

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
April 30, 2013**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Gary Krause, John Thompson, Marc Polsean, Cyndy Hubbard, Mark Rahr, Terry Noble and Jeff Clifton present. Alderperson Tom Wilson was excused. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, DPW Steve Clark, Attorney David Jenkins, Police Chief Daron Jefson, and Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg

2. Approval of the April 9, 2013 Regular and April 16, 2013 Special Council Minutes - Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Krause to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2013 and April 16, 2013 Council meetings. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment - none

4. Operator licenses (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to approve an operator license for Tom Trautsch. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

5. “Class B” liquor license – Rooted Spoon (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Krause to approve a “Class B” liquor license for Rooted Spoon Culinary LLC. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Appointment to Viroqua Housing Authority five year term – Sue Walby – Motion by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the appointment of Sue Walby to the Viroqua Housing Authority for a five year term beginning June 1, 2013. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Designation of Viroqua Historic Landmark at 102 North Main Street/Fortney Hotel (Historic Preservation Commission) – tabled from 3/12/13 meeting - Motion by Alderperson Krause/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the designation of the Fortney Hotel at 102 North Main Street as a Historic Landmark. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Safe Drinking Water grant administration contract approval (Public Works) – Kurt Muchow, Vierbicher – Motion by Alderperson Krause/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve Vierbicher to provide grant administration services for the WDNR Safe Drinking Water Loan for Well #6. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Interim financing for Well #6 (Public Works & Finance) – Severson stated we were awarded \$500,000 in principal forgiveness as long as the project is complete by October 31, 2013. We will need interim financing prior to receiving the funding. Interest rates received from the local banks were 1.99% from Citizens First and 1.49% from Viroqua Bank for nine months for a \$1.4 million draw note. Public Works and Finance both recommended approval of Viroqua Bank. Motion by Alderperson Krause/second by Alderperson Thompson to approve Viroqua Bank for interim financing at the 1.49% interest rate. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Award of DOT FAA grant for construction of snow removal equipment building at airport (Public Property & Finance) – Severson stated the airport received a \$300,000 grant from the DOT and the City share will be \$12,281. They are planning on using the reserves from the sale of land to cover the City share. They have \$63,089.46 in the reserve account. The snow removal equipment building was part of their six year plan that was previously approved and both the Public Property and Finance Committees recommended approval. Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to approve the grant funding and pay the City portion from the airport reserve account. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Ordinance regarding Boulevard flower gardens (Public Property) – first reading – Severson stated the Public Property committee met with members of the public to hear concerns regarding the use of the boulevards. A smaller group was formed to work with Severson to draft an ordinance for the boulevard flower gardens. Some amendments were suggested at the last Public Property committee and added to the version for review by Council. This ordinance will sunset at the end of 2013 and be reviewed again. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Krause to approve amended Ordinance 13OR003 Regarding Boulevard Flower Gardens and waive the second reading. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Payment of bills. – Motion by Alderperson Krause/second by Alderperson Noble to approve the payment of bills on report date 04/26/13 in the amount of \$163,382.76 and additional bills report date 04/30/13 in the amount of \$89,391.82. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

13. Second Period for Public Comment – Severson stated well #6 is at 515 feet now and things are going good.

14. Adjournment -

Motion made by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Hubbard to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk