

MAY 30, 2006

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:35 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, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Vernie Smith, Peg LaMartina, Lavon Felton, Parks and Recreation Director Dan Stalsberg and Utility Clerk Nancy Bekkedal.

2. Approval of the May 9, 2006 Regular Council Minutes.

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

3. First period for public comment.

Lavon Felton asked the Council to consider revising the sign ordinance to allow for electronic message board signs outside of the historic district.

4. Approval of Union Contract.

Alderperson Frie reviewed the 2006 – 2007 union contract agreement with the Council which includes two 1 ½ % wage increases six months apart for 2006 and a 3% increase for 2007, on call pay increase to \$150.00 per week, \$0.20 per hour per year increase for sewer operator, Kathy Volden out of the union and an agreement to form a study committee to review the on call situation. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve the 2006 – 2007 Union Contract as recommended by the Finance & Personnel Committee. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All vote aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

5. Memorandum of Understanding with Vernon County – Purchase of Handicapped voting equipment.

The Clerk reviewed the document that authorizes Vernon County to purchase handicapped voting machines on behalf of all municipalities using Federal funds in the amount of \$6,000.00 which were allocated to each municipality. Any remaining funds will be used to cover coding cost and/or maintenance agreements. Motion by Alderperson Frie, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem to approve. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

6. Report on Building Inspection.

Alderperson Frie reported on the progress in developing a building inspection program for the City of Viroqua. They have meet with two licensed inspectors who are willing to help with start up and would be available for inspections. An open discussion meeting for contractors and all interested parties is planned for June 22, 2006 at WWTC.

7. Public Hearing on the application by Frank Hammond and Shane Kendhammer to permit the use of property at 618 Madison St. for commercial purposes.

Jeff Gohlke reviewed the application with the Council noting that the property has continually been used for commercial purposes. The Plan Commission held a public hearing on the request and was recommending approval of the conditional use with the provisions that - use be limited to carpentry / cabinet shop with finishing, material storage and home improvement show room – normal hours of operation be provided in writing to the City Clerk – use will be reviewed in one year. Motion by Alderperson Polsean to approve Resolution No. 06RS019, a resolution granting conditional use of property for continuing commercial business use. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

8. Certified survey map – Viroqua Industrial Park.

Jeff Gohlke introduced the survey map which allows for lot 2 contracted to Mike Colburn, lot 3 under option to Mike Colburn and the extension of Power Drive. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the certified survey map. Seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

9. Certified survey map – Church and Main.

The Council reviewed the survey map which incorporates various lots into one lot on the property owned by GNI. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve the certified survey map. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on roll call vote

10. Sale of surplus City owned property (former RR) to Schandelmeier.

Jeff Gohlke discussed with the Council the request of Dale and Rhonda Schandelmeier to purchase the City owned RR land adjoining their property for the established price of \$250.00 . The Plan Commission was recommending approval of the sale. Moved by Alderperson Frie to approve the sale of the RR land to the Schandelmeiers. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

11. Mayoral appointments to the Tree Board.

Mayor Fanta announced his appointments as follows. Council members – Alderperson Gail Frie and Alderperson Marc Polsean. Citizen members – Jeff Millikin, Dick Wallin, Peg LaMartina and Dave Matheys. The Mayor was waiting for confirmation on the fifth citizen member. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to accept the Mayor’s appointments to the Tree Board. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggstad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

12. Appointment of Weed Commissioner.

Motion by Alderperson Polsean to table the item until the next regular Council meeting. Seconded by Alderperson Frie. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

13. Possible closed session per Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(c) – DPW position.

Aldersperson Frie suggested the Council not move fast on this matter and that perhaps the Council should take the time to examine the management pyramid of the City. Motion by Aldersperson Krause to table the item until a latter date. Seconded by Aldersperson Frie. All voted aye on voice vote.

14. Possible closed session per Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(c) – Utility Billing Clerk as non-union position.

Aldersperson Frie noted that as reported earlier Kathy Volden will be out of the union, but at this time it is unclear what additional duties she will be assigned and how here present duties will be handled. Motion by Aldersperson Frie to table the item. Seconded by Aldersperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

15. Payment of bills.

Motion by Aldersperson Polsean to pay the bills. Seconded by Aldersperson Tryggestad. Motion carries.

16. Second period for Public Comment.

None.

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence in Memory of Tom Henry.

17. Adjournment.

Motion by Aldersperson Hatlem, seconded by Aldersperson Krause to adjourn the Council meeting until 7:30 pm June 13, 2006. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson
Clerk