

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 27, 2009**

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, Marc Polsean, John Bjerke, Gary Krause, Weston Mack, Roger Hatlem, Gail Frie, Jeff Clifton and Terry Noble present. Also present were Administrator Jeff Gohlke, Assistant Administrator Matt Giese, Clerk John Severson, Police Chief Rahr, Attorney David Jenkins, Merle Martin and Edward Barlow.

2. Approval of the January 13, 2009 Regular Council Minutes.

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the January 13, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment.

Merle Martin, 421 East Oak, asked if anything had been done to help with the sewer backups at his house that have occurred during the last two years of heavy rains and also asked the Council to look into the parking problem in the area of the Hospital.

4. Operator licenses.

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve operator licenses for Katherine Brunsluk, Kayla Mundt, Lynn Zitzner and Julianne Draeger. Seconded by Alderperson Bjerke. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries. Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve operator licenses for Marjorie Macasaet and Monica Copus. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggstad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

5. Security proposals for city buildings.

The Council discussed proposals received from PER MAR Security Services and ADT Security Services to provide installation and maintenance of security and fire systems for City Hall, City Garage and Parks & Recreation office. PER MAR quoted installation at \$14,310 with annual maintenance of \$2,856. ADT quoted installation at \$18,121 with annual maintenance of \$1,798. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve the proposal from PER MAR Security Services. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggstad. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

6. Senior Center lease.

The Council reviewed a \$750 per month one year lease with the Elma R. Fyksen estate for part of the building at 220 N. Main. The building would be used for recreational activities only. Alderperson Frie questioned entering into a one year lease saying he would prefer a monthly lease. He also asked if the money could be used in other ways to better serve them. Alderperson Hatlem discussed the history of the Senior Center and expressed support for the yearly lease. Discussion continued. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve a month to month lease that continues if there is sufficient use but allowing the City to terminate the lease if there is not enough use. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggstad. On roll call vote

Alderspersons Bjerke, Krause, Mack, Frie, Clifton, Noble, Tryggestad and Polsean voted aye.
Aldersperson Hatlem voted nay. Motion carries.

7. Payment of bills.

Motion by Aldersperson Hatlem to approve the bills as presented on payment reports dated January 23, 2009 and January 27, 2009 in the amounts of \$176,957.39 and \$20,873.61. Seconded by Aldersperson Polsean. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

8. Second period for public comment.

Tim Hunt informed the Council about the neighborhood mediation efforts involving the skate park facility.

9. Adjournment.

Motion by Aldersperson Tryggestad to adjourn the meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 10, 2009. Seconded by Aldersperson Frie. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson
Clerk