

**CITY OF VIROQUA  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
July 9, 2013**

**1. Roll call:**

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Gary Krause, Tom Wilson, John Thompson, Mark Rahr, and Terry Noble present. Alderpersons Cyndy Hubbard, Jeff Clifton, and Marc Polsean were excused. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, DPW Steve Clark, Attorney David Jenkins, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, Engineer Sarah Grainger, and David Romary.

**2. Approval of the June 25, 2013 Regular Council Minutes -** Motion by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2013 Council meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**3. First period for public comment** – David Romary stated he had comments regarding item #9 on the agenda so Council moved this item up on the agenda. He has concerns regarding the wood burner located in his neighborhood and presented the Council with pictures of the smoke.

**9. Ordinance regarding solid fuel burning devices – Second Reading (Public Safety)** – Council discussed that this ordinance will allow the Police Department to enforce the nuisance smoke that current burning devices are emitting so this could help with Mr. Romary's issues in the future. Written notice will be given to anyone that is found to be in violation. Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Wilson to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 13OR004 regarding solid fuel burning devices. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Council returned to the regular order of the agenda:

**4. Approval of Temporary Picnic License – Viroqua Area Pullers, Wild West Days, Jammin with the Vets (Viroqua Fire Dept), Big Brothers Big Sisters of the 7 Rivers Region – Vernon County (Public Safety)** Motion by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Wilson to approve temporary picnic licenses for Viroqua Area Pullers on July 19-20 (Grandstand only), Viroqua Fire Department for Wild West Days on August 16-18, Viroqua Fire Department for Jammin for the Vets at the Fairgrounds on August 22-24 (Beer Garden only), and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the 7 Rivers Region for a catfish fry at the VFW pavilion on August 10. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**5. Operator licenses (Public Safety)** - Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve a renewal operator license for Michael Baker. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**6. Resolution authorizing land transfer between Vernon County and the City of Viroqua (Plan Commission)** Severson stated that the County Board has already approved this transfer of land they own next to the Police & Fire Station for land we own north of the City garage and Plan Commission recommended approval. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Krause to approve resolution 13RS010 authorizing an exchange of land with Vernon County. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Approval of Wastewater Treatment Plant consultant proposal (Public Works)** – Severson stated that staff and the Public Works committee listened to presentations by four firms – Town & Country Engineers, Strand Associates, General Engineering, and Baxter & Woodman to develop a facility plan to deal with our losing stream and phosphorus limit changes. The proposals ranged from \$28,000 - \$37,000. It was recommended by staff and committee to recommend Town & Country Engineers. Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Thompson to approve Town & Country Engineers as Wastewater Treatment Plant Consultants. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**8. Approval of website committee recommendation for website designer** – Severson stated that the committee received five proposals and after they listened to presentations by four of them they narrowed the selection to two for the website and marketing design. Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Wilson to approve Metre Agencies of La Crosse as the website designer with the condition of confirmation by Emily Rozeske as project lead. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried. The budget for this project was \$50,000 and the bid from Metre Agencies was \$47,000.

**10. Payment of bills.** – Motion by Alderperson Krause/second by Alderperson Noble to approve the payment of bills on report date 07/05/13 in the amount of \$135,474.54 and additional bills report date 07/09/13 in the amount of \$81,740.68. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**11. Second Period for Public Comment** - none

**12. Adjournment** -

Motion made by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk