

FEBRUARY 13, 2007

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, John Bjerke, Weston Mack, Roger Hatlem, Gail Frie, Robert Suhr and Terry Noble present. Alderpersons Krause and Polsean were absent. Also present were City Administrator Jeff Gohlke, Clerk John Severson, City Attorney David Jenkins, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Steve Clark, Nancy Bekkedal, Dan Stalsberg, Vernie Smith, Brian Turner, Allen and Sandra Pltier, Greg Cheesebro, Loyd Keesler, Susan Nesbit, Carol Anne Kemen, Ken Carlson, Kathy Doerfer, Matt Vogel, Marie Cimino and Peg Lamartina.

2. Approval of the January 30, 2007 Council Minutes.

Motion by Alderperson Suhr to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2007 meeting. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment.

Brian Turner, former member of the Historical Preservation Commission, asked that ten antique postcards that were loaned to the commission by him be returned.

4. Vernon County Tourism Council report – Marie Cimino.

Marie Cimino reported on the efforts of the Vernon County Tourism Council in promoting the area.

5. Frontier Land Management delinquent utility charges.

City Attorney David Jenkins informed the Council that there is disagreement between Frontier Land Management and the City on the meaning of the ordinance. Motion by Alderperson Frie to have the City Attorney get a legal determination of the meaning of the ordinance and if it is that the amount is owed to collect it. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

6. Discussion on proposed Westby – Viroqua bike trail.

Jeff Gohlke discussed the bike trail that is being proposed by the Department of Transportation. The trail would be located to the west of the bypass and would be a separate lane. Jeff Gohlke commented that the State needs to see local support for the bike trail which would be constructed in 2011. Motion by Alderperson Frie that the City of Viroqua supports the bike trail and commit to fulfill the requirement for our share of the capital and maintenance cost. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye of roll call vote. Motion carries.

7. Parking at Congress Street well site.

Alderperson Frie noted that this item was on the agenda to generate discussion on use of the site for parking for the Day Care Center and residents during road construction and maybe postpone action till the next meeting. Discussion took place with numerous people commenting. Many commented that an alternative needs to be found and that the gardens should not be used for parking. Motion by Alderperson Frie to table the item till the next meeting. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

8. Payment of bills.

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve payment of the bills as presented on approval reports dated 02/13/2007 in the amounts of \$74,012.36 and \$7,577.68 and 02/09/2007 in the amount of \$87,122.86. Seconded by Alderperson Suhr. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

9. Second period for public comment.

None.

10. Adjournment.

Moved by Alderperson Frie to adjourn the Council meeting until 7:30 pm February 27, 2007. Seconded by Alderperson Suhr. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson
Clerk