

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 2013**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on January 8, 2013 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Marc Polsean, Chuck Steinhoff, Cyndy Hubbard, John Thompson, Mark Rahr, Gary Krause and Terry Noble present. Alderperson Jeff Clifton was absent. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, Police Chief Daron Jefson, David Jenkins, Emily Rozeske and Jennifer Wieman.

2. Approval of the December 20, 2012 Special Council and December 11, 2012 Regular Council Minutes - Motion by Alderperson Steinhoff/second by Alderperson Krause to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2012 and December 11th, 2012 Council meetings. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment - none

4. Approval of application for Temporary Class B license – Joseph Club of Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary (Public Safety) Polhamus stated this is for their annual winter dinner/dance on February 9th, 2013. Motion by Alderperson Krause/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the temporary Class B license for the Joseph Club of Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary for February 9, 2013. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Discussion and action on conditional use application for 804 South Main Street for church – Believers Fellowship Church (Rev. Allen & Mary Skrede) (Plan Commission) – tabled from December 11, 2012 meeting Mayor Fanta stated that Reverend Skrede was unable to attend the meeting. Alderperson Krause stated he spoke with WCCU about slowing down the process and was told that there wasn't an appraisal done yet, and the process was already going slow. Alderperson Bekkedal asked if the surrounding property owners were notified and was told yes. Alderperson Polsean asked if there is a time limit on a conditional use. Jenkins stated that there is no timeline on action by the Council and trial period conditions have been put on previous requests. Alderperson Thompson stated that residents in his district feel it is a wrong fit for the area and Alderperson Noble agreed. Alderperson Hubbard feels it should stay a commercial facility. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Hubbard to deny the conditional use as this location was not suitable for the general welfare of the community. Voice vote seven in favor with one no vote heard. Alderperson Polsean voting no. Motion carried.

6. Payment of bills. – Motion by Alderperson Krause/second by Alderperson Thompson to approve the payment of bills on report date 01/04/13 in the amount of \$295,336.68 and additional bills report date 01/08/13 in the amount of \$879,884.86. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Second Period for Public Comment – none

8. Adjournment -

Motion made by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Steinhoff to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk