

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
July 30, 2013**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30, 2013 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Gary Krause, Tom Wilson, John Thompson, Cyndy Hubbard, Jeff Clifton, Marc Polsean, Mark Rahr, and Terry Noble present. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Assistant Police Chief Todd Simonson, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, Library Director Trina Erickson, Jim Hallberg, Jeff Gohlke, Carol Gohlke, Angie Lawrence, Wes Mack, Christopher Frye, Nancy Rhodes, Ann Morrison, Sondra Delap, Paula Grenier, Jean Driscoll, Kathy Hanson, Carol Barlow, Gregory Splinter, Heron Splinter, Rebecca Lewis-Clifton, Nathan Randall, Mike Koppa, Sue Ferris, Julie Malone, and Colleen Kansier.

2. Approval of the July 9, 2013 Regular Council Minutes - Motion by Alderperson Krause/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2013 Council meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – the following people addressed the Council with interest in exploring the possibility of re-opening the outdoor pool in downtown Viroqua and urged the Council to approve a feasibility study: Ann Morrison, Nancy Rhodes, Sue Ferris, Sondra Delap, Sarah Caldwell, Colleen Kansier, Mike Koppa, and Greg Splinter.

4. Library Project Design Presentation – Library Director Trina Erickson and Architect Christopher Frye gave a power point presentation showing the design layout of the new library with an August 8, 2013 groundbreaking ceremony set. The overall cost of the project is projected to be 3 to 3.5 million and 1.5 million has been raised so far including the \$500,000 grant.

5. Mayoral Proclamation – McIntosh Memorial Library Day – Mayor Fanta read the proclamation to those present and declared August 8, 2013 as McIntosh Memorial Library Day in the City of Viroqua.

6. Operator licenses (Public Safety) - Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve a renewal operator license for Tom Trautsch and new operator licenses for Joshua Stohr and Tamara Mastin. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Vernon County Historical Society funding request for Museum (Finance) - Severson stated we received a letter requesting a donation in the range of \$3800-4200 for work at the Museum and Finance recommended approval of \$3800. Alderman Krause stated this would help with the painting and plastering needed on the third floor of the Museum. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve a donation of \$3800 to the Vernon County Historical Society for use at the Museum. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried. Julie Malone, Historical Society President thanked the Council for their support.

8. Agreement to provide Tax Incremental Financing Services – Vierbicher (Finance) – Severson stated he spoke with Kurt Muchow about doing a complete review of our TIF districts as there have been some law changes and there is a possibility of looking into a downtown development TIF. Alderperson Hubbard also suggested looking into the warehouse district. Motion by Alderperson Krause/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the agreement with Vierbicher to provide tax incremental financing services for \$2750. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Authorize sealed bids for sale of Fire Department 1985 Step Van – Severson stated the van was purchased by multiple sources and titled to the City. The vehicle has not been used for some time and they will not be replacing it. Motion by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Polsean to advertise for sealed bids for the sale of the Fire Department 1985 Step Van. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried. Once bids are received this will come back to Council for final approval.

10. Proposals for evaluation of old pool facilities – Severson stated he received two proposals for evaluating the outdoor pool facility. They were from Water Technology and Burbach Aquatics. Attorney Jenkins has not seen either contract so he would need to review them also. The cost proposed by Water Technology is \$4500 and the

cost for Burbach Aquatics is \$1750, however there is a question if this is the total as the contract states per facility which will need to be clarified. Motion by Alderperson Wilson/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the contract with Burbach Aquatics for Phase I, Step #1 only for the pool feasibility study at a cost of \$1750 or potentially \$3500 depending on contract wording of per facility pending review by Attorney Jenkins. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried. Alderperson Noble noted that this was already done once in 2002, but it will be good to see updated information. Alderperson Bekkedal also noted that the City does not own all of the pool property either.

11. Ordinance regarding public works without bidding (Public Works) – First Reading – Severson stated this ordinance was first brought up during the airport runway project and the only change are the words demolition work is added. With the possibility of having force labor involved in the demolition of the old Vig building for the library project, this was the appropriate time to have this added. Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve Ordinance 13OR005 regarding public works without bidding and waive the second reading. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Payment of bills. – Motion by Alderperson Krause/second by Alderperson Noble to approve the payment of bills on report date 07/26/13 in the amount of \$154,532.08 and additional bills report date 07/30/13 in the amount of \$2,826.78. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

13. Second Period for Public Comment – Nancy Rhodes thanked the Council for their consideration on the pool project and stated the petition that is being circulated is advisory and welcomes everyone on the Council to work together with their group.

14. Adjournment -

Motion made by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Krause to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk