

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 30, 2010**

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, Charles Steinhoff, Gary Krause, Weston Mack, Roger Hatlem, Jeff Clifton and Terry Noble present. Alderpersons Marc Polsean and John Thompson were absent. Also present were Administrator Matt Giese, Clerk John Severson, Police Chief Mark Rahr, City Attorney David Jenkins, Jeff Gohlke, Ryan Roberts, David Halverson, Robert Klum, Don Loefflad, Jerome Shepard, Mike Olson, Doug Swenson and Mike Skildum.

2. Approval of the March 23, 2010 Regular Council Minutes

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve the March 23, 2010 Council minutes as amended for numbering sequence. Seconded by Alderperson Steinhoff. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment

Jerome Shepard addressed the Council concerning the sale of Airport land.

4. Wisconsin Department of Transportation offer to purchase 0.98 acres of the Viroqua Airport site for future Hwy 14 construction. (Plan Commission & Airport Commission)

Matt Giese reviewed the offer to purchase with the Council. The offer of \$507,000 includes \$7,105 for land, \$3,986 for moving of the city sign and \$495,909 for airport improvements. The Airport Commission and the Plan Commission had previously recommended approval of the sale. The Council discussed the impact on the grass runway which will be shortened by four hundred feet. Motion by Alderperson Tryggestad to accept the offer of \$507,000 for .98 acres of Airport land. Seconded by Alderperson Clifton. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

5. Public Hearing on the conditional use application by LaCrosse Sign Co. on behalf of Kwik Trip Inc. to install an electronic variable message sign at 1301 North Main St.

Mayor Fanta opened the public hearing. Matt Giese reviewed the application to move the existing variable message sign from 520 North Main St to the new location at 1301 North Main St. The Plan Commission held a public hearing on the application and recommended approval with conditions previously imposed. Motion by Alderperson Clifton to approve the conditional use electronic variable message sign permit for Kwik Trip Inc. at 1301 North Main St. with conditions previously imposed. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

Without objection the Council moved to agenda item 7.

7. Certified Survey Map for 201 East Fairlane Drive (VDA & Plan Commission)

The CSM creates four lots in the Industrial Park between Nelson Rd. and Favor Dr. The CSM is in response to an offer by Rob and Leeanne Klum to purchase lot 1 for the construction of a dental office. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the Certified Survey Map as recommended by VDA and the Plan Commission. Seconded by Alderperson Steinhoff. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

8. Resolution regarding the offer of Rob and Leeanne Klum to purchase property from the City of Viroqua Through the VDA, Inc. (VDA & Plan Commission)

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve Resolution No.10RS004 accepting the offer of \$20,500 for 0.82 acres located at 201 E. Fairlane Drive. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

The Council returned to agenda item 6

6. Authorization to proceed with Sewer debt restructuring

Sean Lentz from Ehlers reviewed the Sewer utility debt restructuring with the Council. The restructuring would combine the remaining balances to the 1994, 1999 and 2004 bond issues in the amount of \$ 1,685,000. The debt restructuring allow the utility to meet its required bond coverage ratio and maintenance needs. The debt restructuring will be presented to the Council at the April 13, 2010 meeting for final review and approval. Alderperson Clifton asked if other funds such as General fund could be used to retire the 1994 issue and reduce the amount of debt restructuring. Matt Giese will contact Vig and Associates regarding the advisability of an inter fund loan. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to authorize Ehlers to proceed with the debt restructuring with final approval at the April 13, 2010 meeting. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

9. 2010-2011 Viroqua Professional Police Association Union Contract (Collective Bargaining Committee)

The Collective Bargaining Committee has reached a tentative agreement with the Police Union. Employees will be allowed to use up to three days of sick leave to care for an immediate family member. Employee share of health insurance premiums will increase to 7.5%. Sergeants will receive equal pay. Wages will increase across the board by 2.5% on July 1, 2010 and July 1, 2011. Motion by Alderperson Krause to approve the 2010 – 2011 Viroqua Professional Police Association Union Contract as recommended by the Collective Bargaining Committee. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

10. Arbor Day Proclamation

Motion by Alderperson Steinhoff to approve the proclamation. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

11. Payment of bills

Motion by Alderperson Krause to approve payment of the bills as presented on payment reports dated March 26, 2010 in the amount of \$6,506.37. Seconded by Alderperson Clifton. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

12. Second period for public comment

Jerome Shepard addressed the Council concerning the Airport land sale.

13. Adjournment

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to adjourn the meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, 2010. Seconded by Alderperson Steinhoff. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson, Clerk