

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 23, 2010**

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, Charles Steinhoff, Gary Krause, Weston Mack, Roger Hatlem, John Thompson, Jeff Clifton and Terry Noble present. Alderperson Marc Polsean was absent. Also present were Administrator Matt Giese, Clerk John Severson, Police Chief Mark Rahr, City Attorney David Jenkins, Park & Recreation Director Dan Stalsburg and Viroqua Area Schools Superintendent Dr. Knadle.

2. Approval of the February 9, 2010 Regular Council Minutes

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the February 9, 2010 Council minutes. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment

Matt Giese reported that the ice rink will be closed for the rest of the season. Mr. Giese also announced the award of a \$65,000 regional energy grant to eight municipalities including Viroqua.

4. Presentation: Viroqua Area School District Referendum

Dr. Knadle gave a presentation to the Council regarding the April 6, 2010 Referendum which would allow the District to exceed the revenue cap by \$250,000 per year for the next five years.

5. Picnic license – St. Mary’s Catholic Church

Motion by Alderperson Mack to issue a Picnic license to St Mary’s for June 6, 2010 at Eckhardt Park as recommended by Public Safety. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggstad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries. Motion by Alderperson Mack to issues operator licenses to Maria del Carmen Tinoco Diaz, Tabithah Overbo and Laurie Macasaet as recommended by Public Safety. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggstad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

6. Purchase of flag pole for City Hall.

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to purchase a flag pole for City Hall at an approximate cost of \$1,000. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

7. City Hall window blinds replacement

Price quotes for blinds replacement were received from JC Penney for \$2,200 and Harris Decorating for \$2,050. Motion by Alderperson Krause to accept the quote from Harris Decorating for replacement of the blinds. Seconded by Alderperson Thompson. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

8. Land lease for Wild West Days.

Motion by Alderperson Mack to set the Wild West Days Inc. rent at \$65 per acre for five years. Seconded by Alderperson Steinhoff. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

9. 2010 – 2011 Public Works Union Contract

Matt Giese reviewed the tentative agreement between the City of Viroqua and Local 1527 Viroqua City Employees. The agreement is for two years with a wage increase of 2.5% effective July 1, 2010 and 2.5% effective April 1, 2011. Motion by Alderperson Krause to approve the 2010 -2011 agreement with Local 1527 Viroqua City Employees as presented. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. On roll call vote Alderpersons Mack, Hatlem, Thompson, Noble, Tryggstad, Steinhoff and Krause voted aye. Alderperson Clifton voted nay. Motion carries.

10. Payment of bills

Motion by Alderperson Krause to approve payment of the bills as presented on payment reports dated February 19, 2010 and February 23, 2010 in the amounts of \$1,933,629.85 and \$23,352.64. Seconded by Alderperson Thompson. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

11. Second period for public comment

None.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Alderperson Tryggestad to adjourn the meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, 2010. Seconded by Alderperson Steinhoff. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson, Clerk