

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
August 28, 2012**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on August 28, 2012 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Marc Polsean, Chuck Steinhoff, Mark Rahr, Cyndy Hubbard, John Thompson, and Terry Noble present. Alderperson Gary Krause was excused and Alderperson Jeff Clifton was absent. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, City Attorney David Jenkins, DPW Steve Clark, Engineer Sarah Grainger, Charles Knower, Joel Johnson, David Banner, and Lavon Felton.

2. Approval of the August 14, 2012 Regular Council Minutes - Motion by Alderperson Steinhoff/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2012 regular council meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – David Banner updated the Council on the Transition Viroqua Group regarding localizing items for public good as a community that meets weekly for the past two years. A barter network (time banks) is being set up at richland.timebanks.org where anyone can share their talents to receive other services in return. More info can be obtained at transitionviroqua.org and there are 16 copies of the Transition Handbook available at the library.

4. Review/update on Driftless Music Festival – Charles Knower stated that the Festival was held July 7, 2012 in Eckhart Park and a range of 500-700 people attended throughout the day. Everything was free to the public. They raised around \$5000 which was spent mostly on the music. They had a couple of food vendors and no alcohol. The feedback has been very positive and they are planning on doing it again on July 6, 2013.

5. Discussion on Viroqua Bypass – Lavon Felton, Bill Schultz, & Pete Walby

Felton asked the Council to consider taking some action on the bypass that if it is felt that it isn't needed now to let the Department of Transportation know this and address it again later when traffic counts would trigger the need. The DOT told Felton that if they received information from the Chamber and City Council this could have an impact on when this project is considered. Other options to consider would be spot improvements in the downtown section of Main Street to help with traffic flow.

6. Approval of Armory land transfer deed – Grainger stated this is the last step in the Dyson Street vacation. We are maintaining a 20 foot easement to the storm water culvert and also maintaining access to the utility pole for the street light. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the Quit Claim Deed to transfer the vacated portion of Dyson Street to the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs (Armory). Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Payment of bills.

A motion was made by Alderperson Noble to approve the payment of bills on report date 8/16/12 in the amount of \$9464.09 and additional bills report date 8/28/12 in the amount of \$87,422.65/second by Alderperson Thompson. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Second Period for Public Comment – none

9. Adjournment -

Motion made by Alderperson Steinhoff/second by Alderperson Hubbard to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Lori Polhamus, City Clerk