

JANUARY 29, 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 Administrator Jeff Gohlke, Clerk John Severson, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Attorney David Jenkins, Assistant Administrator Matt Giese, PublicWorks Superintendent Steve Clark and Parks & Recreation Director Dan Stalsberg

2. Approval of the January 8, 2008 Regular Council Minutes.

Motion by Alderperson Tryggestad to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2008 meeting. Seconded by Alderperson Frie. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment.

None.

4. Historic Preservation Commission request for placement of Historic District Plaques.

Matt Giese reported that Public Property was recommending the placement of two plaques designating the historic district. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve placement of the plaques. Seconded Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

5. Ordinance adopting the State One-and Two- Family Dwelling Code. Second reading.

Jeff Gohlke reviewed the ordinance with the Council. Motion by Alderperson Mack to accept Ordinance No. 08OR001. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

6. Operator licenses.

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve operator licenses for Erin Bilek, Erin Wingert and Marlene Rooney as recommended by Public Safety. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

7. Ordinance regulating animals. First reading.

Jeff Gohlke reviewed the proposed ordinance with the Council. Public Safety had reviewed the ordinance. The Council discussed the impact of the ordinance. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Seconded by Alderperson West. Alderpersons Tryggestad, Bjerke, Mack, Hatlem, Frie and Noble voted aye on voice vote. Alderperson Clifton voted nay. Motion carries.

8. Discussion on crops, bushes and vegetation other than grass planting in boulevards and yards and other unauthorized uses of boulevards.

Alderperson Frie said that he had asked for this item to be on the agenda so that a discussion with the public could begin as to what are acceptable uses of boulevards and yards within the City of Viroqua.

9. Discussion and possible action on the procedure for city officials to overrule a committee decision.

Aldersperson Noble expressed his concern over the changing of ice skating hours without committee approval and asked for clarification of committee authority. Motion by Aldersperson Frie to refer the matter to The Finance and Personnel Committee as a future agenda item. Seconded by Aldersperson Noble. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

10. Payment of bills.

Motion by Aldersperson Frie to approve payment of bills as presented on payment reports dated January 25, 2008 and January 29, 2008 in the amounts of \$191,702.83 and \$131,043.22. Seconded by Aldersperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

11. Second period for public comment.

None.

12. Adjournment.

Motion by Aldersperson Hatlem to adjourn the meeting until 7:30 p.m. February 12, 2008. Seconded by Aldersperson Frie. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson
Clerk