

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 29, 2013**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Marc Polsean, Chuck Steinhoff, Cyndy Hubbard, John Thompson, Mark Rahr, and Terry Noble present. Alderpersons Gary Krause and Jeff Clifton were excused. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Attorney David Jenkins, Utility Clerk Nancy Bekkedal, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Mike Bankes, Keith Rocklewitz and Jennifer Wieman.

2. Approval of the January 8, 2013 Regular Council Minutes - Motion by Alderperson Steinhoff/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2013 Council meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment - none

4. Department reports – Public Safety – Daron Jefson and Steve Skrede – Fire Chief Skrede and Police Chief Jefson presented their 2012 Department reports to the Council and answered questions during their presentations.

5. Approval of application for Temporary Class B licenses – Viroqua Fire Department & Joseph Club (Public Safety) Polhamus stated these are for the Fire Department's annual fundraiser on 3/16/2013 and for the Joseph Club's parish picnic on 6/9/13 in Eckhart Park. Both applications were recommended for approval by the Public Safety Committee on 1/22/13. Motion by Alderperson Steinhoff/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve the temporary Class B licenses for the Viroqua Fire Department and Joseph Club for March 16, 2013 and June 9, 2013 respectively. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Approval of Operator licenses (Public Safety) – Polhamus stated there are two licenses; Ayla Frost for Viroqua Food Coop and Kerry Kane-Allen for Main Street Mobil Mart. These were recommended for approval by the Public Safety Committee on 1/22/13. Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Thompson for approval of the Operator licenses. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Acceptance of Chet Lee resignation from Viroqua Housing Authority – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Steinhoff to accept Chet Lee's resignation. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Resolution adopting the Vernon County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2012-2016 – Polhamus stated by adopting the County Plan we remain eligible for FEMA's hazard mitigation grant programs to assist in disaster recovery if necessary. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Steinhoff to approve resolution 13RS002 to adopt the Vernon County Multi-Hazards Mitigation Plan 2012-2016. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Resolution regarding an application for a demolition permit (Public Property) – Mayor Fanta called on Mike Bankes to speak on behalf of the Historic Preservation Commission. Bankes stated Historic Preservation does not have any issues with the demolition permit for 315 Railroad Avenue; however the property at 525 Railroad Avenue they would like to see a 60 day wait on the permit as they are looking into a Historic District in this area in which the public hearing is set for February 12th. They have spoken with the owner of the property and she would like to do something with the building but cleanup is needed. Severson stated that the demolition permit ordinance to be discussed later was missed when the ordinances were re-done in November 2005 and it was felt the best way to handle this situation was by resolution. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Noble to amend resolution 13RS003 to remove 525 Railroad Avenue and approve the resolution as amended. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried. The 525 Railroad Avenue demolition permit was tabled until the February 12, 2013 Council meeting.

10. Sewer Use Ordinance 12OR005 Revision (Public Works) – second reading – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Steinhoff to table the second reading of Ordinance 12OR005 for further staff review until the next Council meeting on February 26, 2013. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Ordinance regarding cross connection control (Public Works) – first reading – Severson stated that there were minor wording changes in this ordinance that were requested by the DNR and would suggest waiving the second reading. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Steinhoff to approve Ordinance 13OR001 and to waive the second reading. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Ordinance establishing procedures for building demolition – first reading – Attorney Jenkins stated this ordinance was originally approved in November 2005 but was omitted in the code book in error at the time. The ordinance has been followed in procedure as though it was in effect so this is re-approving the original ordinance. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard to change Item E on page 1 from 10 days to 30 days per the request of the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion failed for lack of a second. Motion by Alderperson Rahr/second by Hubbard to change Item E on page 1 from 10 business days to 15 business days; approve Ordinance 13OR002 with this change and to waive the second reading of the ordinance. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

13. Payment of bills. – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Noble to approve the payment of bills on report date 01/24/13 in the amount of \$187,316.00 and additional bills report date 01/29/13 in the amount of \$102,054.91. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

14. Second Period for Public Comment – none

15. Adjournment -

Motion made by Alderperson Steinhoff/second by Alderperson Rahr to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk