

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, OCTOBER 9, 2007

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, Baranzelli, Lindberg, Damm, Peterson, Mayor Luoma
Gentilini – 7

Absent: None

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

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held September 25, 2007.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 007-018 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo from Mesabi Humane Society on November 10, 2007.
4. Approve Application for Exempt Permit for Ducks Unlimited, Mesabi Chapter, for raffle to be held on November 15, 2007.
5. Adopt Resolution No. 07149, authorizing special assessments against properties for delinquent public utilities.
6. Approve travel requests:
 - A. Dana Waldron, Police Chief, MN Symposium on Terrorism & Emergency Preparedness, November 12-14, 2007, Brooklyn Park, MN.
 - B. Susan Hoppe, Library, Demonstration of Gale Databases, October 9, 2007, Mt. Iron, MN.
7. Approve Application for Optional 2 AM Liquor License for Popper's Bar.
8. Adopt Resolution No. 07150, approving Premises Permit Application for Climb at the Coates Plaza Hotel.
9. Adopt Resolution No. 07151, approving Premises Permit Application for Climb at the Royal Bar.
10. Approve Dance Permit for Virginia Key Club to hold dance at the Miners Memorial Building from 8:30 P.M. to 11:30 P.m. on October 20, 2007.
11. Approve variances, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission:
 - A. Brent Kishel – 428 15th Street North
 1. A 2.5' variance from the required 5' side yard setback in order to construct a 20' x 24' garage 2.5' from the East property line contingent upon a Certificate of Survey being provided, gutters be placed on garage to alleviate run-off, and if required, a completed Utility Obstruction agreement.

2. A 2.5' variance from the required 5' side yard setback in order to construct a 20' x 24' garage 2.5' from the West property line contingent upon a Certificate of Survey being provided, gutters be placed on garage to alleviate run-off, and if required, a completed Utility Obstruction agreement.
3. A variance to exceed rear yard coverage maximum of 30%. (to be determined when Survey is completed) contingent upon a Certificate of Survey being provided, gutters be placed on garage to alleviate run-off, and if required, a completed Utility Obstruction agreement.

Motions carried and Resolutions adopted unanimously.

Moved by Raplinger and supported to authorize the Virginia Quarterback Club to hold their annual bonfire at the Silver Lake beach from 7 P.M. to 9:30 P.M on October 11, 2007, as part of the homecoming activities. Motion carried.

Mayor Gentilini reviewed the communication from the City of Chisholm recommending adoption of a resolution to support a Municipal Demolition Disposal Rate for the Iron Range Resources Demolition Program. Mayor Gentilini recommended that City staff meet with St. Louis County and negotiate a rate.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to refer the Municipal Demolition Disposal Rate for the Iron Range Resources Demolition program to the Buildings/Grounds Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Lind and supported to adopt Resolution No. 07152, accepting bid from Benchmark Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$37,200.00, for plans, specifications and construction management for C.P. 1-08, Reconstruction of 6th Avenue from 3rd Street South to 8th Street South. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Lind and supported to adopt Resolution No. 07153, approving Change Order No. 2, increasing the contract of Hammerlund Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$43,657.00, for C.P. 12-06, Fairview Phase III Infrastructure. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Mayor Gentilini reviewed the communication from the Planning and Zoning Commission recommending that the covenants for the Fairview Addition remain in place, with the option of granting variances if hardships were defined. The Planning and Zoning Commission also recommended that the proper channel be followed for all variances.

Mayor Gentilini reviewed the process for the preliminary plat for the former DM & IR railroad property located between 12th Avenue and 13th Street South and stated the Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public regarding the plat prior to making a recommendation to the City Council.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to accept the quote from Compudyne, in the amount of \$12,211.29, including installation and license fee, to replace the computer server for the Police Department. Motion carried.

Councillor Lind reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on October 2, 2007.

Moved by Lind and supported to adopt Resolution No. 07154, approving Facilities Use Agreement with Independent School District No. 2154, Eveleth-Gilbert, for lease of the Quad Cities Tennis for All Facility. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Lind and supported to adopt Resolution No. 07155, approving Facilities Use Agreement with Independent School District No. 706, Virginia, for lease of the Quad Cities Tennis for All Facility. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Lind and supported to adopt Resolution No. 07156, accepting the bid from Skubic Brothers through the State bid process, in the amount of \$76,921.76, including tax and license, for a cab and chassis for a new garbage truck. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Lind and supported to adopt Resolution No. 07157, accepting the quote from DSC Communications, in the amount of \$11,894.00 plus tax, for twenty pagers for the Fire Department. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Lind and supported to adopt Resolution No. 07158, authorizing submission of an Iron Range Resources Grant to construct infrastructure to a business park located along Highway 53. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Lind and supported to adopt Resolution No. 07159, authorizing submission of an Iron Range Resources Grant to replace infrastructure on 6th Avenue from 3rd Street South to 8th Street South. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Lind and supported to increase the salary for the figure skating coach to \$5,400.00 and to increase the salary for the basic skills coach to \$2,400.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Raplinger and supported to increase the Human Resources/Safety Director position from 32 hours per week to 40 hours per week, as recommended by the Personnel Committee.

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

Nays: Councillors Lind, Lindberg, Peterson - 3

Motion failed (five votes required for financial expenditure).

Councillor Peterson reported on the Buildings/Grounds Committee meeting held on October 2, 2007.

Moved by Peterson and supported to adopt Resolution No. 07160, entering into Exclusive Negotiation Agreement with Virginia Retail Investments, LLC, to propose a development agreement within 120 days for the property north of the golf course, contingent upon review by Kennedy & Graven. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Peterson and supported to accept the proposal from Dana and Gail Waldron, in the amount of \$30,000.00, for the purchase of Lot 6, Block 2, Fairview Second Addition, and Lot 2, Block 2, Fairview Third Addition, with the final resolution adopted at the October 23, 2007, meeting. Motion carried.

Mayor Gentilini reported on the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on October 2, 2007.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to update the actuarial study on the liability for post employment benefits for the City, Public Utilities and Hospital, with \$5,000.00 fee to be spread between entities, based on liability. Motion carried.

Councillor Baranzelli reported on the Virginia School Board meeting held on October 8, 2007, and acknowledged the donation from Target to the Virginia Schools.

Councillor Lindberg reviewed a letter from a citizen in the Town of Fayal concerning the airport zoning requirements. Councillor Lindberg stated he will request that the 2008 contribution to the Eveleth-Virginia Airport be eliminated if the zoning issues are not resolved with the residents.

Councillor Raplinger stated he is participating on the board that is updating the airport zoning ordinance and feels the board has accommodated the Fayal residents and their concerns. Councillor Raplinger stated the final zoning ordinance will be forwarded to the State of Minnesota for review and then implemented by the Airport Authority.

City Clerk/Finance Director Lackner stated the updated actuarial study regarding post employment benefits should take about three weeks.

Mayor Gentilini reported that the Senate Bonding Committee will be in Virginia on October 11, 2007, to review the projects that were submitted for State bonding funds.

See 2007 Resolution Book for Resolution Nos. 07149 – 07160 and Finance Resolution No. 007018.

Moved by Peterson and supported to adjourn to 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, October 23, 2007, in the Council Chambers, City Hall. Motion carried.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

CAROLYN LUOMA GENTILINI
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI
Deputy City Clerk