

**CITY OF VIROQUA  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
July 10, 2012**

**1. Roll call:**

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on July 10, 2012 by Council President Terry Noble for Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Marc Polsean, Chuck Steinhoff, John Thompson, Jeff Clifton, Gary Krause, Cyndy Hubbard, and Terry Noble present. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Police Chief Daron Jefson, City Attorney David Jenkins, DPW Steve Clark, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, Engineer Sarah Grainger, Mark Rahr, and Jessica Anderson. Mayor Larry Fanta attended via phone for a portion of the meeting.

**2. Approval of the June 26, 2012 Regular Council Minutes -** Motion by Alderperson Krause to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2012 regular council meeting. Seconded by Alderperson Polsean. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**3. First period for public comment –** Engineer Grainger wanted to notify the Council that we are currently pumping 25% more water than the average amount during this drought and a public notification about conservation of water may be put in the paper and on the radio if necessary.

**4. Public Hearing on discontinuance and vacation of Dyson Street to the Armory –** Severson stated that no public attended the hearing during the Plan Commission meeting and they recommended approval of the discontinuance and vacation of Dyson Street to the Armory. Motion by Alderperson Krause/second by Alderperson Hubbard to close the public hearing. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Krause to discontinue and vacate Dyson Street to the Armory. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**5. Change to zoning to allow “day care and nursery school” as conditional uses in the B-2 Commercial District – First Reading (Plan Commission) –** Severson stated that the Plan Commission recommended the zoning change at their meeting. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Krause to approve Ordinance 12OR03 to change the zoning to allow “day care and nursery school” as conditional uses in the B-2 Commercial District, to waive the second reading, and become effective upon publication. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**6. Public Hearing on Conditional Use application for 804 East Decker Street for preschool – Jessica Anderson –** Severson stated that the Plan Commission approved the Conditional Use contingent on the zoning change that was just approved. She is planning on putting up a four foot fence around the yard according to code and updated the Plan Commission on plans for the location. Motion by Alderperson Clifton/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the Conditional Use application for 804 East Decker Street for preschool effective upon the publication of the zoning ordinance 12OR03. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Acceptance of resignation of Alderperson Wes Mack – Ward 5 –** Motion by Alderperson Krause/second by Alderperson Steinhoff to accept the resignation of Wes Mack. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**8. Mayor recommendation for appointment of Alderperson for remaining term Ward 5 – Mark Rahr** Motion by Alderperson Clifton/second by Alderperson Steinhoff to approve the appointment of Mark Rahr to the remaining term of Ward 5. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**9. Smoking Ordinance Section 8.14.010(ak) re-write to adopt language from State Statutes for “definition of substantial wall” – Second Reading (Public Safety)** The current ordinance was enacted prior to the State law changes on the definition of “enclosed space”. Motion by Alderperson Clifton/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve the second reading of Ordinance 12OR002 revising definition of “enclosed space” pertaining to smoking. Voice vote six in favor; with one no vote from Alderperson Hubbard. Motion carried.

**10. Certified Survey Map Approval with correction – Brian & Michelle Schott (Plan Commission)** – Jenkins stated there was a correction to the description on page three of the map that was caught by the Register of Deeds prior to filing. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Steinhoff to approve the Certified Survey Map with correction for Brian and Michelle Schott. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**11. Payment of bills.**

A motion was made by Alderperson Krause to approve the payment of bills on report date 7/06/12 in the amount of \$195,050.65 and additional bills report date 7/10/12 in the amount of \$50,451.28/second by Alderperson Thompson. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**12. Second Period for Public Comment – none**

**13. Adjournment -**

Motion made by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Steinhoff to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:  
Lori Polhamus, City Clerk