

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
April 24, 2012**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on April 24, 2012 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, Police Chief Daron Jefson, City Attorney David Jenkins, DPW Steve Clark, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, Terry Martin-PSA Dewberry, Ron Richard-Tri-Con Construction, Peter Fletcher – MRRPC, Chris Cox, Deb Keesler, Trina Erickson, Gail Frie, Kathy Hanson, Carol Barlow, Dean Saner, Jeff Gohlke, Carol Gohlke, Luella Oliver, Sue Noble, and Tim Hundt-WVRQ.

2. Approval of the April 10, 2012 Regular Council Minutes and April 17, 2012 Special Council Minutes.

Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Steinhoff to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2012 and April 17, 2012 Council meetings. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – Dean Saner read the attached Workshop Statement to the Council.

4. Safe Route to School grant application – Peter Fletcher, MRRPC stated late last year they completed the safe route to school plan along with the City of Westby. This is a 100% funded program and the implementation application is due May 4th. They will be asking for \$200,000 - \$250,000 for Viroqua which would include routes on N. East Avenue, pedestrian countdown crossing signals on Hwy 56 and Hwy 14, rapid flash pedestrian activated crossing signs, and upgrading of crosswalks to ADA standards. The applications would be reviewed in July and awarded in August. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Mack to approve the application submission for the Safe Route to School Grant. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Three County Commuter Bus update & consideration of donation – Peter Fletcher stated they are moving ahead with the routes between Viroqua, Prairie du Chien, and La Crosse. It will run five days a week with three routes from about 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. At the end of 2011, the DOT was funding 61.5% of the cost and in February 2012 the DOT stated they will fund 80% with additional funds for 2012 only. The cost of this will be with bus fares and local contributions to make up the remaining 20%. Some businesses have pledged donations as well. The funding from DOT has to be applied for each year with the potential of 80% funding again in 2013. They hope to be up and running by July 2nd pending the bidding process for a bus provider. Motion by Alderperson Mack/second by Alderperson Hubbard to donate \$5000 to the Three County Commuter Bus Program. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Presentation of new library design and cost estimates - Terry Martin of PSA Dewberry reviewed the architect design of the potential Library project for the Library, WTC building, and connecting corridor. The entire project was drawn up so it could be broken down into smaller pieces where other items could plug into the plan at later dates if wanted. This plan will be presented to the WTC Board on 5/15/2012. This plan also includes an area for a possible 1500 square foot community room that would have outside access. Martin also reviewed the preliminary cost estimates for the Council which was estimated at \$5,512,019 for the project.

7. Resolution authorizing Library Project - Attached resolution RS12005 was presented to the Council for recommendation from the Finance Committee. Alderperson Steinhoff questioned where in the resolution it states that the City will not be responsible for funding this project. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Krause to approve resolution RS12005 Authorizing the Viroqua Public Library Project. Roll call vote - seven yes and two no. Alderpersons Steinhoff and Clifton voted no.

8. Mayor's appointments to Council Committees - Mayor Fanta kept the committee appointments the same as 2011. Motion by Alderperson Mack/second by Alderperson Steinhoff to approve the committee appointments. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Payment of bills.

A motion was made by Alderperson Krause to approve the payment of bills on report date 4/20/12 in the amount of \$147,105.34 and additional bills report date 4/24/12 in the amount of \$9,886.14/second by Alderperson Thompson. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Second Period for Public Comment – none

11. Adjournment -

Motion made by Alderperson Steinhoff/second by Alderperson Krause to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Lori Polhamus, City Clerk