

JUNE 27, 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, Robert Suhr and Terry Noble present. Also present were City Consultant Jeff Gohlke, City Clerk John Severson, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Vernie Smith and City Attorney David Jenkins..

3. First period for public comment.

None.

4. Alcohol Licenses.

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve Class "A" Beer Licenses for G & F Distributing, Village Market, Wal-Mart Supercenter, Young Stop and Viroqua food Cooperative. Seconded by Alderperson Bjerke. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve "Class A" liquor Licenses for Village Market, Wal-Mart Supercenter and Viroqua Food Cooperative. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor Combination Licenses for American Legion, Eagles Club, Viking Inn, VFW Post 3032 and Viroqua Hills. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve Class "B" Beer Licenses for The Meat-ing Place, The Driftless Café, Common Ground Café and the Great Wall. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve a Wholesale Fermented Malt Beverage License for G & F Distributing. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve "Class C" Retailers Licenses for The Meat-ing Place, The Driftless Café and Common Ground Café. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. On voice vote all voted aye. Motion carries.

5. Operator licenses – renewals.

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve the operator license renewals as presented to the Council. Seconded by Alderperson Suhr. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

6. Operator license – new.

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve an operator license for Ronald Sobek as recommended by Public Safety. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

**7. Picnic licenses – Viroqua Hockey (Cutting Edge Club).
- Viroqua Junior Partners.**

Aldersperson Mack reported that representatives of each organization had appeared before the Committee with diagrams and explained how they would control their respective areas. Motion by Aldersperson Mack to grant a Picnic license to the Cutting Edge Club for use at the fairgrounds grandstand and pit area on July 15, 2006. Seconded by Aldersperson Polsean. On voice vote eight voted aye. Aldersperson Hatlem voted nay. Motion carries. Motion by Aldersperson Mack to grant a Picnic license to the Viroqua Junior Partners for use at the Wild West Days facilities on July 15, 2006. Seconded by Aldersperson Tryggestad. On voice vote eight voted aye. Aldersperson Hatlem voted nay. Motion carries.

3. Approval of the June 13, 2006 Regular Council Minutes.

Motion by Aldersperson Frie to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2006 meeting. Seconded by Aldersperson Suhr. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

8. Ordinance Prohibiting Drug Paraphernalia.

Police Chief Mark Rahr explained that previously municipalities could issue citations for ordinance violation only to minors for drug paraphernalia. Recently the State Legislature has allowed municipalities to cite adults in municipal court for drug paraphernalia. Motion by Aldersperson Frie to waive the second reading and approve Ordinance No.06OR006. Seconded by aldersperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

9. Ordinance Regarding False Alarms.

Aldersperson Mack reviewed the ordinance with the council voting that the current ordinance covers false fire alarms and this ordinance would include false police alarms. Motion by Aldersperson Mack to approve Ordinance No. 06OR007 and to waive the second reading. Seconded by Aldersperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

10. Ordinance Revising Chapter 2.12 of the Viroqua Code – Special Police Department .

Aldersperson Mack explained the revisions to the ordinance involved wording changes. Attorney Jenkins added that the Public Safety Committee was substituted for the police committee. Motion by Aldersperson Mack to waive the second reading and adopt the revisions to Ordinance No. 06OR008. Seconded by Aldersperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

11. Appointment to the Tree Board.

Tabled.

12. Appointment to the Viroqua Housing Authority – Carol Sloane – 5 year term.

Mayor Fanta informed the Council that Carol Sloane's term expired 06/01/2006 and was recommending her reappointment. Motion by Aldersperson Frie to appoint Carol Sloane for a 5 year term to the Viroqua Housing Authority. Seconded by Aldersperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

13. Ordinance Regarding the Historic Preservation Commission.

Jeff Gohlke informed the Council that the new ordinance amends Section 17.44.030 of the code, decreasing to four the number of members for a quorum and stating that the office of a commissioner who is absent from three meetings in a year without the prior excuse shall become vacant upon the Commission's decision. Motion by Alderperson Frie to waive the second reading and approve Ordinance No. 06OR009. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

14. Committee Compensation.

Tabled.

15. Certified Survey Map – Rich Grams.

Mayor Fanta and Jeff Gohlke reviewed the survey map with the Council. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the Certified Survey Map. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

16. Ordinance imposing a moratorium on permits for electronic variable message signs.

Alderperson Noble introduced the ordinance stating that it is meant to clean up a possible ambiguity in the current ordinance that may not be enforceable. Discussion took place. It was noted that the proposed ordinance would expire on November 1, 2006. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve Ordinance No. 06OR010. Discussion continued. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. On roll call vote seven voted aye. Alderpersons Polsean and Suhr voted nay. Motion carries.

Items 17 & 18 were not taken up by the Council.

19. Sewer Utility – manhole rehab.

Motion by Alderperson Polsean to accept the proposal of Infertec to rehab 11 manholes at a cost of \$30,000.00. Seconded by Alderperson Suhr. On roll call vote all voted aye. Motion carries.

20. Sands Rd. special assessments.

Jeff Gohlke reviewed the Public Works report on the curb and gutter assessments for Sands Rd. The public hearing will be scheduled for July 25, 2006.

21. Discussion – Sale of Howard Johnson facilities.

Alderperson Frie informed the Council of the upcoming sale of the facilities and suggested that it might be in the best interest of the City to become involved in the possible rehabilitation of the area. Discussion took place. Motion by Alderperson Frie to refer the Howard Johnson facilities sale to the Redevelopment Authority and the Finance Committee. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

22. Possible closed session under Wis. Stats 19.85 (1)(c) – Considering employment, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governing body has jurisdiction.

- **Kathy Volden, Utility Billing Clerk.**

- **Jeff Gohlke, City Administrative Consultant.**

Motion by Alderperson Frie to move into closed session. Seconded by Alderperson Suhr. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

23. Reconvene in open session – possible action.

The Council reconvened in open session as noted on the agenda. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to give Kathy Volden a \$1.00 increase in hourly wage and to make her position Deputy Clerk II with utility responsibilities. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

Motion by Alderperson Polsean to give Jeff Gohlke employee status with no guarantee of hours worked. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

24. Payment of bills.

Motion by Alderperson Suhr, seconded by Alderperson Polsean to pay the bills as recommended by the Finance Committee. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

25. Second period for public comment.

None.

26. Adjournment.

Motion by Alderperson Suhr to adjourn the Council meeting until 7:30 pm July 11, 2006. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggstad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson
Clerk