

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 28, 2009**

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, Charles Steinhoff, Gary Krause, Weston Mack, Roger Hatlem, Jeff Clifton and Terry Noble present. Alderperson John Thompson was absent. Also present were Administrator Jeff Gohlke, Clerk John Severson, Police Chief Mark Rahr and City Attorney David Jenkins.

2. Approval of the July 28, 2009 Regular Council Minutes

Motion by Alderperson Krause to approve the July 28, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment

None

4. Operator licenses

Motion by Alderperson Tryggestad to approve operator licenses for Sonia Getter, Dian Parr and Heather Knight. Seconded by Alderperson Steinhoff. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

5. An Ordinance regarding frequency of fire inspections. First reading.

Jeff Gohlke reviewed the ordinance which changes the frequency of inspection from not less the twice per year to once per year not exceeding a 15 month interval between inspections. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve Ordinance No. 09OR003 and waive the second reading. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

6. Invitation to apply for Community Development Block Grant housing funds

Mayor Fanta announced that the City of Viroqua was selected to make final application for a \$650,000 CDBG housing grant. The final application is due by September 11, 2009.

7. Resolution authorizing Application for Federal Assistance (Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program)

Jeff Gohlke informed the Council that he had been approached by a local businessman about starting up a wind turbine business. The City was asked to consider applying for a Rural Business Enterprise Grant to assist in the development of the business. The Grant funds could be used to start a revolving loan fund for business development. Motion by Alderperson Krause to pursue a Rural Business Enterprise Grant. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

8. Request for budgeted funds – Vernon Co. Historical Society.

Gary Krause requested a \$3,821.00 donation to the Vernon Co. Historical Society as budgeted and recommended by Finance. Motion by Alderperson Steinhoff to approve the donation. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. Alderpersons Tryggestad, Polsean, Steinhoff, Mack, Hatlem, Clifton and Noble voted aye on voice vote. Alderperson Krause abstained. Motion carries.

9. Payment of bills

Motion by Alderperson Krause to approve the bills as presented on payment reports dated July 24, 2009 and July 28, 2009 in the amounts of \$81,430.21 and \$48,901.01. Seconded by Alderperson Steinhoff. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

10. Second period for public comment

None

11. Adjournment.

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to adjourn the meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 11, 2009.

Seconded by Alderperson Steinhoff. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson, Clerk