

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 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, City Attorney David Jenkins, Library Director Trina Bullerman and Jeff Gohlke representing VDA.

2. Approval of the January 12, 2010 Regular Council Minutes

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

3. First period for public comment

Mayor Fanta announced that the City of Viroqua has been awarded a \$90,000 rural Business Enterprise Grant from the US Department of Agriculture Rural Development office. The City will contribute \$10,000 as matching funds. The funds will be used to establish a revolving loan fund for small and emerging businesses in Viroqua. The Viroqua RLF will be administered by Jeff Gohlke, VDA Development Coordinator.

4. Public hearing on proposed changes to Industrial Park Zoning

Mayor Fanta called the public hearing to order. The proposed changes will allow specified commercial uses as conditional uses; the current zoning prohibits all commercial uses in the Industrial Park. No citizens were present to be heard. Mayor Fanta closed the public hearing.

5. An Ordinance revising Industrial Park Zoning – First reading

Giese reviewed the proposed ordinance revision with the Council. The ordinance revision is recommended by the Plan Commission. Motion by Alderperson Krause to approve the first reading Ordinance No.10OR001 An Ordinance revising Industrial Park Zoning. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

6. Ordinance regarding the Plan Commission – Second reading

Matt Giese introduced the ordinance which revises Section 2.28.040 concerning matters of consideration. Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve the second reading of the Ordinance No. 10OR002 regarding the Plan Commission. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

7. Ordinance regarding Administrator's duties. Second reading

Motion by Alderperson Thompson. Seconded by Alderperson Krause to approve the second reading of Ordinance No.10OR003 All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

8. Resolution regarding employee taxes

Motion by Alderperson Krause to approve Resolution No.10RS002 regarding employee taxes. Seconded by Alderperson Steinhoff. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

9. Transfer of Perpetual Care funds to Cemetery

Severson requested a transfer of Cemetery Perpetual Care funds, currently invested with the Wisconsin Trust fund, to the Cemetery Association to be invested locally for a higher rate of return. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the transfer of Cemetery Perpetual Care funds. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

10. Operator licenses

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve operator licenses for Christina Myhre, Lora Aspenson and Cheryl Dobbs. Seconded by Alderperson Noble. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

11. Payment of bills.

Motion by Alderperson Steinhoff to approve payment of the bills as presented on payment reports dated January 21, 2010 and January 26, 2010 in the amounts of \$85,536.78 and \$20,195.77. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

12. Second period for public comment

None.

13. Adjournment.

Motion by Alderperson Steinhoff to adjourn the meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 9, 2010. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson, Clerk