

JULY 25, 2006

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 Tryggestad, Marc Polsean, John Bjerke, Gary Krause, Weston Mack, Roger Hatlem Gail Frie, Robert Suhr and Terry Noble present. Also present were City Administrator Jeff Gohlke, City Clerk John Severson, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Tim Hundt from the Broadcaster, Vernie Smith, John Latz, Patrica Latz, Library Director Lisa Solverson, City Attorney David Jenkins, William Ohm and Merrily Helgeson both from CWEA.

2. Approval of the July 11, 2006 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Alderperson Suhr to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2006 meeting. Seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment.

None.

4. City of Viroqua application for Community Development Block Grant in support of STH 56 infrastructure improvements : Resolution Adopting a Citizen Participation Plan

Jeff Gohlke discussed the Citizen Participation Plan with the Council. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve Resolution No. 06RS023, a resolution adopting a citizen participation plan. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

5. City of Viroqua application for Community Development Block Grant in support of STH 56 infrastructure improvements : Public Hearing

Mayor Fanta called the public hearing to order. Those in attendance were Alderpersons David Tryggestad, Marc Polsean, John Bjerke, Gary Krause, Weston Mack, Roger Hatlem, Gail Frie, Robert Suhr and Terry Noble. Jeff Gohlke, John Severson, David Jenkins, Mark Rahr, Lisa Solverson, John Latz, Patrica Latz, Merrily Helgeson and Vernie Smith. William Ohm from CWEA presented the STH 56 infrastructure improvement project and CDBG application to the Council and members of the public. The CDBG grant application will seek \$750,000 toward cost expected to total about \$3,000,000. Mr. Ohm stated that the water and sewer infrastructure along STH 56 is up to 90 years old and outdated. Some of the conditions noted by Mr. Ohm included water and sewer mains in the same trench, water mains that are too small, water main that runs through a sanitary sewer manhole, hydrants spaced too far apart, hydrants that are 90 years old and unusable, deteriorated sewer pipes of vitrified clay and a lift station that has exceeded its design life. Improvements to the entire system would include a new lift station, 13,200 feet of PVC sewer main, 6,500 feet of larger water main and new hydrants. Mr. Ohm discussed the possible economic benefits of the infrastructure improvements including business and residential development on the east side, enhanced services to current businesses on Decker Street and the redevelopment of industrial and commercial areas north of Decker Street. Mr. Ohm informed those in attendance that the CDBG application could be changed in response to public input and that the City could apply at a later date for funds to assist in infrastructure improvements, public buildings, housing and economic development projects. Questions were asked concerning access to properties during construction, temporary stop lights at detour intersections and other general questions concerning the project. Mayor Fanta thanked Bill Ohm for his presentation and hearing no other questions closed the public hearing.

6. Public Hearing and determination of assessment – Sands Rd.

Jeff Gohlke presented the Sands Rd curb and gutter assessments and resolution to the Council. The property owners that will be assessed are Living Faith Lutheran Church at 852 N Main, Jeff Olson – Muffler Werks at 860 N. Main, Obrenski Living Trust – Dollar General at 902 N. Main and David J. Iverson & Sons Inc. at 9201/2 N. Main. The expected assessment rate is \$15.00 per ft but actual cost will be used if less. No citizens were present to be heard. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve Resolution No.06RS024 – a final resolution regarding special assessment for installation of curb and gutter on Sands Road. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

7. Public Works recommendation for change order – Sidie Hollow lift station.

Jeff Gohlke reported that 85 ft. of sewer main to the lift station had been televised and showed a sag that causes plugging. The Committee was recommending replacement at a cost of \$8,000.00. Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve the change order for \$8,000.00. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

8. Public Works recommendation – WWTP Discharge Waterway Study contract – Davy Engineering.

The Committee recommended that Davy Engineering conduct the waterway survey as required by the DNR at a cost of \$14,250.00. Motion by Alderperson Polsean to approve the contract with Davy engineering at a cost of \$14,250.00. Seconded by Alderperson Suhr. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

9. Public Works recommendation for additional engineering on Nutrient Compliance Schedule at WWTP.

Jeff Gohlke told the Council that Dan Uhl had informed the Committee that an additional \$7,000.00 to \$10,000.00 expenditure would be needed to complete the nitrate removal study at the WWTP. \$7,000.00 has already been spent. The Committee was recommending authorizing an additional \$5,000.00 with a progress report to the Committee in September. Alderperson Frie noted that the work probably needs to continue but expressed concern that no progress has been made. Motion by Alderperson Polsean to approve the additional \$5,000.00 expenditure. Seconded by Alderperson Suhr. On roll call vote eight voted aye. Alderperson Frie voted nay. Motion carries.

10. Public Works recommendation for use of Community Sensitive Design money – STH 56

Jeff Gohlke reported that the project agreements with the state contain \$14,000.00 in the East Urban project and \$18,500 in the West Urban project for community sensitive design. The State share is 96%. The Committee was recommending the funds be used for street lighting. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to use the Community Sensitive design money for street lighting. Seconded by Alderperson Frie. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

11. Public Works recommendation to install stub main and valve to High School property.

Fire Chief Steve Skrede had informed the Committee that fire protection at the High School is inadequate and recommended that a stub main and valve be installed to the property. The Committee was

recommending the installation at a cost of \$3,000.00. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the expenditure. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

12. NIMS Resolution.

Police Chief Mark Rahr explained the National Incident Management System to the Council . NIMS establishes a comprehensive approach to incident management at all levels of government. Motion by Alderperson Polsean to approve Resolution No. 06RS025. Seconded by Alderperson Suhr. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

13. Picnic licenses – Fine Arts Foundation for Temple Theatre –Viroqua Fire Dept. for Wild West Days.

Alderperson Mack reported that Public Safety was recommending approval of a Picnic license for the Westby Fine Arts Foundation. Motion by Alderperson Noble to approve the Picnic license. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries. The Committee was also recommending approval of a picnic license for the Viroqua Fire Dept. for Wild West Days. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve the picnic license. Seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

14. Operator licenses.

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve operator licenses for Mark P. Hanson, Scott Stalsberg, Karlyn U. Koenen, Cheryl A. Arneson, Steven Skiles, Lisa M. Braun, AnnaJo Doerr, Samuel B.Leighton, Renee M. Frye, Jeffrey A. May and Arlene K. Byl as recommended by Public Safety. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggstad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

15. Designation of Park Bowl entrance as Tom Henry Court.

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to table the item. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggstad. On roll call vote seven voted aye. Alderpersons Frie and Suhr voted nay. Motion carries.

16. Parking of campers, rv's and boats on city streets.

Motion by Alderperson Suhr to send the item to Public Safety. Seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

17. Resolution – Statewide voter registration system.

The Clerk presented a resolution supporting agreements between the City of Viroqua and the Wisconsin State Elections Board regarding use of the Statewide Voter Registration System. Motion by Alderperson Suhr to approve Resolution No.06RS026. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

18. Resolution rescinding a grant of conditional use of property.

Jeff Gohlke reviewed Resolution 06RS027 with the Council. Frank Hammond and Shane Kendhammer were granted a conditional use permit for property at 618 Madison Street for the purpose of continuing commercial business use. Since the property was not acquired or used by the individuals named in the permit and has since been sold, the conditional use permit should be rescinded. Motion by Alderperson

Mack to approve Resolution No 06RS027. Seconded Alderperson Polsean. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

19. Resignation of Robert Suhr from Library Board.

Mayor Fanta informed the Council of the resignation of Alderperson Suhr from the Library Board. Motion by Alderperson Krause to accept the resignation of Robert Suhr from the Library Board. Seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

20. Appointment to the Library Board.

Tabled.

21. Appointment to the Tree Board – William Seybold.

Mayor Fanta announced that William Seybold would accept appointment to the Tree Board. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the appointment of William Seybold. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

22. Payment of Bills.

Motion by Alderperson Frie to pay the bills as recommended by the Finance Committee. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. On roll call vote all voted aye. Motion carries.

23. Second period for public comment.

Lisa Solverson reported that the Library concert was a success.

24. Adjournment.

Motion by Alderperson Suhr to adjourn the Council meeting until 7:30 pm. August 8, 2006. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson
Clerk