

**THE CITY COUNCIL**  
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**COUNCIL CHAMBER**  
Virginia, Minn., May 20th, 1912.  
Regular meeting of the city council of the city of Virginia, Minnesota.  
Council called to order by the president.  
Roll call.  
Present: Aldermen Harvey, Lundstrom, Keller, Mollan, Mattson, McGhee, Coffey, Mr. Vice President—8.  
Absent: Alderman Heritage—1.  
Reading of minutes of previous meeting.  
Moved and supported that the minutes be approved as read.  
Carried.  
Alderman Heritage takes his seat in the council.  
The clerk stated that this was the date set in his advertisement to receive proposals on the work of paving various streets and avenues for the year 1912, and that on his desk were four proposals.  
Moved and supported that the proposals in the hands of the city clerk be opened and read.  
Carried.  
The proposals were opened and read and proved to be from the following firms:  
P. McDonnell.  
Lawrence-McCann Company.  
General Contracting Company.  
Butler-Coons Contracting Company.  
The clerk stated that this was the date set in his advertisement to receive proposals on the doing of cement curb and gutter and alley crossing work for the year 1912, and that on his desk was one proposal.  
Moved and supported that the proposal in the hands of the city clerk be opened and read.  
Carried.  
The proposal was opened and read and proved to be from Lawrence-McCann Company by C. A. Johnson.  
The clerk stated that this was the date set in his advertisement to receive proposals on cement sidewalk work for the year 1912, and that on his desk were two proposals.  
Moved and supported that the proposals in the hands of the city clerk be opened and read.  
Carried.  
The proposals were opened and read and proved to be from Risberg & Marwick and Oscar Hahninen.  
The president declared a recess that the council may confer together in executive session on the matter of proposals.  
The council was called to order by the president.  
Moved and supported that according to the proposal submitted by the General Contracting Company of Minneapolis on bituminous pavement that this company be awarded the contract for the paving of the following streets and avenues:  
First street from First avenue to Fifth avenue, North Side addition; Birch street from Central avenue to Lake Boulevard; Beech street from Cleveland avenue to Mesaba avenue; Hemlock street from Virginia to Railroad avenue and that the mayor and city clerk be instructed to enter into a contract in behalf of the city and that a resolution be drawn and presented covering the entire transaction.  
Carried.  
Moved and supported that according to the proposal submitted by the Lawrence-McCann Company for the paving of certain streets and avenues with creosoted wood blocks, that this company be awarded the contract for this paving work on Virginia avenue from the west side of the steel bridge to the corner of First street and First avenue, North Side addition, and that the mayor and city clerk be instructed to enter into a contract in behalf of the city, and that

a resolution be drawn and presented covering the entire transaction.  
Carried.  
Moved and supported that Risberg & Marwick be awarded the contract for the doing of the cement sidewalk work for the year 1912, at the square foot, and that the mayor and city clerk be instructed to enter into a contract in behalf of the city and that a resolution be drawn and presented covering the entire transaction.  
Carried.  
Moved and supported that Lawrence-McCann Company be awarded the contract for the doing of the cement curb and gutter work and placing in of catch basins for the year 1912, according to the proposal submitted and that the mayor and city clerk be instructed to enter into a contract in behalf of the city and that a resolution be drawn and presented covering the entire transaction.  
Carried.  
The library board by M. E. Fanning, president, and E. Kristow and J. L. Murkley as property owners adjoining, petitioned the council for the vacation of that portion of the alley running north and south in block 32, Original Addition, lying south of the north line of lot 11, bounded to the west by the alley and to the east by said block, and stating the reasons for this vacation. The petition was accompanied by a plat showing the proposed vacation.  
Moved and supported that the city clerk be instructed to advertise for a hearing and vacation of a portion of the alley sought to be vacated and that the same be done according to the city charter.  
Carried.  
President Boylan vacates his seat to Vice President Heritage and is excused from the council.  
The attorney applied for renewal of liquor license at No. 224 Chestnut street and submitted the usual bond.  
