

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
March 13, 2012**

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 Steve Bekkedal, Marc Polsean, Chuck Steinhoff, Gary Krause, Wes Mack, Cyndy Hubbard, John Thompson, and Terry Noble present. Alderperson Jeff Clifton was excused. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, DPW Steve Clark, Police Chief Daron Jefson, City Attorney David Jenkins, and Broadcaster reporter Jennifer Wieman.

2. Approval of the February 28, 2012 Regular Council Minutes.

Motion by Alderperson Mack/second by Alderperson Steinhoff to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2012 regular council meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment. - None

4. Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Supplemental Funding Grant Award (Funding Source-State Energy Office using ARRA EECBG funds) –

Severson announced that the City was awarded a \$50,000 supplemental grant to replace 62 historic acorn 150W HPS street lights and 53 conventional 150W HPS Cobra Head street lights with LED technology. The only change to the original proposal was that the Cobra Heads have come in at a lower cost; however they are not listed on the focus on energy list for rebates yet. Either way there will be a cost savings. Veterans Memorial LED lights will also be included.

5. Nomination of Dick Wallin to the Kickapoo Reserve Management Board –

Mayor Fanta stated that Wallin's current term expires in May 2012 and has asked to be re-appointed. Motion by Alderperson Mack/second by Alderperson Thompson to re-appoint Dick Wallin to the Kickapoo Reserve Management Board. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Refunding options on general obligation bonds & water system revenue bonds (informational) –

Severson stated that Ehlers have been reviewing our bonds and he will arrange for a representative to come to a future meeting. The Series 2004A water system bonds that mature in 2021 could have an overall savings of \$76,252. The Series 2003 General Obligation Bonds for the City that mature in 2022 could have an overall savings of \$87,675. By refinancing we could save approximately \$8000 annually on each of the existing bonds. There is a cost of refinancing but that amount is already included in the savings listed.

7. Payment of bills.

A motion was made by Alderperson Krause to approve the payment of bills on report date 3/09/12 in the amount of \$105,960.57 and additional bills report date 3/13/12 in the amount of \$13,176.68/second by Alderperson Noble. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Second Period for Public Comment – None

9. Adjournment

Motion made by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Steinhoff to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. until March 27, 2012. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Lori Polhamus, City Clerk