

**CITY OF VIROQUA  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
February 12, 2013**

**1. Roll call:**

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Marc Polsean, Chuck Steinhoff, Cyndy Hubbard, John Thompson, Mark Rahr, Gary Krause and Jeff Clifton present. Alderperson Terry Noble was absent. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, DPW Steve Clark, Attorney David Jenkins, Utility Clerk Nancy Bekkedal, Engineer Sarah Grainger, and Eugene Laschinger.

**2. Approval of the January 15, 2013 Special Council and January 29, 2013 Regular Council Minutes -**

Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Steinhoff to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2013 and January 29, 2013 Council meetings. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**3. First period for public comment - none**

**4. Update on water rate case ruling** – Nancy Bekkedal stated the public hearing on the rate case was held January 9, 2013 and we were approved for the new rates effective 2/26/13 which will start with the end of March billing. The average residential customer will increase about \$4.75 per month with non-residential to be more. The last rate increase was in June 2010.

**5. Resolution regarding application for demolition permit – 525 Railroad Avenue (tabled from 1/29/13)** – Severson stated we did not have a withdrawal of the application but if this is granted it would be up to the owner if they wanted to use it or not. Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Steinhoff to approve Resolution 13RS004 regarding application for demolition permit. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**6. Resolution authorizing application for Federal Assistance – Revolving Loan (Rural Business Enterprise Grant)** – Severson stated a couple years ago we were awarded a \$100,000 grant to start a Revolving Loan fund and were awarded this with a 10% match. We have since given out all but \$12,000 of the funds on three loans and would like to send in for an additional \$100,000 grant. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Krause to approve resolution 13RS005 authorizing application for Federal assistance. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Possible action on awarding construction contract for Well #6 (Public Works)** Polsean stated Town & Country Engineering presented a bid recommendation to the Public Works Committee. There was one bidder – Municipal Well & Pump that bid an alternate bid and not the base bid and the Public Works Committee recommended the approval. Gene Laschinger from Town & Country gave a brief synopsis of the bid. Motion by Alderperson Krause/second by Alderperson Steinhoff to waive the base bid; accept with change orders the alternate bid from Municipal Well & Pump contingent on DNR Safe Drinking Water Loan Program funding. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**8. Payment of bills.** – Motion by Alderperson Krause/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the payment of bills on report date 02/08/13 in the amount of \$279,340.61 and additional bills report date 02/12/13 in the amount of \$3725.24. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**9. Department reports – City Hall – Lori Polhamus** - City Clerk/Treasurer Polhamus presented her 2012 Department report to the Council and answered questions during the slide presentation.

**10. Second Period for Public Comment – none**

**11. Adjournment -**

Motion made by Alderperson Steinhoff/second by Alderperson Polsean to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk