

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
August 26, 2014**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 26, 2014 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Marc Polsean, Mark Rahr, Terry Noble, John Thompson, Cyndy Hubbard, Tom Wilson and Mike Bankes present. Alderperson Jeff Clifton was excused. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, Attorney David Jenkins, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Engineer Sarah Grainger, Nancy Rhodes, Kurt Muchow, Clark Nordberg and Ed Nix.

2. Approval of the August 12, 2014 Regular Council Minutes – Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2014 Council meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – none

4. Sale of City owned Railroad Avenue property adjacent to 518 Walnut Street (Ed Nix) (Plan Commission) Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the sale of property on Railroad Avenue at a cost of \$305.00 plus \$30.00 filing fee. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Presentation of 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Plan – Kurt Muchow – Muchow gave a slide presentation of the Capital Improvement Plan and answered questions for the Council. This will be revisited each year. The TIF amendments will be worked on soon by the Joint Review Board.

6. Public hearing on Elm Street vacation (Plan Commission) – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve resolution 14RS019 to vacate unopened Elm Street in Country Acres Addition. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Bethel Birchwood-Parkside Conditional Use changes (Plan Commission) – correction should be Bethel Home & Services Conditional Use changes. Clark Nordberg presented the new building location plan as the previous location had bad soil and the retention ponds will remain. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the conditional use changes for Bethel Home. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Pay request #2 – Top Notch Construction – Park & Rec Building (Finance) – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve pay request #2 for \$73,013.92 to Top Notch Construction. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Per Mar proposals for security and fire protection services for new Library (Finance) the Library building committee reviewed the proposals and recommended Per Mar for the security system and fire protection system. They need State approved plans for the fire system. This was not a budgeted expense and other proposals were eliminated for exterior & interior security cameras. This would be the same setup as the current facility. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the Per Mar proposals for the security system at \$4420 and fire protection system at \$13,240. It is also recommended to have the Library building committee look at the outside camera proposal. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried. Alderperson Bekkedal asked if there would be an additional cost for the State approved plans and this will be checked into.

10. Library Board appointment to fill expired 3 year term vacancy – Darlene Buhr (term expires 4/30/2017) (Library Board) Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve the appointment of Darlene Buhr to the Library Board for a three year term expiring 4/30/2017. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Appointment of three Council members to Police Union Bargaining Committee Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Bankes to appoint John Thompson, Marc Polsean, and Terry Noble to the Police Union bargaining committee. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried. Mayor Fanta, John Severson, and Daron Jefson will also be on the committee.

- 12. Appointment to Airport Commission for six year term (9/1/2020) – Dwain Munyon** Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Rahr to appoint Dwain Munyon to a six year term expiring 9/1/2020 to the Airport Commission. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.
- 13. Appointment to fill vacancy on Tourism Committee for two year term (12/1/2016) – Mike Bankes** Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Polsean to appoint Mike Bankes to a two year term expiring 12/1/2016 to the Tourism Committee. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.
- 14. Replace/appoint Historic Preservation Commissioners for those whose terms have expired: Nancy Rhodes, Marjorie Macasaet, Gary Krause – tabled from 8/12/2014** Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Polsean to appoint Gary Krause to Nancy Rhodes' position as Chair and reappoint Marjorie Macasaet to a ~~three year term expiring 10/1/2017~~ to the Historic Preservation Commission. Voice vote with three no's heard. Motion carried. Alderpersons Wilson, Hubbard, and Bankes voting no.
- 15. Operator license approval (Public Safety)** Motion by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to approve an operator license for Sarah Kendall. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.
- 16. Approval of Temporary Class B beer license – Wild West Days for Little Britches Rodeo (Public Safety)** Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Thompson to approve a temporary Class B beer license for Wild West Days for the Little Britches Rodeo on September 6-7, 2014. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.
- 17. Payment of bills.** – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Noble to approve the payment of bills on report date 08/22/14 in the amount of \$143,879.35 and additional bills report date 08/26/14 in the amount of \$23,021.49. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.
- 18. Second Period for Public Comment** – Nancy Rhodes stated she served as a volunteer for many years and disagrees with the Council's decision regarding the Historic Preservation appointments.
- 19. Adjournment -**
Motion made by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk