

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, JANUARY 24, 2006

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

Roll Call:

Present: Councillors Raplinger, Lind, Lindberg, Damm, Peterson, Mayor Luoma Gentilini – 6
Absent: Councillor Baranzelli - 1

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held January 10, 2006, and Reorganizational Meeting held January 10, 2006.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 06002.
3. Adopt Resolution No. 06032, instructing District Judge to reappoint Charter Commission member.
4. Adopt Resolution No. 06033, approving Premises Permit Application for Chicagami at Popper's Bar.
5. Adopt Resolution No. 06034, approving Premises Permit Application for Chicagami at the Queen City Sports Palace.
6. Adopt Resolution No. 06035, approving Premises Permit Application for Chicagami at Wink's Place.
7. Adopt Resolution No. 06036, approving Premises Permit Application for Chicagami at the Sportspage Bar.
8. Adopt Resolution No. 06037, approving Premises Permit Application for Chicagami at the Mirage.
9. Approve travel requests:
 - A. Dana Waldron, Public Safety Director, Minnesota Chiefs of Police Executive Training Institute, April 24-27, 2006, St. Cloud, MN.
 - B. Nancy Maxwell, Library Director, Library Legislative Day, March 29 & 30, 2006, St. Paul, MN.
10. Approve Secondhand Good Dealers License for Consigning Women, 103 Chestnut Street East.
11. Adopt Resolution No. 06038, approving Change Orders for the 2004 Medical Facilities Redevelopment Project.

Motions carried and Resolutions adopted unanimously.

Mayor Luoma Gentilini stated the State of Minnesota Property and Local Tax Division Committee will be meeting at 6:30 P.M. on January 26, 2006, at the Gilbert City Hall and encouraged the City Council and administrative staff to attend. The legislators will also be touring the mines prior to the meeting.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to adopt Resolution No. 06039, accepting bid from P & M Construction, in the amount of \$50,843.34, to repair the water damage at the Virginia Teen Center. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Lind reported on the Finance Committee on January 17, 2006.

Moved by Lind and supported to approve the request from Elder Services for free Dial-a-Ride service to the Miner's Memorial Building on May 11, 2006, for the Range Senior Expo. Motion carried.

Moved by Lind and supported to adopt Resolution No. 06040, designating the Mesabi Daily News as the official newspaper for the City of Virginia for 2006 and accepting the rates for the publication of City minutes and legal advertising. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Lind and supported to adopt Resolution No. 06041, accepting the proposal from DSGW Architects, in an amount up to \$66,452.00.00, for the schematic design for the Miners Memorial Building remodeling project.

Ayes: Councillors Raplinger, Lindberg, Damm, Peterson, Mayor Luoma Gentilini – 5

Nays: Councillor Lind – 1

Resolution adopted.

Councillor Lind stated she is not in favor of the total project to remodel the Miners Memorial Building at a cost of \$7 million, until the Park/Recreation Commission can prove the funding is available.

Moved by Lind and supported to approve a donation of \$150.00 to the Quad Cities Gymnastic Program. Motion carried.

City Attorney Butorac stated the Public Safety Committee, at a meeting held on January 17, 2006, made a motion to move forward with the automated pawn system. The City will have to amend the pawnbrokers' ordinance and it was recommended that the City Attorney and Public Safety Director meet with the pawn shop owners to review the language in the ordinance, prior to placing it on the City Councillors' desks on February 14th. The Public Safety Committee also approved reimbursing the pawn shop owners for fifty percent of the costs to install the automated pawn software.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to approve: 1) Move forward with the APS automated pawn system; 2) Authorize the City Attorney and Public Safety Director to meet with the pawn shop owners to review the language in the ordinance, which will be presented to the City Council at the February 14, 2006, City Council meeting; and 3) Reimburse pawn shop owners for fifty percent of the costs to install the automated pawn system software. Motion carried.

Councilor Raplinger reported on the Personnel Committee meeting held on January 23, 2006.

Moved by Raplinger and supported to reappoint Tom Teasck to the Hospital Commission for a three-year term ending 2/1/09.

Ayes: Councillors Raplinger, Damm, Peterson, Mayor Luoma Gentilini – 4

Nays: Councillors Lind, Lindberg – 2

Motion carried.

Moved by Raplinger and supported to appoint Barbara Politano to the Hospital Commission for a three-year term ending 2/1/09. Motion carried.

Moved by Raplinger and supported to reappoint Don Sipola to the Public Utilities Commission for a three-year term ending 2/1/09.

Ayes: Councillors Raplinger, Lind, Damm, Mayor Luoma Gentilini - 4

Nays: Councillors Lindberg, Peterson – 2

Motion carried.

Moved by Raplinger and supported to reappoint Sue Swanson to the Human Rights Commission for a three-year term ending 2/1/09. Motion carried.

Moved by Raplinger and supported to appoint Linda Esala to the Human Rights Commission for a three-year term ending 2/1/09. Motion carried.

Moved by Raplinger and supported to reappoint Douglas Johnson to the Planning/Zoning Commission for a three-year term ending 2/1/09. Motion carried.

Moved by Raplinger and supported to reappoint Arlene Jershe to the Library Commission for a three-year term ending 2/1/09. Motion carried.

Moved by Raplinger and supported to readvertise for the two three-year vacancies on the Park/Recreation Commission.

Moved by Lind and supported to table the appointments to the Park/Recreation Commission for further evaluation. Motion carried.

Moved by Raplinger and supported to reduce the Library Commission from seven members to five members. Motion carried.

Mayor Luoma Gentilini reported on the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on January 24, 2006, to meet with representatives of the Public Utilities to discuss a policy to replace infrastructure.

Moved by Peterson and supported to authorize the Lead Engineer and City Operations Director to submit grant applications to the Iron Range Resources for the \$250,000 Infrastructure Grant and the \$3,000,000 Public Works Grant. Motion carried.

At the Committee of the Whole meeting, Lead Engineer Hennis was directed to meet with Greg French and Don Rindfuss of the Public Utilities to establish a policy to replace infrastructure and bring a recommendation to the Street and Alley Committee. It was also recommended that City Clerk/Finance Director Lackner and Lead Engineer Hennis review the assessment policy and make a recommendation on whether to expand the policy to include new utilities.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to approve the facility plan for new truck garages and cold storage for the Department of Public Utilities, contingent upon final approval of the Engineering Department, and to waive the City portion of the building permit fee. Motion carried.

Councillor Lind reported on the following items, which were approved by the Virginia School Board at a meeting held on January 23, 2006: 1) Contract with Phil Johnson, Superintendent, was approved for three additional years; 2) Appointed Rudy Marolt to fill the unexpired nine month term of Sherry Richard; 3) Recognized physical education teachers for obtaining a grant for equipment; 4) Hired Stella Kotnik for special education teacher.

City Clerk/Finance Director Lackner reviewed the bids to purchase the security equipment, Bone Densometer and other medical equipment for the 2004 Medical Facilities Redevelopment Project.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to adopt Resolution No. 06042 to accept the bids from Protec Design for 1) Security equipment - \$39,212.75; 2) Security equipment under State of MN contract - \$ 7,900.50; 3) Design and installation services for security system - \$27,153.88, and the bids from Physician Sales and Service for 1) Bone Density Machine - \$58,199.00; 2) Other medical

equipment - \$105,550.08, for the 2004 Medical Facilities Redevelopment Project. Resolution adopted unanimously.

City Clerk/Finance Director Lackner reviewed the recommendation to borrow funds from the General Fund to pay off the General Obligation Tax Increment Refunding Bonds, Series 1997B, in Tax Increment District 2B. The loan would be repaid with excess tax increments from Districts 2 and 3.

Moved by Peterson and supported to waive the requirement for a written resolution for the following motion. Motion carried.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to adopt Resolution No. 06043, authorizing an interfund loan from the General Fund for redemption of the General Obligation Tax Increment Refunding Bonds, Series 1997B, in District 2B. Resolution adopted unanimously.

City Operations Director Tourville requested permission to attend the quarterly meeting of the Iron Range Economic Alliance on February 8 & 9, 2006.

Moved by Peterson and supported to authorize City Operations Director Tourville to attend the quarterly meeting of the Iron Range Economic Alliance. Motion carried.

City Attorney Butorac stated the land lease with the Iron Range Rehab will be presented for final approval in February.

Mayor Luoma Gentilini reported on the following items:

- Met with Representative Oberstar and representatives of the quad cities on January 19, 2006, to discuss various needs for Northern Minnesota.
- Northland Foundation was recently named to the coalition for the Early Childhood Initiative.
- Recognized Jim Theodore, Fire Department employee, for the article written for the Fire Rescue magazine on All Terrain Rescue.
- Stated Virginia Sandstrom is looking for facilities to accept afghans, which she crochets.
- Reviewed letter from Councillor Damm recommending medals of meritorious service be awarded to police and fire employees for key roles in a recent successful fire rescue.

Moved by Peterson and supported to award the Metal of Meritorious Service to Police Department employees Mike O'Connor, Mike Gornick and Fire Department employees Kevin Poffs and Scott Fredrickson, with Honorable Mentions to Police Department employees Bruce Hedstrom and Anthony Gielen and Fire Department employees Roger Scott and Mark Wandersee. Motion carried.

Moved by Raplinger and supported to adjourn to 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 14, 2006, in the Council Chambers, City Hall. Motion carried.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

CAROLYN LUOMA GENTILINI
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI
Deputy City Clerk