

JANUARY 8, 2008

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons David Tryggestad, John Bjerke, Weston Mack, Roger Hatlem, Gail Frie, Jeff Clifton, and Terry Noble present. Alderpersons Mark Polsean and Gary Krause were absent. Also present were City Administrator Jeff Gohlke, City Clerk John Severson, Police Chief Mark Rahr, City Attorney David Jenkins, Assistant Administrator Matt Giese and Utility Clerk Nancy Bekkedal.

2. Approval of the December 11, 2007 Regular Council Minutes.

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2007 meeting. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment.

David Runice, speaking on behalf of Viroqua Daycare, asked the Council to consider selling part of the City owned lot adjacent to the Daycare. The land would be used for future expansion of the facility. Motion by Alderperson Frie to refer the matter to the Public Property Committee. Seconded by Alderperson Noble. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

4. Ordinance adopting the State One-and Two-Family Dwelling Code. First reading

Jeff Gohlke reviewed the ordinance with the Council noting the changes in inspection fees. Motion by Alderperson Frie to accept and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 08OR001. Seconded by Alderperson Bjerke. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

5. Possible closed session under Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (c). Consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governing body has jurisdiction of exercises responsibility. Parks and Recreation Director Daniel Stalsberg, Deputy Clerk Jodie Olson, Public Works Superintendent Steve Clark and Utility Clerk Nancy Bekkedal.

Motion by Alderperson Tryggestad to enter closed session. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

6. Reconvene in open session and possible action – Parks and Recreation Director Daniel Stalsberg, Deputy Clerk Jodie Olson, Public Works Superintendent Steve Clark and Utility Clerk Nancy Bekkedal.

The Council reconvened in open session with the same members present. Motion by Alderperson Frie that the Council has decided that all salaried employees are eligible for comp time with rules to be developed very soon and the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer position will receive a \$2,000.00 yearly increase in wages because of the additional duties of election management and voter registration. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

7. Payment of bills.

Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve payment of bills as presented on payment reports dated January 4, 2008 and January 8, 2008 for \$257,776.42 and \$703,325.59. Seconded by Alderperson Noble. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

8. Second period for public comment.

None.

9. Adjournment.

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to adjourn the meeting until 7:30 p.m. January 29, 2008. Seconded by Alderperson Frie. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson
Clerk