

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, OCTOBER 23, 2007

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

Roll Call:

Present: Councillors Raplinger, Baranzelli, Lindberg, Damm, Acting Mayor Lind – 5

Absent: Councillor Peterson, Mayor Luoma Gentilini - 2

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held October 9, 2007.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 07-019 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Adopt Resolution No. 07161, instructing District Judge to appoint Robin Cronk to the Charter Commission.
4. Approve Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo for Blue Devils Golf Boosters, Inc., for bingos on November 11, 2007, and March 17, 2008.
5. Adopt Resolution No. 07162, approving License Agreement 13491 with RGGGS Land & Minerals, Ltd., for a 15-inch sanitary sewer line.
6. Adopt Resolution No. 07163, authorizing special assessments against properties in violation of Clear Water Discharge Ordinance.

Motions carried and Resolutions adopted unanimously.

Ralph Johnson, Fayal resident, reviewed the concerns from the Fayal Township residents regarding the existing and proposed Airport Zoning Ordinances. Mr. Johnson stated the residents would like to review the proposed ordinance before it is sent to the State of Minnesota for approval. The residents are also recommending that Runway #1432 be closed down until the potential safety hazards are taken care of.

Councillor Raplinger stated he is participating on the zoning board that is updating the airport zoning ordinance and did not feel it was advisable to close an airport runway at this time. Councillor Raplinger recommended that the City Council attend the meeting with the Eveleth City Council and the representative from the State of Minnesota Aeronautics Division, which will be held in November, to address the zoning issues.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to advise the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority to close down Runway No. 1432 until the safety issues are resolved.

Ayes: Councillor Lindberg - 1

Nays: Councillors Raplinger, Baranzelli, Damm, Lind - 4

Motion failed.

Bruce Furu thanked Councillor Steve Peterson and City Operations Director Tourville for their prompt assistance in repairing the sidewalk near the Alice Nettel Apartment Building, which was a safety issue.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to adopt Resolution No. 07164, authorizing the sale of Lot 6, Block 2, Fairview Second Addition, and Lot 2, Block 2, Fairview Third Addition, to Dana and Gail Waldron, in the amount of \$30,000.00. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to adopt Resolution No. 07165, entering into Letter of Intent with P & H Mining Equipment, Inc., d/b/a P & H Mine Pro Service. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Lind reported on the Finance Committee meeting held as a Committee-of-the-Whole on October 16, 2007.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to authorize the Housing and Redevelopment Authority to offer a \$600 credit incentive program for new residents that utilize the Spectrum assisted living program. Motion carried.

Moved by Raplinger and supported to approve a 2% rent increase in the 2008 budget for the Washington Manor as of January 1, 2008, with a 1% rebate check given to the residents that stay for twelve months. Motion carried.

Moved by Baranzelli and supported to adopt Resolution No. 07166, accepting quote from Arrowhead Radio & Security, in the amount of \$13,992.00, for an Intrusion Alarm and Camera System for the tennis facility at Southside Park. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Raplinger and supported to request the Park/Recreation Director to explore costs to install a well at the golf course. Motion carried.

Moved by Damm and supported to accept the bids for surplus equipment, as follows: 1982 Empire Gen-set - Gene Kotnik, \$601.00; 1999 International Garbage Truck - James Bertucci, \$5,100. Motion carried.

Councillor Baranzelli reported on the Public Safety Committee meeting held on October 16, 2007.

Moved by Baranzelli and supported to authorize the Public Works Department to install a snow fence on 9th Street North from the area near the culverts by Waschke Auto Plaza to 4th Avenue West and to also install a 2' x 3' permanent sign to notify snowmobilers of the designated snowmobile trail. Motion carried.

Moved by Baranzelli and supported to request Police Chief and Public Utilities to review the request to install a street light on the utility pole behind 1210 8th Street South and make a recommendation to the Public Safety Committee. Motion carried.

The Public Utilities will also review the request to place a street light at the corner of the alley north of 10th Street South at 10th Avenue to determine if it meets the criteria for a street light.

Councillor Lindberg reported on the Joint Buildings/Grounds and Street/Alley Committee meetings held on October 17, 2007.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to hold a public informational hearing at the November 13, 2007, City Council meeting to discuss the proposed housing development for the former Horace Mann School property and to request the Planning/Zoning Commission to review the proposals at their November 5, 2007, meeting. Motion carried.

Councillor Damm reported on the Insurance Committee meeting held on October 17, 2007.

Moved by Damm and supported to set the dental insurance monthly premiums at \$100 for the family plan and \$40 for the single plan, effective January 1, 2008. Motion carried.

City Operations Director Tourville stated the City submitted grant applications for infrastructure for the Fairview Phase IV Development project and for the site north of the golf course.

City Operations Director Tourville requested permission to attend the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities Fall Conference to be held November 7-9, 2007, in Alexandria, Minnesota.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to authorize the City Operations Director and up to three City Councillors to attend the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities Fall Conference to be held November 7-9, 2007, in Alexandria, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Acting Mayor Lind reported on the following items:

- AEOA will hold a meeting to discuss the Youth Foyer Project at 5:00 P.M. on October 24, 2007.
- New vital records office has opened at the Virginia County Courthouse.
- Received a thank you for the City's cooperation with the Kids Day America Event held on September 22, 2007.
- Neighborhood Watch District I meeting has been scheduled for 6:00 P.M. on October 24, 2007, at the Northern Club.

See 2007 Resolution Book for Resolution Nos. 07161 – 07166 and Finance Resolution No. 07019.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to adjourn to 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, in the Council Chambers, City Hall. Motion carried.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

CARMA LIND
Acting Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI
Deputy City Clerk