### February 28, 2006

#### 1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons David Tryggestad, John Bjerke, Vernie Smith, Weston Mack, Roger Hatlem, Gail Frie, Robert Suhr, and Terry Noble present . Alderperson Marc Polsean participated by telephone. Also present were City Consultant Jeff Gohlke, City Clerk John Severson, City Attorney David Jenkins, Police Chief Mark Rahr and Mike Bankes.

# 2. Approval of the February 14, 2006 Regular Council Minutes.

Alderperson Smith requested that item 11 be amended to include the phrase – add a Council rule. Motion by Alderperson Suhr, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve the minutes as amended. All voted aye on voice vote.

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### 3. First period for public comment.

None

# 4. Ordinance No. 060R001 – An ordinance regarding the Board of Park Commissioners-Ordinance No. 060R002 – An ordinance regarding trees and shrubs. Second reading.

Motion by Alderperson Smith to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 060R001 and Ordinance No. 060R002. Seconded by Alderperson Frie. Alderperson Suhr commented that he disagreed with the 13 ft. above the street adding that it should be higher. Alderperson Frie asked whether the Tree Board could be appointed immediately or if the Council or Public Works needs to take interim action. Council consensus was that emergency situations involving public safety would be handled as before. On voice vote 7 voted aye, Alderperson Shur voted nay. Motion carries.

#### 5. City of Viroqua contribution to Vernon Economic Development Association Inc.

Jeff Gohlke introduced Resolution No. 06RS006 to the Council and reported on the formation of the Vernon County Development Association Inc. The resolution authorizes a \$5,000.00 contribution from the City of Viroqua. Motion by Alderperson Frie, seconded by Alderperson Noble to approve Resolution No. 06RS006. Alderperson Noble expressed his support but hoped that an economic development group for the City of Viroqua could be formed. On roll call vote 7 voted aye. Alderperson Smith voted nay. Motion carries.

Mayor Fanta asked that if there were no objections, item 15 be considered next. No objections were heard.

#### 15. Resolution regarding leased lands – Wild West Days Inc.

The Council was informed that Wild West Days Inc. can schedule the Little Britches Rodeo for July 8 & 9, 2006 but due to scheduling conflicts would need to find an area for them. Public Property had met with Joe Vesbach and representatives of Wild West Days to arrange a sublease of City land leased to Vesbach. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve Resolution No.06RS008 – A resolution regarding leased lands. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. On voice vote all voted aye. Motion carries.

#### 6. Operator licenses.

Alderperson Mack reported that Public Safety was recommending the issuing of operator licences to Guthrie Knapp, Shady Willis, Tina Groom, Deana Dehne, Tegan Wendland, Ashley Skildum, Mark Lambert, Annajo Doerr and Bonnie Running. Motion made by Alderperson Mack, seconded by Alderperson Suhr to approve the operator licenses as presented. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

### 7. Picnic license – Viroqua Partners

An application from Viroqua Partners for a Class B Picnic license on April 16, 2006 at Main Street Station was recommended for approval by Public safety. Motion by Alderperson Mack, seconded by Alderperson Bjerke to grant the license. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

#### 8. Pedestrian safety.

Alderperson Mack informed the Council that Public Safety was continuing to look at ways to enhance crosswalk safety.

#### 9. Fire Dept. – standby generator.

Alderperson Mack reported that Chief of Police Mark Rahr had obtained a diesel standby generator at no cost to the City to replace the old generator. Installation cost would be approximately \$10,000.00. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve up to \$10,000.00 to install the generator immediately. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. On roll call vote 7 voted aye. Alderperson Smith voted nay. Motion carries.

#### 10. Radio purchase.

Alderperson Mack informed the Council that Public Works was recommending the purchase of 11 mobile phones and 8 portable phones at a cost of \$5,310.00. Capital improvement budget would be use for the purchase. Motion by Alderperson Mack, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve the purchase. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

Mayor Fanta asked to take up item 17 if there were no objections.

#### 17. Additional information of East Decker parking.

Mayor Fanta reported that previously the Council had approved parking on the north side of Hwy 56. This would result in Nelson Agri-Center losing two feet of its parking lot and require the moving of lights and sign. The D.O.T had sent a proposal for parking on the south side between Center and Rusk and on the north side between Rusk and Washington at a cost of \$15,600.00 which is less than half of the original cost for north side parking. Motion by Alderperson Mack that in light of the new information to accept the proposal for parking on the south side of Hwy 56 between Center and Rusk and on the north side between Rusk and Washington at a cost of \$15,600.00. Seconded by Alderperson Noble. Alderperson Frie stated that the need for parking had not been demonstrated and that he would be voting no. On roll call vote 7 voted aye. Alderperson Frie voted nay. Motion carries.

#### 11. Resolution authorizing certified survey map – Wheeler.

Motion by Hatlem, seconded by Tryggestad to approve Resolution No. 06RS007 – a resolution approving certified survey map of property owned or developed by John Wheeler. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

# 12. Public Works Committee recommendation on accepting Leachate at the WWTF.

Alderperson Suhr informed the Council that Public Works was having Davy Engineering do a study to determine any upgrades and cost for the city to continue to receive Leachate.

# 13. Public Works Committee recommendation on purchasing a new computer for DPW.

Motion by Alderperson Frie, seconded by Alderperson Suhr to approve the computer purchase at a cost of \$1,200.00. All voted aye on roll call vote.

### 14. Certified survey map for Hwy 56 lift station.

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem, seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad to refer the matter to the Plan Commission. All voted aye on voice vote.

#### 16. Discussion and action on Veterans Memorial Park.

Alderperson Hatlem reported that Parks and Recreation meet with the Veterans Memorial Committee to discuss turning the park over to the City for care and maintenance. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem, seconded by Alderperson Mack, to approve in principle the taking over of Veterans Memorial Park. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

# 18. Council approval for Finance and Personnel Committee to review and interview applications for the Building Inspector / Assessor position and report to Council.

Motion by Alderperson Frie to give Finance and Personnel permission to move forward and interview applicants . Seconded by Alderperson Smith. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

19. Possible closed session under section 19.85 (1) (c). Consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation of any public employee over which the governing body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Police Dept. Administrative Assistant position.

Motion by Alderperson Frie, seconded by Alderperson Suhr to convene in closed session. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

# 20. Reconvene in open session – possible action on Administrative Assistant position.

Motion by Alderperson Frie to offer the Administrative Assistant position to Phyllis Kirking. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. On roll call vote 7 voted aye. Alderperson Smith voted nay. Motion carries.

# 21. Appointments to the board of Review. Valdo Gilman and Don Long.

Mayor Fanta informed the council that Valdo Gilman and Don Long had agreed to be appointed to the Board of Review. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the appointments by the Mayor to the Board of Review. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. On voice vote 7 voted aye. Alderperson Smith voted nay. Motion carries.

# 22. Payment of bills.

Motion by Alderperson Suhr to pay the bills. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

### 23. Second Period for Public Comment.

None

# 24. Adjournment.

Motion by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson Suhr to adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. March 14, 2006. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson Clerk