

## MARCH 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, Gary Krause, Weston Mack, Roger Hatlem, Gail Frie, Robert Suhr and Terry Noble present. Alderperson Polsean was absent. Also present were City Administrator Jeff Gohlke, Clerk John Severson, City Attorney David Jenkins, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Daniel Stalsburg, Steve Clark, Vernie Smith, Marcia and Patrick Robbins and Dan Heitman.

### **2. Approval of the February 27, 2007 Council Minutes.**

Motion by Alderperson Suhr to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2007 meeting. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

### **3. First period for public comment.**

None.

### **4. Sixth Grade Planning Committee – National History Day Project.**

Dan Heitman, sixth grade teacher at the Viroqua Middle school, introduced Patrick Robbins of the sixth grade planning committee. Patrick invited the Council to attend the National History Day celebrations on April 20, 2007. The sixth grade class will present Viroqua history projects at the Sherry – Butt House, the VFW Post and the Vernon County Museum as part of National Youth Service Day. Patrick extended an invitation to someone from the Council to give the key note address. The Council thanked Patrick for his invitation.

### **5. Resignation of Angie Lawrence from the Library Board.**

Mayor Fanta read a letter of resignation from Angie Lawrence. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to accept the resignation. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

### **6. Nomination of Gail Frie to the Kickapoo Reserve Management Board.**

Gail Frie expressed his interest in being nominated to the Reserve Management Board. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to nominate Gail Frie to the Kickapoo Reserve Management Board. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

### **7. Certified Survey Map – Lawrence Peterson.**

Mayor Fanta informed the Council that the Plan Board had meet and were recommending approval of the Certified Survey Map. The map was reviewed by the Council. Motion by Alderperson Frie to accept the Certified Survey Map as recommended. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

### **8. Resolution regarding Animal Tracks Veterinary Service, LLC request for TID assistance.**

Jeff Gohlke reviewed the request with the Council. The Animal Tracks building is estimated to cost \$550,000.00 and they are requesting \$75,000 in TID assistance. The Finance Committee had considered the request and was recommending approval. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve Resolution 07RS004 regarding tax increment revenue bond financing in the amount of \$75,000. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

### **9. Consider proposed settlement agreement in the David Aberg case.**

City Attorney David Jenkins discussed a proposed settlement agreement with the Council. The agreement would require Mr. Aberg to remove all personal property from the premises by July 1, 2007 and raze and remove the building by July 1, 2007 unless the defendant elect to repair the building if the building can be legally repaired.

Motion by Alderperson Krause to approve the agreement with Mr. Aberg. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

**10. Public Works 2007 equipment purchase recommendation – Street Superintendent Steve Clark.**

Bids for the truck, truck equipment and street sweeper were opened on March 12, 2007 at 10:00 am. Low bidder for the truck was LaFarge Truck Center with a bid of \$61,694.44. Universal Truck Equipment was the only bidder for the truck equipment with a bid of \$31,167.00. Bruce Municipal Equipment with a bid of \$136,454.00 was the only bidder for the Street Sweeper. Steve Clark requested that the low bids be approved. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to accept the Public Works equipment purchase recommendation. Seconded by Alderperson Suhr. Alderperson Frie expressed concern that only one bid was received for the truck equipment and also the sweeper, but added that sometimes it's unavoidable. Vernie Smith commented that he though the City had bought a sweeper. Steve Clark said the current sweeper is a vacuum unit, does not do a good job and has had lots of repairs. The sweeper was bought in 2001. On roll call vote all voted aye. Motion carries.

**11. Payment of bills.**

Motion by Alderperson Suhr to approve payment of bills as presented on payment report dated 03/09/2007 in the amount of \$64,818.60. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

**12. Second period for public comment.**

Alderperson Noble reminded the Council that someone needs to take his place on the Viroqua Partners.

**13. Adjournment.**

Motion by Alderperson Krause to adjourn the Council meeting until 7:30 pm March 27, 2007. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries..

John Severson  
Clerk