

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 29, 2010**

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 Tryggstad, Marc Polsean, Charles Steinhoff, Gary Krause, Weston Mack, Cyndy Hubbard, John Thompson, Jeff Clifton and Terry Noble present. Also present were Administrator Matt Giese, Clerk John Severson, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Public Works Superintendent Steve Clark, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, City Attorney David Jenkins and Peter Flecher of Mississippi Regional Planning

2. Approval of the June 8, 2010 Regular Council Minutes

Motion by Alderperson Polsean to approve the June 8, 2010 Council minutes. Seconded by Alderperson Hubbard. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment

None

4. Operator licenses – new and renewal

Motion by Alderperson Mack to grant new and renewal operator licenses as presented and recommended by Public Safety (list Attached). Seconded by Alderperson Noble. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries

5. Picnic license – Viroqua Hockey Association at Vernon Co. Fairgrounds

Motion by Alderperson Mack to issue a picnic license as recommended by Public Safety to Viroqua Hockey Association for July 17, 2010 at the Vernon Co. Fairgrounds. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

6. Alcohol license renewals

Motion by Alderperson Mack to issue “Class B” Liquor and Class “B” Beer license renewals to Chasers at 920 North Main St, Eagles Club at 216 South Rock Ave, Firehouse Restaurant at 804 South Main St, Chilito Lindo at 747 South Main St. and Class”B” Beer license renewal to Great Wall at 210 Airport Rd. as recommended by Public Safety. Motion seconded by Alderperson Steinhoff. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

7. Safe Routes to Schools Grant

Matt Giese informed the Council that the Hwy 14 expansion and multi-use trail between Westby and Viroqua is scheduled for completion in 2011. The multi-use trail will end at the City limits. The Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission has offered to write a 100% funded Safe Route to Schools Grant to help the City link the multi-use trail to schools and other facilities. Peter Flecher of Mississippi River Regional Planning Grant discussed the application process with the Council and answered question. Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve the Safe Routes to Schools grant application. Seconded by Alderperson Hubbard. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

8. Willow Street Storm Water Drainage Way Bid Award

Matt Giese reported that three bids were received for the Willow Street project from K & M Excavating for \$82,224.50, Badger Environmental and Earthworks for \$86,794.00 and C & C Landscaping for \$95,805.10. Central Wisconsin Engineers reviewed the bids and recommended K & M Excavating as the lowest responsible bidder. Motion by Alderperson Clifton to award the contract to K& M Excavating. Seconded by Alderperson Thompson. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

9. Resolution regarding expansion of West Broadway project (Public Works)

Matt Giese reported that since the West Broadway project came in about \$240,000 less than estimated, the Department of Commerce would allow the project to be expanded at the 35% funding level of the original grant. Public Works is recommending the addition of storm sewer (\$40,768) from Chicago to Western Ave. and one block of reconstruction of Western Ave. from Broadway to Independence (\$106,506). Motion by Alderperson Polsean to approve Resolution No.10RS010 expanding the West Broadway project. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

10. CMAR Report and Resolution

The Council reviewed the CMAR report. Motion by Alderperson Krause to approve the report and resolution. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

11. Appointment of Weed Commissioner

Motion by Alderperson Noble to appoint Kathy Volden as Weed Commissioner with additional duties and increase position compensation to \$1,000.00. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

12. Resolution pertaining to parity in the treatment between non-represented and union employees regarding across the board wage increases and benefits (Finance and Personnel)

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve Resolution No.10RS008. Seconded by Alderperson Hubbard. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

13. City organizational chart (Finance and Personnel)

Matt Giese presented the required organizational chart to the council. Motion by Alderperson Polsean to approve the organizational chart as presented. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

14. New Fire Truck (Finance and Personnel)

The possible purchase of a new fire truck was sent to Council by Finance & Personnel, without recommendation, for discussion. The Council discussed the need, estimated cost and impact on debt service. Motion by Alderperson Polsean to table the discussion for two weeks. Seconded by Alderperson Steinhoff. On voice vote Alderperson Thompson abstained. All others voted aye. Motion carries.

15. Payment of bills

Motion by Alderperson Krause to approve payment of bills as presented on payment reports dated June 25, 2010 and June 29, 2010 in the amounts of \$331,615.70 and \$101,950.77 Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

16. Second period for public comment

None

17. Adjournment

Motion by Alderperson Tryggestad to adjourn the meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 13, 2010. Seconded by Alderperson Hubbard. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson, Clerk