

**CITY OF VIROQUA  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
JANUARY 12, 2010**

**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 Tryggstad, Charles Steinhoff, Gary Krause, Weston Mack, Roger Hatlem, John Thompson, Jeff Clifton and Terry Noble present. Alderperson Marc Polsean was absent. Also present were Administrator Matt Giese. Clerk John Severson, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Public Works Superintendent Steve Clark, City Attorney David Jenkins and Sue Noble.

**2. Approval of the December 8, 2009 Regular Council Minutes**

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the December 8, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Alderperson Steinhoff. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

**3. First period for public comment**

None.

**4. Resolution authorizing the City to co-apply with VEDA for an Economic Development Administration Grant**

Matt Giese informed the Council that VEDA has asked the city to be a co-applicant for a \$1.5 million grant from the Economic Development Administration. The joint application would increase the probability of obtaining the grant. The grant would be used to further improve the former NCR building. VEDA will leverage the NCR building as their match for the grant. VEDA Executive Director Sue Noble was present and answered questions from the Council. Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve Resolution No.10RS001 authorizing the City to Co-apply with VEDA. Seconded by Alderperson Noble. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

**5. Wisconsin Department of Transportation offer to purchase .07 acres of the North Hwy 14 Lift Station site for future Hwy 14 construction**

Matt Giese presented the offer to purchase and the appraisal report. The .07 acres was appraised at \$850.00. Alderperson Krause suggested that access to the property should be in writing. Motion by Alderperson Thompson to accept the offer of \$850.00 for the .07 acres. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

**6. Ordinance regarding the Plan Commission**

Matt Giese introduced the ordinance which revises Section 2.28.040 concerning matters of consideration. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the first reading of the Ordinance regarding the Plan Commission. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

**7. Ordinance regarding Administrator's duties. First reading**

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to amend the ordinance by eliminating the word "suspension" and approve the first reading. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

**8. Appointment to the Plan Commission – John Bjerke**

Motion Alderperson Mack to approve the Mayor's appointment of John Bjerke to the Plan Commission to fill an unexpired term ending 5/1/2010. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

**9. Payment of bills.**

Motion by Alderperson Krause to approve payment of the bills as presented on payment reports dated January 8, 2010 and January 12, 2010 in the amounts of \$976,145.29 and \$48,176.47. Seconded by Alderperson Steinhoff. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

**10. Second period for public comment**

None.

**11. Adjournment.**

Motion by Alderperson Steinhoff to adjourn the meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 26, 2010. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson, Clerk