The application of the license was granted, the bond accepted and ordered to be filed after being approved by the mayor and city attorney and that a resolution be drawn and presented covering the entire transaction.  
Carried.  
J. H. Wallerius applied for permit to sell soap, pins and mirrors on the streets and the same was denied.  
Moved and supported that the ordinance creating sewer district No. 3 be received its third and final reading.  
Carried.  
The clerk read the ordinance.  
Moved by Alderman Mattson, supported by Alderman Mollan, that the ordinance be adopted.  
Ayes: Aldermen Harvey, Lundstrom, Keller, Mollan, Mattson, McGhee, Coffey, Mr. Vice President—8.  
Nays: None.  
Upon the foregoing vote the vice president declared the ordinance adopted.  
Moved and supported that the ordinance licensing automobiles carrying passengers for hire, regulating their charges and prescribing standing places thereon in the city of Virginia, be given its third and final reading.  
Carried.  
The ordinance was read by the clerk.  
Moved by Alderman Coffey, that the ordinance be adopted.  
Ayes: Aldermen Harvey, Lundstrom, Keller, Mollan, Mattson, McGhee, Coffey, Mr. Vice President—8.  
Nays: None.  
Upon the foregoing vote the ordinance was declared adopted.  
According to applications cigarette permits were granted to Ed. Finch at No. 425 and Chestnut street, A. Kerner at No. 125 Wyoming avenue north, Fred Tudisco at No. 1015 Third avenue North Side, Rivers & Nurm, Peter Berg, Steve Papelnats at No. 822 Fifth street, North Side, William Kestla at No. 201 Mesaba avenue, north, and Ben Milavetz at No. 112 Mesaba avenue north.  
Moved and supported that the applications from nine applicants and to sell milk and cream in the city limits and according to certificates submitted by the milk inspector be granted and the fees turned over to the city treasurer.  
Carried.

Moved and supported that Emil Ojanpas be granted a plumbers license and the bond accepted and ordered filed after being approved by the mayor and city attorney.  
Carried.  
Matt Mattson was granted a permit to move a frame building from lot 23, block 30, to lot 22, block 30, and the bond ordered filed after being approved by the mayor and city attorney.  
Carried.  
Andrew Grande was granted a permit to use a portion of Chestnut street and Central avenue while remodeling and enlarging a brick building on lots 15 and 16, block 24, and the bond was accepted and ordered filed after being approved by the mayor and city attorney.  
Moved and supported that the city clerk be instructed to notify all contractors in the city to discontinue the practice of mixing concrete on street paving unless sufficient boarding is placed over the pavement before the mixing begins.  
Carried.  
The report of the municipal court of fines and costs collected in that court for the week ending May 17th, 1912, and amounting to \$124.25, was read, accepted and ordered filed.  
The report of the most inspector was read, accepted and ordered filed for the week ending May 20th, 1912.  
The communication from the Virginia Electric Power & Water company relating to the extension of water mains on Ash street and in Fairview addition was read, accepted and ordered filed.  
The plans and specifications of the city engineer in the matter of sanitary sewer construction in Anderson's Third Addition and Fairview addition were referred to the committee on streets.  
The application of Andrew Bystrom to be appointed as inspector was accepted and ordered filed.  
The communication from the Mesaba Railway company protesting against the use of creosoted blocks between the company's tracks on First street was read, accepted and ordered filed.  
The application of David Brassard to construct a shooting gallery in a tent on lot 30, block 31, was denied.  
The license committee reported unfavorably on renewed liquor license to Arthur Caza and that in the matter of the pawn shop license to R. L. Gow & Company the same be renewed for one year from May 26th, 1912.  
Moved and supported that the street commissioner be instructed to reduce the height of certain buildings overlooking in a number of places where the same is higher than the sidewalk.  
Carried.  
The city attorney made a verbal report on the matter of ownership of certain portions of block 14, dealing specifically with the Joseph Ahearn matter.  
Moved and supported that the city attorney be instructed to take necessary steps to have Joseph Ahearn vacate any portion of city property now occupied by him on Crescent avenue or otherwise.  
Carried.  
Moved and supported that a resolution be drawn and presented ordering the Virginia Electric Power & Water company to construct four inch water main on Oak street between Mesaba and Railroad avenues; the placing of one hydrant at the corner of Oak street and Railroad avenue; one hydrant at the corner of Third avenue and Sixth street and one hydrant at the corner of Third avenue and Seventh street Fairview addition.  
Carried.  
Moved and supported that the Virginia Electric Power & Water company be instructed by the city clerk to place water connection to the lot line in front of lot 1, block 56.  
Carried.  
Moved and supported that the city clerk be instructed to notify the Virginia Electric Power & Water company

of the streets and avenues proposed to be paved the present season and requesting that the water connections be placed to the curb in advance of the paving.  
Carried.  
The matter of the correct placing of the white way standard on Central avenue was placed in the hands of the street commissioner and city engineer.  
Moved and supported that the city attorney be instructed to notify C. C. Butler that the cement sidewalk as laid by him under contract 1912 had been condemned and not accepted by the city, this being on the south side of Spruce street, between Wyoming and Mesaba avenues.  
Carried.  
Moved and supported that inasmuch as the city proposes to pave First street that the city engineer and street commissioner be instructed to construct by day labor a storm sewer on this street from Third avenue to Fifth avenue, North Side Addition, and the city clerk be empowered to purchase necessary sewer pipe and material for the doing of the work.  
Carried.  
Moved and supported that it be the sense of this council to attend in a body the Memorial Day exercises to be given under auspices of the school district.  
Carried.  
Moved and supported that the city engineer be instructed to see that the work of replacing earth in all excavations made on streets or public places be properly done so that depressions will not result after the same has settled.  
Carried.  
**COUNCIL CHAMBER.**  
Resolution No. 717.  
City of Virginia, Minn., May 20th, 1912.  
Resolution granting a liquor license to Walter Darcy at No. 224 Chestnut street.  
By Alderman Coffey.  
Resolved, by the city council of the city of Virginia, that the application of Walter Darcy to sell intoxicating liquors in the front room on the ground floor of a two story brick building situated No. 224 Chestnut street, in said city, be and is hereby granted, and that the surety bond in the sum of \$200.00, be and is hereby accepted and ordered filed after the approval of the mayor.  
Company to be for one year from May 26th, 1912.  
Ayes: Alderman Mattson—1.  
Adopted May 20th, 1912.  
Approved May 27th, 1912.  
**COUNCIL CHAMBER.**  
Resolution No. 718.  
City of Virginia, Minn., May 20th, 1912.  
Resolution authorizing the construction of the following wood sidewalks in the city of Virginia.  
By Alderman Lundstrom.  
Resolved, by the city council of the city of Virginia, that sidewalks be constructed on the west side of Third avenue between Fifth street and Eighth street, Rooney's Addition to the city of Virginia, and that the following materials be used and employed in the construction of the same: (1) surface planks two (2) inches thick from six (6) inches to ten (10) inches in width and six (6) feet in length; four feet from the lot line, stringers to be three (3) in number, one at each edge and one (1) in the center, and the said sidewalks are to be built under the direction and to the grade as established by the street commissioner or engineer of said city.  
Resolved further, that the owners of lands and lots abutting upon the portions of streets and avenues above designated be given notice of this resolution by the publication of the same once in the official paper of the city, and that all of the said owners are hereby notified and requested to construct said sidewalks along their respective lots and to fully complete the same within two (2) weeks after the publication of this resolution, and further that in case such owners shall not each along his respective land

contract and fully complete said walks within two (2) weeks after the publication of this resolution the city council shall forthwith proceed to construct said walks in accordance with said resolution and ascertain the expense of construction of the same and levy such expense upon and against each lot and parcel of land upon which such sidewalks shall front or abut, in accordance with the provisions of the city charter of Virginia, Minnesota.  
Moved by Alderman Mollan, supported by Alderman Mattson, that the above resolution be adopted.  
Ayes: Aldermen Harvey, Lundstrom, Keller, Mollan, Mattson, McGhee, Coffey, Mr. Vice President—8.  
