

**April 12, 2005**

**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 Roger Hatlem, Gail Frie, John Bjerke, Robert Suhr, Marc Polsean, Vernie Smith, Wes Mack, and Terry Noble present. Alderperson David Tryggstad arrived at 7:33 p.m. and departed at 8:45 p.m. Also present were City Clerk Jodi Garibaldi, City Consultant Jeff Gohlke, City Attorney David Jenkins, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Michael Bankes, Laurie Simmonds, Robert Starr, Lisa Fasciano, Marvin Hansen, Peggy LaMartina, David & Christi Reed, Lynn Chakoian, Jack Rath, Brad Housa, WVRQ, and the Broadcaster.

**2. Approval of the March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005 regular Council meeting minutes:**

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the minutes of the March 29<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the Common Council with the below stated corrections, seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All aye; motion carries.

Corrections to the March 29<sup>th</sup> Council minutes:

1. Number Four: change “information” to “implementation.”
2. Number Five: change “denies” to “carries.”
3. Number Fourteen: Add the roll call vote and outcome for closed and open session.

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

Michael Bankes – 516 E Jefferson – mentions the tree meeting at the Landmark Center. He appreciates what the Public Works Department and Council does. He would like to see a 90-day hold on the action to rescind Sec. 8.36 of the code relating to trees and shrubs for the Council to appoint a Tree Board involving active and passionate citizens along with interested alderpersons.

Peggy LaMartina – 304 Western Avenue – The general character of the Public Works Department is good. She would like to see advanced notice and collaboration with the property owners for the stewardship of the trees.

**4. Discussion and possible action on annexation petitions in Golf Course area for residential development:**

Mr. Gohlke describes the current annexation petitions. He also mentions that any individual can bring forth a petition on their own to request annexation to the City of Viroqua. Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to approve Ordinance 05OR003, an ordinance annexing property to the City of Viroqua (Starr Trust, Hanson Trust, Lancaster Monument), seconded by Alderperson Mack. Roll call; all aye; motion carries.

**5. Report on Development Agreement for Starr/Hansen property (Crossing Meadows Addition):**

Mr. Gohlke explains the development agreement for the Starr/Hansen property. Robert Starr is the owner of the 32.99 acres and Marvin Hansen is the developer. Robert Starr states the waterway located on the property provides “green space” for the development location, in which trees were planted four or five years ago. Jack Rath and Brad Housa were present for the report.

**6. Certified Survey Maps (CSM) for Vernon County, Starr Family L.P., and Dollar General:**

Mr. Gohlke reviews the Certified Survey Maps with the Council. Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to refer the CSMs for Vernon County, Starr Family L.P., and Dollar General to the Plan Commission; seconded by Alderperson Suhr. Roll call; all aye; motion carries.

**7. Extraterritorial Plat Review for Maple Dale Properties, LLC (7 CSMs):**

Mr. Gohlke explains the seven Certified Survey Maps for Maple Dale Properties, LLC. The CSMs are already approved and recorded. Motion made by Alderperson Suhr to refer the Extraterritorial Plat Review for Maple Dale Properties, LLC (7 CSMs); seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. Roll call; all aye; motion carries.

**8. Mayoral appointment to the Plan Commission – James Radke:**

Mayor Fanta recommends appointment of James Radke to the Plan Commission. Motion made by Alderperson Mack to approve James Radke to the Plan Commission, seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All aye; motion carries.

**9. Mayoral appointment of Alternate to Municipal Court Committee – Robert Suhr:**

Mayor Fanta recommends appointment of Robert Suhr as an alternate to the Municipal Court Committee. Motion made by Alderperson Mack to approve Robert Suhr as an alternate the Municipal Court Committee, seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All aye; motion carries.

**10. Mayoral appointment of City Forester:**

Mayor Fanta recommends appointment of Thomas Henry to City Forester. Motion made by Alderperson Mack to approve Thomas Henry to City Forester, seconded by Alderperson Polsean. 8 aye, 1 nay cast by Alderperson Smith; motion carries.

Laurie Simmonds – 428 East Terhune – She would like to see the Forester in conjunction with the Tree Board could implement the maintenance of City trees. She would like to see a job description for the City Forester before the appointment of the position during the 90-day review period.

**11. Public Works Committee recommendation on entering into a five-year contract with Bytec to haul the sludge and clean the digester at the WWTF:**

Alderperson Suhr states that the price of fuel will affect the contract with Bytec. Motion made by Alderperson Suhr to approve the five-year contract with Bytec to haul the sludge and clean the digester at the WWTF, seconded by Alderperson Frie. Roll call; all aye; motion carries.

**12. Highway BB Ribbon cutting ceremony dedication:**

Mayor Fanta states the Highway BB Ribbon cutting ceremony dedication is Friday, April 15, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. near Hansen Mobil.

**13. Ordinance rescinding Sec. 8.36 of the Code relating to trees and shrubs:**

Motion made by Alderperson Frie for the Mayor to recommend the appointment of members to a Tree Study Committee, seconded by Alderperson Mack. All aye; motion carries.

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to table the ordinance rescinding Sec. 8.36 of the Code relating to trees and shrubs, seconded by Alderperson Mack. All aye; motion carries.

**14. Second reading of ordinance pertaining to sign permits (05OR002):**

Mr. Gohlke explains that Ordinance 05OR002, ordinance pertaining to sign permits, will increase the sign permit base fee from \$10.00 to \$25.00. Motion made by Alderperson Noble to approve Ordinance 05OR002, ordinance pertaining to sign permits, seconded by Alderperson Frie. All aye; motion carries.

**15. Resolution for the Statewide Voter Registration System:**

City Clerk Garibaldi explains that the City of Viroqua needs to give the State Elections Board and Vernon County the City's intent regarding the Statewide Voter Registration System. The City's intent is to solely maintain the system in-house. Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the Resolution for the Statewide Voter Registration System, seconded by Alderperson Frie. All aye; motion carries.

**16. Authorizing advertising RFP for demolition of former animal shelter on Chicago Avenue:**

Motion made by Alderperson Polsean to approve the advertising RFP for demolition of former animal shelter on Chicago Avenue, seconded by Alderperson Bjerke. All aye; motion carries.

**Alderperson Tryggestad departs at 8:45 p.m.**

**17. Payment of Bills:**

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to pay bills as recommended by the Finance Committee, seconded by Alderperson Mack. Roll call vote, all aye; motion carries.

**18. Second Period for public comment:**

Mayor Fanta states Bill Moffitt is resigning from the Viroqua Development Authority.

Alderperson Hatlem requests the appointment of a committee in charge of the city hall design.

**19. Adjournment:**

Motion made by Alderperson Suhr to adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 26th, 2005, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All ayes; motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Jodi L. Garibaldi  
City Clerk