

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA, NOVEMBER 25, 2008

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

Roll Call:

Present: Councillors Littlewolf, Ralston, Baribeau, Lindberg, Damm, Russo, Mayor Peterson - 7

Absent: None

Mayor Peterson led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jerry Pedersen, resident of St. Mary's Drive, was present and requested support to form a committee to resolve problems between the Eveleth-Virginia Airport and the residents of St. Mary's Drive. Mr. Pedersen recommended that the committee include a representative from the Eveleth City Council, Virginia City Council, Fayal Township Board, Airport Authority and four residents of St. Mary's Drive.

John Babich, resident of St. Mary's Drive, stated the primary goal of the committee would be safety. Mayor Peterson stated the Airport Joint Powers Agreement will also be reviewed at the joint meeting.

Moved by Russo and supported to schedule a joint meeting with the Eveleth City Council and the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority to outline the objectives, guidelines and formation of a committee to discuss the airport issues. Motion carried.

Councillor Lindberg removed Item 10 from the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Russo and supported to approve the Consent Agenda, with exception of Item

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1. Approval/correction of minutes of Regular Meeting held November 12, 2008.
2. Adoption of Finance Resolution No. 08022 – Schedule of Bills.
3. Approve Temporary Liquor License for Mesabi Range College Foundation for December 31, 2008.
4. Approve On-Sale/Sunday Liquor Licenses, contingent upon meeting licensing requirements.
5. Approve Off-Sale Liquor Licenses, contingent upon meeting licensing requirements.
6. Approve Club On-Sale Liquor Licenses, contingent upon meeting licensing requirements.
7. Approve On-Sale Beer Licenses, contingent upon meeting licensing requirements.
8. Approve Off-Sale Beer Licenses, contingent upon meeting licensing requirements.
9. Approve On-Sale Wine Licenses, contingent upon meeting licensing requirements.
10. Adopt Resolution entering into Development Agreement with Menard, Inc.

Motions carried and Finance Resolution adopted unanimously.

Regarding Item 10, Councillor Lindberg announced that the City of Virginia is moving forward with a development agreement with Menard's to develop the property for the new store in Virginia.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to adopt Resolution No. 08156, entering into Development Agreement with Menard, Inc. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to include a listing of all liquor license applications in the City Council packet in the future. Motion carried.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to adopt Resolution No. 08157, authorize the sale of Lot 3, Block 1, Fairview Second Addition, to Nicholas S. Devich, in the amount of \$15,000.00. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to appoint Councillor Damm as Virginia's representative on the Northeast Minnesota Regional Radio Board. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to refer the proposals for professional civil engineering and construction management for C.P. 1-09, Reconstruction of 6th Avenue West from 8th Street South to 13th Street South and C.P.2-09, Watermain Replacements, Surface Widening and Traffic Striping of 12th Avenue West, Trunk Highway 53 Loop System to the Street/Alley Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Ralston and supported to refer the proposals for part-time City Engineering services for the year 2009 to the Street and Alley Committee. Motion carried.

Jim Johnson, SEH Engineering, stated he met with the contractor to confirm the low bid for the demolition of the former Seppi site. The demolition will begin as soon as the contracts are in place and must be completed by June 1, 2009.

Moved by Ralston and supported to adopt Resolution No. 08158, accepting the bid from Construction Services, Inc., in the amount of \$89,900.00, for the Seppi Site Demolition Project. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to set the public hearing for the Business Subsidy for the P & H Mining Equipment, Inc., d/b/a P & H MinePro Services at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, December 16, 2008. Motion carried.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to adopt Resolution No. 08159, approving the hiring of Joshua Metter for a Patrol Officer position, contingent upon passing the pre-employment physical, occupational therapy assessment and psychological assessment and subject to a twelve month probationary period and the terms of the Law Enforcement Labor Services Local 195 labor agreement. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Councillor Lindberg reported on the Finance Committee meeting held as a Committee-of-the-Whole on November 18, 2008.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to approve the contribution of \$5,000 to the Youth Center for the year 2008, request the Virginia School District to participate in the costs for the Youth Center and to authorize the City Attorney to draft a contract with Dave Stewart to use a portion of the Youth Center building for the Youth for Christ office. Motion carried.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to approve a contribution of \$23,450 to the Laurentian Chamber of Commerce for the year 2009. Motion carried.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to receive and file the request from Koochiching County for a contribution for the Highway 53 long Range Improvement Citizens Task Force. Motion carried.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to refer the audit of City benefits to the Personnel Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to adopt Resolution No. 08160, in support of the Polymet Mining Project. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to authorize the Mayor to send a letter to Iron Range cities and townships requesting support of the Polymet Mining Project. Motion carried.

City Operations Director Tourville stated he will schedule a meeting with the Virginia School District in December to discuss various issues and street improvements.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to authorize the Public Works Department to purchase an eight foot truck plow, at a cost not to exceed \$4,819.13. Motion carried.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to authorize the Engineering Department to obtain bids for site grading for the west half of the proposed P & H MinePro site, contingent upon awarding the contract when the development agreement is executed. Motion carried.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to set one City Council meeting in December for 6:30 P.M. on December 16, 2008. Motion carried.

Councillor Russo reported on the Personnel Committee meeting held as a Committee-of-the-Whole on November 18, 2008, to review the negotiations with the MAPE Supervisors Union.

Councillor Russo reported on the Personnel Committee meeting held on November 24, 2008.

Moved by Russo and supported to authorize the Human Resources/Safety Director to post for one temporary full-time Library Clerk, not to exceed six months. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson stated the Finance Committee met as a Committee-of-the-Whole on November 25, 2008, to request St. Louis County to assist in funding animal control services.

Councillor Littlewolf reported on the Cable Commission meeting. Discussion was held on the use of cable franchise fees and televising the Public Utilities and Hospital Commission meetings.

Moved by Littlewolf and supported to invite Terry Hartikka, Public Access Programmer, to the next Finance Committee meeting to discuss the costs to film Public Utilities and Hospital Commission meetings and Virginia School Board meetings and to send a letter to the Hospital and Public Utilities Commission to request them to reconsider videotaping their meetings on a six month trial basis. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson read a letter from Kids Voting thanking the City of Virginia for their support and contribution to the program and stated Virginia was number one in student voter turnout.

See 2008 Resolution Book for Resolution Nos. 08156 – 08160 and Finance Resolution No. 08022.

Moved by Lindberg and supported to adjourn until 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday,
December 16, 2008, in the Council Chambers, City Hall. Motion carried.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

STEVE PETERSON
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI
Deputy City Clerk