

**CITY OF VIROQUA  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
March 27, 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, Jeff Clifton, Chuck Steinhoff, Gary Krause, Wes Mack, Cyndy Hubbard, John Thompson, and Terry Noble present. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, Police Chief Daron Jefson, City Attorney David Jenkins, Utility Clerk Nancy Bekkedal, Sean Lentz-Ehlers Inc., Joel Gordon, and Tim Hundt.

**2. Approval of the March 13, 2012 Regular Council Minutes.**

Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2012 regular council meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**3. First period for public comment.** – Tim Hundt expressed concern that the March 6<sup>th</sup> Finance meeting was held in closed session.

**4. Appointment of Keith Rocklewitz to Historic Preservation Commission.** Motion by Alderperson Mack/second by Alderperson Krause to appoint Keith Rocklewitz to the Historic Preservation Commission. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**5. Discussion and possible action on Debt Refinancing** – Sean Lentz from Ehlers Inc. reviewed the City debt and discussed possible refinancing opportunities available. The City currently has about \$7.1 million available in General Obligation borrowing capacity. There could be savings for current refinancing within 90 dates of the call date. Other advance refunding can only be done one time per original issue per IRS rules. If the savings is 3% or higher it would pay to look into refinancing and the date the Council accepts the change the rate is locked in. Ehlers also recommends getting a bond rating at this time to possibly get even lower interest rates. Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Hubbard to recommend proceeding with the combination refinance of the 2003 and 2004 G.O. Bonds and the 2004 Water Rev. Bonds and also to investigate the bond rating for the City. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**6. Approval of Certified Survey Map for David Jacobs (Plan Commission)** - Polhamus stated that the Plan Commission recommended approval of this map. It is dividing the current lot into two parcels. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Krause to approve the Certified Survey Map for David Jacobs. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Application for Temporary Class “B” Picnic License & Temporary “Class B” wine license – St. Mary’s Catholic Church** – Polhamus stated that the Public Safety meeting was cancelled so this was being forwarded directly to Council. The request is for June 10<sup>th</sup> in Eckert Park. Motion by Alderperson Steinhoff/second by Alderperson Mack to approve a Temporary Class “B” Picnic License and Temporary “Class B” wine license to St. Mary’s Catholic Church. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**8. Operator License Applications** – Polhamus stated this was also sent directly to Council for Christopher Skaaland working for Rooted Spoon. Motion by Alderperson Mack/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve an operator license for Christopher Skaaland. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**9. Appointment of Weed Commissioner** - Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Noble to appoint Kathy Volden as Weed Commissioner. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**10. Discussion and possible action on Alderperson pay** – this was discussed at the Finance meeting and an ordinance will be drafted and forwarded to Council at a later date.

**11. Ordinance – Prohibiting Certain Electronic Messages – First Reading** – Police Chief Jefson stated this was discussed at the Public Safety meeting regarding the need for this ordinance. If the message is received in Viroqua we would have jurisdiction no matter where the message is sent from. Alderperson Bekkedal stated that the words

“are paid” should be added after the word costs in Section 1. Motion by Alderperson Clifton/second by Alderperson Steinhoff to accept the first reading of the ordinance prohibiting certain electronic messages. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**12. Payment of bills.**

A motion was made by Alderperson Krause to approve the payment of bills on report date 3/23/12 in the amount of \$128,037.08 and additional bills report date 3/27/12 in the amount of \$16,671.68/second by Alderperson Noble. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**13. Second Period for Public Comment – None**

**14. Adjournment**

Motion made by Alderperson Steinhoff/second by Alderperson Hubbard to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. until April 10, 2012. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:  
Lori Polhamus, City Clerk