

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, JUNE 26, 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

Councillor Peterson removed Item 3 from the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows, with the exception of Item 3:

1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held June 12, 2007.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 007-012 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve Application for Renewal of Optional 2 AM Liquor License for S & F Bar, Inc., d/b/a Sportspage Bar.
4. Adopt Resolution No. 07105, to enter into contract with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation, to provide public transportation service in the City of Virginia for the year 2008.

Motions and Finance Resolution adopted unanimously.

Regarding Item 3, Councillor Peterson stated he would be abstaining from voting on the issue.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to approve the Application for Renewal of Optional 2 A.M. Liquor License for the S& F Bar, Inc., d/b/a Sportspage Bar. Motion carried, with Councillor Peterson abstaining from the vote.

Moved by Lind and supported to adopt Resolution No. 07101, accepting the quote from Chesley & Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$78,088.00, for tuckpointing the East, Southeast and South elevations of the Washington Manor. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to adopt Resolution No. 07102, in support of a 2007 Special Legislative Session to consider the Omnibus Tax Bill. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Raplinger and supported to table the bids for the Trunk Highway 135 Water Main Interconnect Project, Phase I, until the July 10, 2007, City Council meeting. Motion carried.

City Clerk/Finance Director Lackner recommending awarding the high bids for the surplus equipment items, contingent upon final approval from the Public Works Department and Department of Public Utilities.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to award the bids for the surplus sale, contingent upon final approval from the Public Works Department and Department of Public Utilities. Motion carried.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to adopt Resolution No. 07103, accepting the bid from DSGW Architects, in the amount of \$45,800.00, for design services and construction management for the ice sheet, ice plant, North bleacher penalty box renovations and electrical service renovation at the Miners Memorial Building, plus costs for printing, postage and handling of documents. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Lind reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on June 19, 2007.

Moved by Lind and supported to adopt Resolution No. 07104, approving five year lease with Lamar for the billboard at 604 North 6th Avenue, contingent upon allowing the All Community Reunion billboard ad to remain at no charge and to request that the fee be waived from September 2007, through June, 2008, as the All Community Reunion Committee paid a \$600 fee up front. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Lind and supported to authorize the Police Chief to submit a grant application to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, in the amount of \$26,000.00, for the purchase of two defibrillators and four cameras for the squad cars. Motion carried.

Moved by Lind and supported to authorize the Tennis for All Board to begin the process to hire a manager for the tennis facility, with a start date of September 1, 2007. Motion carried.

Councillor Lindberg commended the Tennis For All Committee for raising \$781,000 to date.

Councillor Baranzelli reported on the Public Safety Committee meeting held on June 19, 2007.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to place a “Watch for Children” sign in the alley of the 500 block of 8 ½ Street South. Motion carried.

Moved by Baranzelli and supported to approve the request for a block party in the 200 block of 3rd Street South on Sunday, July 29, 2007, and to authorize the Public Works Department to provide barricades to the residents to block the street from 12:00 Noon until 5:00 P.M. Motion carried.

Moved by Baranzelli and supported to allow Joe Sopp to harvest the grass at the former gas plant site. Motion carried.

Moved by Baranzelli and supported to pursue a plan for the radio station, prior to receiving the license, with the proposals to be reviewed by the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Ayes: Councillors Raplinger, Lind, Baranzelli, Lindberg, Damm, Mayor Luoma Gentilini – 6

Nays: Councillor Peterson - 1

Motion carried.

Mayor Gentilini reported on the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on June 19, 2007, to discuss the back pay for the Public Utilities General Manager and the Laurentian Energy Authority Board.

Moved by Raplinger and supported to request that the Laurentian Energy Authority send notices and minutes for all their meetings to the City Council. Motion carried.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to continue a discussion in the future between the City Council and the Public Utilities Commission to consider options to streamline the City and Public Utilities operations and to request the Charter Commission to consider changing the City Charter regarding the commission makeup. Motion carried.

Councillor Raplinger reported on the Personnel Committee meeting held on June 26, 2007.

Moved by Raplinger and supported to abide by the June 15th deadline regarding paramedic licensure.

Ayes: Councillors Raplinger, Lind, Baranzelli, Mayor Luoma Gentilini – 4

Nays: Councillors Lindberg, Damm, Peterson – 3

Motion carried.

Moved by Raplinger and supported to reimburse the Fire Chief for the \$700 registration fee for the NIMS Training for the Fire Department employees.

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

Nays: Councillors Lind, Lindberg, Peterson- 3

Motion failed.

Moved by Raplinger and supported to appoint Quentin Bloomquist to the Public Utilities Commission for unexpired term ending February 1, 2008. Motion carried.

Moved by Raplinger and supported to proceed with the hiring process to fill two vacancies at the Fire Department.

Ayes: Councillors Raplinger, Lind, Baranzelli, Lindberg, Damm, Mayor Luoma Gentilini – 6

Nays: Councillor Peterson - 1

Motion carried.

Councillor Baranzelli reviewed the Public Library's Summer Reading Program.

Councillor Lindberg questioned the donations received for the Fourth of July celebration and questioned the Mayor on the use of her discretionary fund. Mayor Gentilini stated she makes many anonymous donations from the discretionary fund.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to adopt Resolution No. 07100, authorizing submission of a capital budget request to the State of Minnesota for the mining haul road economic development project for north of the Golf Course. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to hold one City Council meeting in July and August, on July 10th and August 14th, with committee meetings held on the same days. Motion carried.

Moved by Lind and supported to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk/Finance Director to sign contracts between meetings and to authorize the City Clerk/Finance Director and Finance Committee Chairperson to approve bills between meetings. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson and supported to adopt Resolution No. 07106, to designate City of Virginia's December 31, 2007, General Fund Balances. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Mayor Gentilini reported on the following items:

- City of Kinney will hold their Independence Day celebration from July 13-15, 2007.
- City band concerts will be held at 7 P.M. on June 28th and July 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th at Olcott Park.
- Fourth of July celebration will include a parade at 9:00 A.M. Games will begin at 10:00 A.M., with the surprise auction held at 12:00 Noon.

See 2007 Resolution Book for Resolution Nos. 07100 – 07106 and Finance Resolution No. 07012.

Moved by Raplinger and supported to adjourn to Tuesday, July 10, 2007, in the Council Chambers, City Hall. Motion carried.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

CAROLYN LUOMA GENTILINI
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI
Deputy City Clerk