides the market value on the tax forfeited parcels that the City has been involved with the building demolitions.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baribeau to authorize the Public Works Department to submit a quote to the Finance Committee to purchase new plastic garbage containers for Chestnut Street that can be emptied by the City garbage trucks. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Cuffe to appoint Councillor Sipola to work with the Blight Officer and Public Works Team Coordinator to identify the problems regarding garbage collection. Motion carried.

Councillor Baranzelli reported on the following meetings:

- City Safety Committee held on May 15, 2014. All City employees will be provided with AWAIR training, which is an OSHA requirement.
- Park and Recreation Commission meeting held on May 21, 2014. Items reviewed included the summer recreational programs and the repair of the outdoor hockey rinks.

Moved by Baranzelli and supported by Ralston to send a letter of thanks to Chris Holmes and his fifth grade class at the Virginia Roosevelt School for their donation towards renovating the Olcott Park fountain. Motion carried.

Councillor Cuffe reported on the Public Utilities Commission meeting held on May 27, 2014, and stated several items were discussed, including the recent fire at the Public Utilities, repair of the golf course water tank and the replacement of water lines. Councillor Baribeau stated a new heated water line will be installed in the Midway Addition.

Councillor Cuffe and Mayor Russo stated they attended two ceremonies on Memorial Day and thanked the veterans for their service to our country.

Councillor Sipola stated volunteers are needed from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon on Saturday, June 7, 2014, to prepare the Silver Lake Beach for summer.

City Clerk Roskoski stated applications for election judges will be accepted until June 13, 2014.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Sipola to close the meeting at 7:27 P.M., pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §13D.03, to discuss labor negotiations. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Ralston to reconvene the meeting at 8:10 P.M. Motion carried.

Moved by Sipola and supported by Baribeau to approve retaining Joshua Heggem, Labor Law Attorney, Pemberton Law Firm, from Fergus Falls, Minnesota, to represent the City of Virginia in the FLSA \$39,000 audit with IAFF Local #390. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Russo to cap the legal costs at \$6,000. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M., with the next meeting scheduled for 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 10, 2014.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LOUIS J. RUSSO
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI
City Clerk