

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES**

June 24, 2014

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Marc Polsean, Mark Rahr, Cyndy Hubbard, Terry Noble, Mike Bankes and John Thompson. Alderperson Jeff Clifton was excused and Alderperson Tom Wilson attended by phone. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, Attorney David Jenkins, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Utility Clerk Nancy Bekkedal, Library Director Trina Erickson, Clark Nordberg and Angie Lawrence.

2. Approval of the June 10, 2014 Regular Council Minutes – Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2014 Council meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – none

Council moved to item nine on the agenda:

9. Ordinance rezoning area west of Garfield – second reading (Plan Commission) Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve the second reading of Ordinance 14OR004 rezoning land. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Council returned to regular order of business

4. Request for privilege in the street to build a driveway on undeveloped street right-of-way on end of East Court Street (Public Works) This parcel parallels Hwy 56 at the end of East Court Street where it is platted but not developed. The water/sewer hookup would go down to Hwy 56 at his cost. Public Works committee reviewed this and recommended approval. Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve resolution 14RS007 granting a privilege in a street. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Operator license approvals (Public Safety) Motion by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve the list of operators as presented to the Public Safety Committee on June 24, 2014. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Renewal of Alcohol licenses July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 license year (Public Safety) Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve renewal alcohol licenses for Great Wall (Class B beer) and Viroqua Food Cooperative (Class A beer/liquor). Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Resolution – 2013 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (Public Works) Nancy Bekkedal explained the 2013 report to the Council. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Thompson to approve resolution RS14008 for the 2013 compliance maintenance annual report. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Resolution authorizing interim financing for Library project (Finance) Severson stated he received quotes from People's State Bank & Citizens First Bank for financing to stretch over a five year period as this is how some of the pledges will be coming in. People's State Bank offered a 1.95% interest rate over the five year period and Citizens broke it down with an interest rate of 1.25% the first year and 1.79% over years 2-5 with monthly interest payments. Any pledges that are converted to cash will be used to pay down principal balances with no pre-payment penalty. The Viroqua Area Foundation receives the pledges and then transfers it to the Library who will pay the City. They have had \$30,000 in change order savings so far; however the Library used some of the pledged reserves for project bills so there is a deficit. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve resolution 14RS009 authorizing interim financing for the Viroqua Library Project through Citizens First Bank. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Ordinance regarding false statements and records – First reading (Public Safety) Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve Ordinance 14OR005 regarding false statements and records and waive the second reading. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Ordinance – regarding open hours of “Class B” liquor licenses – First reading (Public Safety) – the Public Safety committee tabled this ordinance for further revisions.

12. Payment of bills. – Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve the payment of bills on report date 06/20/14 in the amount of \$170,731.64 and additional bills report date 06/24/14 in the amount of \$6675.26. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

13. Second Period for Public Comment – Clerk Polhamus stated the new City website is in the final stages and we are hoping to go live on August 8th.

14. Adjournment -

Motion made by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk