

AUGUST 9, 2005

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Roger Hatlem, David Tryggestad, John Bjerke, Robert Suhr, Marc Polsean, Vernie Smith, Terry Noble, and Weston Mack. Alderperson Frie was absent. Also present were Deputy Clerk Jodie Olson, City Consultant Jeff Gohlke, Director of Public Works Thomas Henry, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Mark Volden (Viroqua Schools), Debbie Tewalt (Bethel Home), Steve Afelbacher (Ehlers & Assoc.) and WVRQ.

2. Approval of the July 26th, 2005 regular Council minutes:

Motion made by Alderperson Smith to approve the minutes of the July 26th Regular Meeting of the Common Council seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All aye; motion carries.

3. First period for public comment:

There was a complaint regarding crossing in the Main Street area. It was suggested that signs be put out to slow down traffic and also that jaywalkers be ticketed.

4. City Hall tuck pointing and chimney repair.

Two bids were received for the chimney repair, one price was \$30,000.00, and the second was for \$10,200.00. The Public Property committee approved the low bid of \$10,200.00, which included the chimney repair and the prep, glaze, prime and paint of all windows and door trim. The money will come out of the building repair fund. Alderperson Suhr made a motion to approve the chimney repair and Alderperson Bjerke seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with 8 aye's, with Alderperson Frie absent. Motion carries.

5. Public Works Committee recommendation on repairs to WWTF clarifier.

Two proposals were received, the first one was for \$28850.00 and the second was for \$36682.00. The Public Works committee made a recommendation to accept the bid for \$28850.00. DPW Tom Henry will talk with Dan Uhl to see if the money would come out of the plant replacement expense account. A motion was made by Alderperson Suhr to accept the low bid for repairs to the WWTC clarifier and the motion was seconded by Alderperson Mack. A roll call vote was taken with 8 aye's and Alderperson Frie absent. Motion carries.

6. Public Works Committee recommendation on release of easement at 106 N Main.

The old Coulee Cap building at 106 N Main has been purchased and the owner would like a release of the easement on the property to clear up the title. At one point there was a switch box located on the building that was used to control the decorations Main Street. That switch box is no longer there. A motion was made by Alderperson Noble and seconded by Alderperson Hatlem to release the easement on that property. All aye, motion carries.

7. Request from school district to designate Ben Lawton as one-way.

Ben Lawton runs from Decker to Johnson Ave. For safety reasons and because of the current construction at the school, they would like to have Ben Lawton be a one way. The school board will be having a monthly meeting in September to approve this. A motion was made by Alderperson Mack and seconded by Alderperson Hatlem to make Ben Lawton a one way. All aye, motion carries.

8. Crossing Meadows Subdivision – Final Plat

The developer submitted a plat and the water and sewer plans went to the DNR. The Plan Commission looked at the final plat at their August 4th meeting and approved it. A motion was made by Alderperson Polsean and seconded by Alderperson Suhr. There were 7 ayes with Alderperson Smith voting no. Alderperson Frie was absent.

9. Willow Street – Certified Survey Map.

The owner will be building on the east end of the property and it will be a single family home. There is a 20' easement on the property for a possible road to go through at a later date. A motion was made by Alderperson Polsean to approve the Willow Street certified survey map and the motion was seconded by Alderperson Bjerke. All aye, motion carries.

10. Resolution of the City of Viroqua, Wisconsin waiving the requirement for Competitive bidding on a project pursuant to Wisconsin statutes, section 66.1103, subdivision (11)(b) 2., as amended. (Resolution 05RS029)

Ehlers will handle the publications. A motion was made by Alderperson Hatlem, seconded by Alderperson Bjerke. A roll call vote was taken with 8 aye's with Alderperson Frie absent. Motion carries.

11. Resolution of the City of Viroqua, Wisconsin relating to revenue bond financing on behalf of Bethel Home and Services, Inc. (Resolution 05RS028)

Debbie Tewalt from the Bethel Home spoke about how the Bethel Home would like to continue to do renovations and that this revenue bond would help them do that. The revenue bond is a 1996 bond that will be refinanced with an additional \$600,000.00 added. The Bethel Home will be back in September for final authorization. A motion was made by Alderperson Mack, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem to accept resolution 05RS028. A roll call vote was taken with 8 aye's and Alderperson Frie absent.

12. Release of easement at Church St. and Center Ave.

The old railroad tracks were vacated and given to the city many years ago. The release of the easement will clear up the title policies. It is a preliminary step for future building. Alderperson Smith asked if it was for proposed Walgreens and was told that is was. A motion was made by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the release of the easement, the motion was seconded by Alderperson Mack. Alderperson Smith requested a roll call vote. A roll call vote was taken with 7 aye's and Alderperson Smith voting no. Alderperson Frie was absent.

13. Approval of deputy clerk meeting pay.

The Finance Committee recommended to the council that Deputy Clerk Olson receive \$25 per meeting pay, retroactive to July 1st, for the meetings attended. The pay will be reviewed again once a City Clerk is hired. A roll call vote was taken with 8 aye's, motion carries. Alderperson Frie absent.

14. Mayoral appointments to the Board of Review:

Tabled.

15. Mayoral appointment to the Board of Appeals:

Tabled.

16. Mayoral appointment to the City Plan Commission:

A motion was made by Alderperson Suhr to appoint Marv McNeal to the City Plan Commission. The motion was seconded by Alderperson Tryggstad. All aye, motion carries.

17. Payment of Bills:

Motion made by Alderperson Mack to pay bills as recommended by the Finance Committee, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. A roll call vote was taken with 8 aye's, with Alderpson Frie was absent, motion carries.

18. Second Period for public comment:

None

19. Adjournment:

Motion made by Alderperson Smith to adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 30th, 2005, seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All ayes; motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Jodie L. Olson, Deputy Clerk.