CITY OF VIROQUA COUNCIL MINUTES JULY 29, 2008

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, Roger Hatlem, Gail Frie, Jeff Clifton and Terry Noble present. Alderperson Weston Mack was absent. Also present were Administrator Jeff Gohlke, Clerk John Severson, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Public Works Superintendent Steve Clark, Parks & Recreation Director Dan Stalsburg, Attorney David Jenkins, Kevin Fiske, Stan Getter, Heidi Salach, Cameron Thompson, Nick Hirschfield, Kyle Fiske, Jo Lynn Sevede, Jay Sherburne, Carl Zielke, Tim Hundt, Jesse Hundt, Angie Hundt and Heather Moncrieff.

2. Approval of the July 29, 2008 Regular Council Minutes.

Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve the June 24, 2008 minutes as amended. Seconded by Alderperson Tyggestad. All voted aye on voice. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment.

None.

4. General discussion on skateboard park.

The Council heard comments from Heidi Salach, Heather Moncrieff, Jay Sherburne and others regarding problems at the skate park. Comments included hours of operation, noise, parking, profanity, skating on South Street, smoking in park area and taunting. Mayor Fanta, Alderperson Hatlem and City staff had also received complaints. Heidi Salach offered a list of suggestions for operation of the skate park. Jo Lynn Sevede commented on the importance of having a place for the kids to skate. Discussion continued on enforcement of rules. Alderperson Noble noted that he and other parents have been present daily at the skate park to enforce the posted rules and are aware of the problems. Motion by Alderperson Tryggestad to refer the matter to Parks & Recreation for further discussion. Seconded by Alderperson Frie. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

5. Class "B" Beer and "Class C" Wine application. Organic Zone, 215 S. Main St. – Anthony Macasaet.

Motion by Alderperson Polsean to grant a Class "B" Beer and "Class C" Wine license to Organic Zone, 215 S Main St., Suites C & D. Seconded by Alderperson Noble. All voted aye on voice vote.

6. Operator licenses.

Motion by Alderperson Tryggestad to approve operator licenses as recommended by Public Safety for Ashley Hoff, Gregg Boeder, Sandra Schmidt, Anthony Macasaet and Geoff Fluegel. Seconded by Alderperson Frie. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

7. Preliminary Resolution regarding special assessments for retaining wall in W. Parkinson Street between N. Main St and N. Rock Ave.

Jeff Gohlke reported that a retaining wall had to be constructed on the south side of West Parkinson St. between North Main St. and North Rock Ave.. The Preliminary Resolution authorizes the initiation of the special assessment process. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve Resolution No. 08RS008. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

8. Ordinance regulating heavy traffic. First reading.

Motion by Alderperson Frie to table discussion until a latter date. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

9. Ordinance regarding battery. First reading.

Police Chief Mark Rahr reviewed the proposed ordinance with the Council. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 08OR009 regarding battery. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

10. Sale of old taxi cabs.

The Council considered the sale of three taxi cabs no longer used for taxi service. Estimates of value were presented. Motion by Alderperson Frie to authorize sale of the three taxi cabs as recommended by Finance. Seconded by Alderperson Clifton. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

11. Appointment of Weed Commissioner. Kathy Volden.

Mayor Fanta asked the Council to approve the appointment of Kathy Volden as Weed Commissioner, replacing Steve Clark. Mayor Fanta cited Steve Clark's work load as Public Works Superintendent as being the reason for the new appointment. The Council discussed the weed ordinance requirements. Concern was expressed about someone in the office doing the job when others are in the field on a regular bases. Motion by Alderperson Tryggestad to approve the appointment of Kathy Volden as Weed Commissioner. Seconded by Alderperson Polsean. On roll call vote Alderpersons Bjerke, Krause, Hatlem, Noble, Tryggestad and Polsean voted aye. Alderpersons Frie and Clifton voted nay. Motion carries.

12. Appointment to the Viroqua Historic Preservation Commission. Tom Wilson.

Mayor Fanta read a letter from the Viroqua Historic Preservation Commission recommending the appointment of Tom Wilson to the Commission. Motion by Alderperson Noble to appoint Tom Wilson to the Viroqua Historic Preservation Commission. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

13. Payment of bills.

Motion by Alderperson Tryggestad to approve the bills as presented on payment reports dated July 25, 2008 and July 29, 2008 in the amounts of \$302,977.75 and \$137,919.44. Seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

14. Second period for public comment.

Carl Zielke question the City's authority to require a building permit for roofing. Motion by Alderperson Polsean to refer the matter to Public Property. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

14. Adjournment.

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to adjourn the meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 12, 2008. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson Clerk