

## MARCH 25, 2008

### **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 Tryggestad, John Bjerke, Gary Krause, Weston Mack, Roger Hatlem, Gail Frie, Jeff Clifton and Terry Noble present. Alderperson Mark Polsean was absent. Also present were Administrator Jeff Gohlke, Assistant Administrator Matt Giese. Clerk John Severson, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Attorney David Jenkins, Public Works Superintendent Steve Clark, Parks and Recreation Director Dan Stalsberg, Patricia Dougherty and Randy Menzel.

### **2. Approval of the March 11, 2008 Regular Council Minutes.**

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2008 meeting. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

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

None.

### **4. Public hearing to report progress on the State Highway 56 water and sewer improvement projects.**

Mayor Fanta called the public hearing to order at 7:10 p.m. William Ohm from CWE presented an overview of the water project which is partially funded by a \$406,000 CDBG grant. To date the City of Viroqua has received \$217,493.17 in grant funds for phase two construction which included the laying of 1,094 ft. of 6 in. water main and 2,608 ft. of 8 in. water main. Mr. Ohm reviewed phase three construction which will be completed in 2008. Mr. Ohm answered questions from the Council and the public concerning construction on side streets, size of water main to be installed, storm sewer installation and procedures for notifying the public about construction schedules. Mayor Fanta closed the public hearing at 7:44 p.m..

The Council moved to items 9 and 10 on the agenda without objection.

### **9. Certified Survey Map for Industrial Park property located on Power Dr. east of Nelson Parkway.**

Jeff Gohlke reviewed the proposed survey which redefines industrial park land in anticipation of future sale. The Plan Commission recommends approval of the Certified Survey Map. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve the Certified Survey Map. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

### **10. Olsen Brothers Enterprises LLP offer to purchase Industrial Park property located at 700 E. Power Dr.**

Jeff Gohlke presented an offer from Olsen Brothers to purchase an 8.5 acre parcel located at 700 E. Power Drive in the Viroqua Industrial Park at a price of \$10,000 per acre. Olsen Brothers intend to construct a corn and bean storage and handling facility with a capacity of not less than 1.5 million bushels at a cost of approximately \$4.4 million. It is estimated that the project will have a value of about \$1.5 million for tax purposes. At that value the potential TID benefit is \$225,000 under a ten year timeframe. The offer calls for the Buyer to fund the sewer and water construction up front with potential reimbursement from the TID #5 project. It is expected that the City/VDA will fund the roadway costs using sale proceeds and TID. The VDA and Plan Commission are both recommending acceptance of the

offer. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve Resolution N0. 08RS002 - Resolution accepting the offer of Olsen Brothers Enterprises LLP to purchase property in the Viroqua Industrial Park. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

The Council returned to item 5 on the agenda.

**5. Operator licenses.**

Alderperson Mack reported that Public Safety was recommending the issuance of operator licenses to Lisa Strasser, Jason Scharping, Ashley Whitney and Jessica Inman. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve the recommendation of Public Safety and issue the operator licenses. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

**6. Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals – Eugene Bekkedal.**

Mayor Fanta requested the appointment of Eugene Bekkedal as second alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals with term expiring on 5/1/2009. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve the appointment of Eugene Bekkedal. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

**7. Certified survey map for City property located on Arena Dr. east of Nelson Parkway.**

Jeff presented the survey map which was prepared in anticipation of future development. Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve the Certified Survey Map. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

**8. Certified Survey Map for Viroqua Cab Co. property located at 520 E. Decker St.**

Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve the Certified Survey Map. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries

**11. Payment of bills.**

Motion by Alderperson Bjerke to pay the bills as presented on payment reports dated March 20, 2008 and March 25, 2008 in the amounts of \$129,074.50 and \$18,385.99. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

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

None.

**13. Adjournment.**

Motion by Alderperson Bjerke to adjourn the meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, 2008. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

