

VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, SEPTEMBER 23, 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 Sipola and supported by Baranzelli to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:

- 5.1 Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held September 9, 2014.
- 5.2 Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 14-002 ó Schedule of Bills.
- 5.3 Adopt Resolution No. 14238, authorizing submission and acceptance of a Business Development Infrastructure Grant through the Department of Employment and Economic Development for the T.H. 135 Utility Extension Project.
- 5.4 Adopt Resolution No. 14239, authorizing execution of agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for traffic safety enforcement projects.
- 5.5 Approve Secondhand Good Dealer's License for Victor Barbeau, d/b/a Virginia Charity Thrift, 329 Chestnut Street.

Motions carried and Resolutions adopted unanimously.

Councillor Ralston reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on September 16, 2014.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baranzelli to adopt Resolution No. 14240, accepting the proposal from Lori Beth Maki to manage the Mineview in the Sky/Shop at the Top in 2015, as an independent contractor. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 14241, accepting the allocation of \$2,500 from the City of Mt. Iron for the Mineview in the Sky. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baranzelli to approve advertising the sale of the excess City parking meters for \$15.00, in an "as is" condition and with a limit of two per person. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baranzelli to authorize the sale of surplus equipment from the Park/Recreation and Public Works Department through the Do Bid Auction site. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution 14242, accepting the proposal from Zambelli Fireworks Manufacturing Co. for the Fourth of July fireworks display, as follows: July 4, 2015 - \$7,500; July 4, 2016 - \$8,000; July 4, 2017 - \$8,500. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to table the renovations to the north kitchen of the Miners Memorial Building. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Littlewolf to include a donation of \$5,000 for the Mesabi Symphony Orchestra in the preliminary 2015 budget. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baranzelli to adopt Resolution No. 14243, accepting the low bid from Rachel Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$364,367.00, for the East Range Clinic Demolition Project. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Littlewolf reported on the Buildings/Grounds Committee meeting held on September 16, 2014.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Cuffe to authorize the City Attorney to move forward with condemnation proceeds for the garage located at 302 11th Street South. Motion carried.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Cuffe to allow the Kids Championship Power Racing Organization to use Bailey's Lake on the tentative dates of February 14 and 15, and March 7, 2015. Motion carried.

Councillor Ralston reported on the Finance Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on September 23, 2014.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baribeau to adopt Resolution No. 14244, accepting the low bid from Grivette Environmental Management, in the amount of \$56,700, for the asbestos and hazardous materials abatement for the former East Range Clinic building. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 14245, accepting Change Order No. 1 to increase the contract with Lenci Enterprises, Inc., by the amount of \$4,620, for the Virginia City Hall Exterior Stair Project. Resolution adopted, with Councillor Ralston abstaining.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to approve the travel request for Nancy Maxwell, Library Director, to attend the Minnesota Library Association Annual Conference, to be held October 6-9, 2014, in Mankato, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Baranzelli to utilize the overfunded Police Pension Fund to pay up to one half of the retiree insurance costs for the Police Department in 2015. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Cuffe to authorize the Finance/HR Director to request the department heads to submit reductions for the proposed 2015 budget. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported by Sipola to notify the owner of the warehouse located on City property on Sixth Avenue North that the City is not interested in selling the property and authorize staff to move forward with the demolition of the structure. Motion carried.

Councillor Littlewolf reported on the Buildings/Grounds Committee held on September 23, 2014, to finalize the proposed Housing, Property Maintenance and Rental Code. The committee reviewed the power point presentation on the proposed Housing, Property Maintenance and Rental Code that will be presented at the following Buildings/Grounds Committee meetings scheduled for Tuesday, September 30th:

- 1:00 P.M., City Council Chambers, for City staff and City Council.
- 6:00 P.M., Iron Range Rehab Auditorium, for the general public.

Councillor Baribeau reported on the Personnel Committee meeting held on September 23, 2014.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Cuffe to table personnel procedures to a future meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported by Cuffe to adopt Resolution No. 14246, ratifying the labor agreement between the City of Virginia and the Law Enforcement Labor Services, Local #195, for the period January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2016. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Cuffe reported on the issues that were discussed at the Public Utilities

Commission meeting held on September 22, 2014.

- A sub-committee has been formed to discuss demand charges for non-profit organizations. He and Councillor Baribeau will serve on the sub-committee.
- The number five turbine generator is back on line. The number six turbine will be on line by the end of year. There was extensive damage to the rotors and costs to repair are estimated at \$2.1 million. Insurance will cover the repair, with the exception of the deductible.
- The Accounting Supervisor took a new position with another organization and the position will be replaced by another employee.

Councillor Baranzelli reported on the Park/Recreation Commission meeting held on September 17, 2014. Volunteers are needed to staff the Jefferson and Ridgewood skating shacks. The steam heat hot water exchange failed at the Miners Memorial Building and a replacement has been ordered.

Mayor Russo stated the items from the time capsule will be displayed at the Library on September 30, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 P.M., with the next regular City Council meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, October 14, 2014.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LOUIS J. RUSSO
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI
City Clerk