

**MAY 9, 2006**

**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, Marc Polsean, John Bjerke, Gary Krause, Weston Mack, Roger Hatlem Gail Frie and Terry Noble present. Alderpersons Robert Suhr was absent. Also present were City Consultant Jeff Gohlke, City Clerk John Severson, City Attorney David Jenkins, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Vernie Smith, Lavon Felton, Library Director Lisa Solverson, DPW Tom Henry, Dave Peterson, Parks and Recreation Director Dan Stalsberg, Mike Kaspar and Dr. David Chakoian.

**2. Approval of the April 25, 2006 Regular Council Minutes.**

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2006 meeting. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

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

Vernie Smith addressed the Council concerning the Development Agreement with GNI of Viroqua. Mr. Smith felt that the agreement should have been agreed to prior to the beginning of construction.

**4. Approval of Union Contract.**

Alderperson Frie informed the Council that the union agreement had just been received and had not been reviewed by Finance. Motion by Alderperson Frie to table the agenda item until the next meeting. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

**5. Application to move building – Micheal Frie.**

The Council reviewed an application by Michael Frie to move a 24ft. by 28 ft. garage from 204 S. Center to 633 S. Washington. Motion by Alderperson Krause, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the application. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

**6. Resolution Authorizing Development Agreement and issuance of Tax Increment Revenue Bond – GNI of Viroqua, LLC.**

Jeff Gohlke reviewed the proposed development agreement within TID No. 4 with the Council which authorizes a \$400,000.00 Revenue Bond at 4.5% interest to the developer in consideration of obligations undertaken by the developer. Alderperson Frie expressed concern that no landscaping was evident and the emergence of the sign dilemma is sending a bad message to the community. Alderperson Noble said he would like more time to study the landscaping plans. Noble also expressed concern on the sign noting that a recent meeting by the Viroqua Partners resulted in several businesses asking why was Wallgreens allowed to have an electronic message sign and they are not. Noble also commented on the development agreement being presented to the Council at the end of the project. Motion by Alderperson Noble to table the item. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. Discussion continued with Mike Kaspar addressing the landscaping issue and the sign permit. Additional discussion took place concerning the old and new sign ordinances. On voice vote all voted aye. Motion carries.

**7. Copier purchase – DPW**

The Clerk informed the Council that the copier used by Tom Henry was in need of replacement and that reconditioned copiers in the \$500.00 range were available. Motion by Alderperson Frie to expend up to \$600.00 for a copier as recommended by Finance and Personnel. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

**8. Meeting pay.**

Alderperson Frie discussed the fact that several City Boards and Committees do not receive meeting pay and asked for direction from the Council whether the Finance & Personnel Committee should review the matter. Motion by Alderperson Polsean to refer the matter to Finance & Personnel for consideration and recommendation. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries

**9. Approval of Wild West Days Event Schedule.**

David Peterson presented the schedule of events to the council. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve the Wild West Days event schedule. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

**10. School and Community Recreation facility update.**

Jeff Gohlke informed the Council that a time frame for the City's contribution of labor and equipment had not yet been established. Initial bids had come in higher than anticipated and they were working with the contractor to try and meet their budget.

**11. Summer brush pickup schedule – informational.**

Mayor Fanta reminded everyone that other than properly bundled brush, other tree material would be picked up as time allows during the summer months.

**12. Library budget overrun.**

Alderperson Frie told the Council that the 2005 Library overrun was \$14,146.00 and the recommendation of the Finance Committee was for the City to absorb \$4,146.00 and the \$10,000.00 be turned back to the Library for payment as they see fit. Alderperson Frie noted that \$10,000.00 had been budgeted in 2006 for special projects for the Library and they may or may not want to use those funds. Motion by Alderperson Frie to accept the recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee. Seconded by Alderperson Noble. Library Director Lisa Solverson explained that she had miscalculated the remaining budget for December and that the overage was not intentional. Discussion continued. On roll call vote all voted aye. Motion carries.

**13. Payment of bills.**

Motion by Alderperson Tryggestad to pay the bills. Seconded by Alderperson Frie. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

**14. Second Period For Public Comment.**

Lisa Solverson announced that Viroqua had been selected as a stop on the Library Rock and Roll tour and that the band High Strung would be performing on July 24 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm on the library lawn.

**15. Adjournment.**

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem, seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad to adjourn the Council meeting until 7:30 pm May 30, 2006. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson  
Clerk