Nays: None.  
Adopted May 20th, 1912.  
Approved May 27th, 1912.  
**COUNCIL CHAMBER.**  
Resolution No. 719.  
City of Virginia, Minn., May 20th, 1912.  
Resolution authorizing the Virginia Electric Power & Water company to make the following light line extension and install arc lamp.  
Resolved, by the city council of the city of Virginia, that the Virginia Electric Power & Water company be authorized and directed to make the following light line extension and install the following arc lamp:  
One arc lamp at the corner of Third avenue and Seventh street, Rooney's Addition to the city of Virginia.  
Resolved further, that the city clerk be and the hereby is authorized and directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Virginia Electric Power & Water company which said certified copy shall be the company's authority for making the aforesaid extension and install the aforesaid arc lamp.  
Moved by Alderman Mollan, supported by Alderman McGhee, that the above resolution be adopted.  
Ayes: Aldermen Harvey, Lundstrom, Keller, Mollan, Mattson, McGhee, Coffey, Mr. Vice President—8.  
Nays: None.  
Adopted May 20th, 1912.  
Approved May 27th, 1912.  
**COUNCIL CHAMBER.**  
Resolution No. 720.  
City of Virginia, Minn., May 20th, 1912.  
Resolution cancelling assessments for paving on lots 1 to 16 inclusive, block 7, Anderson's Addition to the city of Virginia.  
By Alderman Harvey.  
Resolved, by the city council of the city of Virginia, that the assessments for paving on lots 1 to 16 inclusive, block 7, Anderson's Addition to the city of Virginia, passed an ordinance known as Ordinance 131 changing the width of Sage street between Mesaba avenue and Wyoming avenue of the city of Virginia and the following property, being lots one (1) to sixteen (16) inclusive, block one (1), and lots one (1) to sixteen (16) inclusive, block seven (7), Anderson's Addition to the city of Virginia, be cancelled, and  
Whereas, The said property owners have all signed a release to the city of Virginia releasing it from any and all damages for changing the width of the said Sage street.  
Be it resolved, by the city council of the city of Virginia, that the assessments for paving the said Sage street between Mesaba avenue and Wyoming avenue which assessments were levied against lots one (1) to sixteen (16) inclusive, block one (1), and lots one (1) to sixteen (16) inclusive, block seven (7), Anderson's Addition to the city of Virginia, be cancelled, and  
Resolved further, that the city clerk be and the hereby is, authorized and directed to immediately have the county auditor cancel the assessments for paving the said property, lots one (1) to sixteen

(16) inclusive, block one (1), and lots one (1) to sixteen (16) inclusive, block seven (7), Anderson's Addition to the city of Virginia.  
By Alderman McGhee, supported by Alderman Mollan, that the above resolution be adopted.  
Ayes: Aldermen Harvey, Lundstrom, Keller, Mollan, Mattson, McGhee, Coffey, Mr. Vice President—8.  
Nays: None.  
Adopted May 20th, 1912.  
Approved May 27th, 1912.  
**COUNCIL CHAMBER.**  
Resolution No. 721.  
City of Virginia, Minn., May 20th, 1912.  
Resolution accepting bid of Risberg & Marwick for the doing of cement sidewalk work and work incidental thereto on streets and avenues of the city of Virginia for the year 1912.  
By Alderman Harvey.  
Resolved, by the city council of the city of Virginia, that the bid of Risberg & Marwick for the furnishing of all labor, material and whatsoever is necessary for the doing of the following work at the following prices:  
117,677 square feet, more or less, of cement sidewalk at 15¢ per square foot—\$17,651.55.  
Excavation, below sub-grade, at 75¢ per cubic yard, below sub-grade, at 11¢ per cubic yard.  
108 cubic yards, more or less, private cement driveway, at 174¢ per square yard—\$18,672.00.  
Be and the same is hereby accepted, and the mayor and city clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with the said Risberg & Marwick for the doing of said work in accordance with the plans and specifications thereon on file in the office of the city clerk of the city of Virginia.  
Moved by Alderman Keller, supported by Alderman Coffey, that the above resolution be adopted.  
Ayes: Aldermen Harvey, Lundstrom, Keller, Mollan, Mattson, McGhee, Coffey, Mr. Vice President—8.  
Nays: None.  
Adopted May 20th, 1912.  
Approved May 27th, 1912.  
**COUNCIL CHAMBER.**  
Resolution No. 722.  
City of Virginia, Minn., May 20th, 1912.  
Resolution accepting bid of Lawrence-McCann Company for the doing of cement curb and gutter work and all work incidental thereto on streets and avenues of the city of Virginia for the year 1912.  
By Alderman Mattson.  
Resolved, by the city council of the city of Virginia, that the bid of Lawrence-McCann Company for the furnishing of all labor, material and whatsoever is necessary for the completion of the following work at the following prices:  
10,730 lineal feet, more or less, cement curb and gutter, at 75¢ per lineal foot—\$8,047.50.  
20 catch basins, more or less, \$15.00 each—\$300.00.  
200 cubic yards excavation, more or less, \$1.00 per cubic yard—\$200.00.  
200 cubic yards, more or less, refilling below sub-grade with gravel, at 11.35 per cubic yard—\$227.00.  
3,200 square feet, more or less, cement alley crossings, at 56¢ per square foot—\$1,792.00.  
Be and the same is hereby accepted, and the mayor and city clerk be and they are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the said Lawrence-McCann Company for the doing of said work to be done in conformance with the plans and specifications thereon on file in the office of the city clerk of the city of Virginia.  
Moved by Alderman Mollan, supported by Alderman Keller, that the above resolution be adopted.  
Ayes: Aldermen Harvey, Lundstrom, Keller, Mollan, Mattson, McGhee, Coffey, Mr. Vice President—8.  
Nays: None.  
Adopted May 20th, 1912.  
Approved May 27th, 1912.  
**COUNCIL CHAMBER.**  
Resolution No. 723.  
City of Virginia, Minn., May 20th, 1912.  
Resolution accepting the bid of General Contracting Company for paving for the year 1912.  
By Alderman Mollan:  
Resolved, by the city council of the city of Virginia, that the bid of General Contracting Company for the furnishing of all labor, material and whatsoever is necessary for more or less of the following work at the following prices, to-wit: Paving Hemlock street, from Virginia avenue to Railroad avenue with bituminous at \$2.45 per square yard.  
Paving Birch street, from Central avenue to Lake Boulevard, with bituminous at \$2.45 per square yard.  
Laying 100 cubic yards of earth excavation at 60¢ per cubic yard.  
Paving Beech street, from Cleveland avenue to Mesaba avenue with bituminous at \$2.45 per square yard.  
Be and the same is hereby accepted, and the mayor and city clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with the said General Contracting Company for the doing of said work, all of said work to be done in accordance with the plans and specifications thereon on file in the office of the city clerk of the city of Virginia.  
Moved by Alderman Keller, supported by Alderman Coffey, that the above resolution be adopted.  
Ayes: Aldermen Harvey, Lundstrom, Keller, Mollan, Mattson, McGhee, Coffey, Mr. Vice President—8.  
Nays: None.  
Adopted May 20th, 1912.  
Approved May 27th, 1912.  
**COUNCIL CHAMBER.**  
Resolution No. 724.  
City of Virginia, Minn., May 20th, 1912.  
Resolution accepting the bid of Lawrence-McCann Company, for paving for the year 1912.  
By Alderman Mollan:  
Resolved, by the city council of the city of Virginia, that the bid of Lawrence-McCann Company for the furnishing of all labor, material and whatsoever is necessary for more or less of the following work at the following prices, to-wit: Paving Virginia avenue from west side of steel bridge to First street, with 2½ inch 16 foot, 8 inch concrete base, creosoted wood blocks, at \$2.53 per square yard.  
20 cubic yards of earth excavation at 60¢ per cubic yard.  
Be and the same is hereby accepted, and the mayor and city clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with the said Lawrence-McCann company for the doing of said work, all of said work to be done in accordance with the plans and specifications thereon on file in the office of the city clerk of the city of Virginia.  
Moved by Alderman Mattson, supported by Alderman Lundstrom, that the above resolution be adopted.  
Ayes: Aldermen Harvey, Lundstrom, Keller, Mollan, Mattson, McGhee, Coffey, Mr. Vice President—8.  
Nays: None.  
Adopted May 20th, 1912.  
Approved May 27th, 1912.  
Moved and supported that the resolution authorizing the payment to C. C. Butler of \$232.50 for balance due him on 1910 contract be laid over for one week.  
Carried.  
Moved and supported that the matter of inspection of cement sidewalk on the south side of Spruce street between Wyoming and Mesaba avenues be referred to the city attorney, street committee and street commissioner, and city engineer.  
Carried.  
Moved and supported that the council adjourn until next regular meeting.  
Carried.  
A. D. HERITAGE,  
Vice President of the City Council.  
ALBERT E. BICKFORD,  
City Clerk.  
(CORPORATE SEAL).

Contracting Company for paving for the year 1912.  
By Alderman Mollan:  
Resolved, by the city council of the city of Virginia, that the bid of General Contracting Company for the furnishing of all labor, material and whatsoever is necessary for more or less of the following work at the following prices, to-wit: Paving Hemlock street, from Virginia avenue to Railroad avenue with bituminous at \$2.45 per square yard.  
Paving Birch street, from Central avenue to Lake Boulevard, with bituminous at \$2.45 per square yard.  
Laying 100 cubic yards of earth excavation at 60¢ per cubic yard.  
Paving Beech street, from Cleveland avenue to Mesaba avenue with bituminous at \$2.45 per square yard.  
Be and the same is hereby accepted, and the mayor and city clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with the said General Contracting Company for the doing of said work, all of said work to be done in accordance with the plans and specifications thereon on file in the office of the city clerk of the city of Virginia.  
Moved by Alderman Keller, supported by Alderman Coffey, that the above resolution be adopted.  
Ayes: Aldermen Harvey, Lundstrom, Keller, Mollan, Mattson, McGhee, Coffey, Mr. Vice President—8.  
Nays: None.  
Adopted May 20th, 1912.  
Approved May 27th, 1912.  
**COUNCIL CHAMBER.**  
Resolution No. 724.  
City of Virginia, Minn., May 20th, 1912.  
Resolution accepting the bid of Lawrence-McCann Company, for paving for the year 1912.  
By Alderman Mollan:  
Resolved, by the city council of the city of Virginia, that the bid of Lawrence-McCann Company for the furnishing of all labor, material and whatsoever is necessary for more or less of the following work at the following prices, to-wit: Paving Virginia avenue from west side of steel bridge to First street, with 2½ inch 16 foot, 8 inch concrete base, creosoted wood blocks, at \$2.53 per square yard.  
20 cubic yards of earth excavation at 60¢ per cubic yard.  
Be and the same is hereby accepted, and the mayor and city clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with the said Lawrence-McCann company for the doing of said work, all of said work to be done in accordance with the plans and specifications thereon on file in the office of the city clerk of the city of Virginia.  
Moved by Alderman Mattson, supported by Alderman Lundstrom, that the above resolution be adopted.  
Ayes: Aldermen Harvey, Lundstrom, Keller, Mollan, Mattson, McGhee, Coffey, Mr. Vice President—8.  
Nays: None.  
Adopted May 20th, 1912.  
Approved May 27th, 1912.  
Moved and supported that the resolution authorizing the payment to C. C. Butler of \$232.50 for balance due him on 1910 contract be laid over for one week.  
Carried.  
Moved and supported that the matter of inspection of cement sidewalk on the south side of Spruce street between Wyoming and Mesaba avenues be referred to the city attorney, street committee and street commissioner, and city engineer.  
Carried.  
Moved and supported that the council adjourn until next regular meeting.  
Carried.  
A. D. HERITAGE,  
Vice President of the City Council.  
ALBERT E. BICKFORD,  
City Clerk.  
(CORPORATE SEAL).

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