

MARCH 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 Tryggstad, 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, Kurt Mills, DPW Tom Henry, Park and Recreation Director Dan Stalsberg, Street Superintendent Steve Clark, Angie Lawrence, Roland Hill, Trigve Overboe and Jeffery Clifton.

2. Approval of the March 14, 2006 Regular Council Minutes.

Motion by Alderperson Smith to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2006 meeting. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggstad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment.

None

4. School and community sports facility update – Roland Hill and Trygve Overboe.

Roland Hill reviewed phase one of the project with the Council and requested that the City donate time and machinery to help with the project. It is hoped that with volunteer help they can save enough money on phase one to begin phase two this summer. Alderperson Mack commented that timing was very critical due to City projects. Alderperson Frie said that if the City is going to help it would have to be in June because of the project schedule and that the Council should decide tonight so that Tom Henry could plan ahead. To start the discussion, Alderperson Frie said that 5 men with equipment for one week would roughly equal a \$14,000.00 to \$15,000.00 in kind contribution. Discussion continued. Motion by Alderperson Mack to do in kind work of 200 man hours and 200 machine hours for phase one construction of the School and Community Sports facility. Seconded by Alderperson Noble. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

5. Report on proposed TID No. 5

Jeff Gohlke reviewed the proposed TID No. 5 with the Council which would involve approximately 70 acres in the Industrial Park of which about 50 acres would be available for development. The VDA is recommending the new tax increment district. Ehlers and Associates Inc. has prepared the project plan. The Joint Review Board and Plan Commission are scheduled to meet on April 10, 2006 with the proposal to be presented to the Council on April 25, 2006 for action. Craig Poshepny, President of the VDA was present and spoke in support of the proposed TID saying that the competition is quite aggressive with other communities giving land away to attract business. Several businesses are interested in Viroqua and are awaiting the creation of TID No. 5. Mayor Fanta asked if there were any questions. Alderperson Smith thought that it was very inappropriate that the publication of meetings was allowed to go forward with out Council approval. Alderperson Smith felt that the Council must be more attentive to the TID's and should exercise more control. Alderperson Mack commented that the job of the VDA is to find business for the community. Motion by Alderperson Frie to move forward with the scheduled Review Board meeting and the Plan Commission Public Hearing. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. Seven voted aye on voice vote. Alderperson Smith voted nay. Motion carries.

Mayor Fanta asked that if there were no objections the Council move to items 10 & 11 since Kurt Mills is present. No objection was heard.

10. Reconsider resolution approving certified survey map – Kurt Mills (lands located at 815 N Chicago Ave.)

The changes in the proposed survey map, which had been reviewed at the last Council meeting, were explained. Kurt Mills and Jeff Gohlke answered question from the Council. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve Resolution No. 06RS011. Seconded by Alderperson Suhr. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

11. Resolution to clarify property rights. Kurt Mills – developer

Jeff Gohlke informed the Council that the Title Co. had found that an easement had been granted for sanitary sewer in the 1920's but that the document was in the form of a warrant deed. Attorney Jenkins had drafted a resolution that would clarify that it is an easement. Motion by Alderperson Noble to approve Resolution No. 06RS014. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggstad. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

6. Preliminary resolution for curb and gutter assessment – Sands Rd.

Attorney Jenkins reported that Public Works was bringing the preliminary resolution to the Council to start the process of determining cost for curb and gutter installation . The Council will then decide how it wants to proceed with possible assessment to property owners. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve Resolution No. 06RS013. A preliminary resolution regarding special assessments. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggstad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

7. Public Works Committee informational report – lateral accessories purchase and lift station motor repair.

DPW Tom Henry informed the Council that new lateral supplies in the amount of \$1,619.50 had been purchased and that repairs to a lift station motor would cost approximately \$1,100.00 .

8. Council action supporting Richard Wallin reappointment to the Kickapoo Valley Reserve Management Board.

Motion by Alderperson Frie to nominate Richard Wallin for another term on the Kickapoo Valley Reserve Management Board. Seconded by Alderperson Smith. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

9. Discussion on Building Inspector interviews.

Alderperson Frie informed the council that the Finance and Personnel will be interviewing three prospective building inspector applicants on April 4, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. and that other Alderpersons are welcome to attend.

12. Taxpayer Protection Amendment.

Aldersperson Frie read a letter addressed to State Senator Dan Kapanke and Representative Lee Nerison in opposition to the Taxpayer Protection Amendment. Aldersperson Smith said that Finance and Personnel were in support of the letter. Motion by Aldersperson Mack for Council acceptance of the letter and signatures on it and that it be sent to the senator and representative listed to indicate our opposition to the TPA. Seconded by Aldersperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

13. Public Works Contract.

Aldersperson Frie reported that there is a two year agreed upon the union contract and when signed copies are available it will be before the Council for discussion and final approval.

14. Payment of Bills.

Motion by Aldersperson Suhr to approve the bills as recommended by the Finance and Personnel Committee. Seconded by Aldersperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

15. Second Period for Public comment.

None.

16. Adjournment.

Motion by Aldersperson Hatlem, seconded by Aldersperson Suhr to adjourn the Council meeting until 7:30 p.m. April 11, 2006. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

John Severson
Clerk