

**CITY OF VIROQUA  
COUNCIL MINUTES**

**June 10, 2014**

**1. Roll call:**

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Marc Polsean, Mark Rahr, Cyndy Hubbard, Terry Noble, Mike Bankes, Jeff Clifton, John Thompson and Tom Wilson present. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, Attorney David Jenkins, Building Inspector Wayne Haugrud, Bill Mapp, Clark Nordberg and Dani Lind.

**2. Approval of the May 27, 2014 Regular Council Minutes** – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2014 Council meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**3. First period for public comment** – Bill Mapp stated he was in favor of the Elm Street vacation during the Bethel Home project.

**4. Public hearing on amending the City zoning ordinances to rezone area as R-2 multiple family from R-1 single family (Plan Commission)** – Clark Nordberg of Bethel Home reviewed the plan for a Class C fourteen unit community based residential facility for early onset dementia residents and answered questions from the Council. It would be 12,000 square feet on concrete slab, wood frame structure with two bio-infiltration ponds to address runoff. There is potential for another fourteen units in the future if there becomes a demand. Discussion on vacating Elm Street was brought up and will be addressed at a future meeting through the vacation process.

**5. Ordinance rezoning area west of Garfield** – Motion by Alderperson Clifton/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the first reading of Ordinance 14OR004 rezoning land. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**6. Public hearing on conditional use application for 620 Garfield Avenue for fourteen unit memory care specific community based residential facility-Bethel Home & Services, Inc. (Plan Commission)** – this hearing was addressed with agenda item number four. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve the Conditional Use Application for 620 Garfield Avenue on the basis of the presentation given to the Plan Commission and City Council by Bethel Home & Services. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Certified Survey Map approval – Vernon Memorial Healthcare (Plan Commission)** – Motion by Alderperson Wilson/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve the Certified Survey Map for Vernon Memorial Healthcare. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**8. Re-appointment to Tree Board for three year term expiring June 1, 2017 – Jeff Milliken & Dustin Giess** Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Wilson to table this item in case other qualified people would be interested in being appointed. Roll call vote seven no, two yes. Motion fails. Alderperson Hubbard and Wilson voting no. Motion by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve the re-appointment of Jeff Milliken and Dustin Giess to the Tree Board for a three year term. Voice vote in favor with two nos heard. Alderpersons Hubbard and Wilson voting no.

**9. Approval of Temporary Class B beer license – Viroqua Area Pullers (Public Safety)** – Motion by Alderperson Clifton/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to approve a Temporary Class B beer license to Viroqua Area Pullers for July 19, 2014 at the fairgrounds for the Truck and Tractor pull. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**10. Operator license approvals (Public Safety)** – Motion by Alderperson Clifton/second by Alderperson Thompson to approve operator licenses from the list presented to the Public Safety Committee for the 2015 license year. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**11. Renewal of Alcohol licenses July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 license year (Public Safety)** – Motion by Alderperson Clifton/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve the list of alcohol license renewals recommended by the Public Safety Committee. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**12. Ordinance regarding false statements and records – First reading (Public Safety)** This ordinance was drafted after several people had false answers on their operator license renewals. This has also been a problem on building permits and park & rec applications. This is a tool to address this issue and will be put on all forms for the public to see. Alderperson Wilson suggested adding that the benefit or permit received would also be voided or rescinded. Motion by Alderperson Wilson/second by Alderperson Thompson to table action on this ordinance and send it back to Public Safety for additional changes. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**13. Ordinance – regarding open hours of “Class B” liquor licenses – First Reading (Public Safety)** this ordinance was drafted to address the limited number of Class B licenses available and potential competition for them. The concern is to make sure these licenses are available for the most public good and not idle at a business where they may not be open enough hours where other non-quota licenses could be used instead. Dani Lind of Rooted Spoon addressed the Council with a request to define “open hours” as she has a catering business which is not always open to the public but hosts private events and the Class B liquor license has helped her business. Motion by Alderperson Clifton/second by Alderperson Noble to send this ordinance back to Public Safety to revisit wording. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**14. Payment of bills.** – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the payment of bills on report date 06/06/14 in the amount of \$193,349.14 and additional bills report date 06/10/14 in the amount of \$7432.26. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**15. Second Period for Public Comment** – Police Chief Jefson stated they have been checking on compliances with the boulevard ordinance and have had several violations so this will be addressed at the next Public Safety committee.

**16. Adjournment -**

Motion made by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk