

AUGUST 29, 2006

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 Tryggstad, Marc Polsean, John Bjerke, Gary Krause, Weston Mack, Roger Hatlem, Gail Frie, Robert Suhr and Terry Noble present. Also present were City Administrator Jeff Gohlke, City Clerk John Severson, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Dan Stalsberg, Vernie Smith, Lynn Chakioan, David Wendlend, Allen Peterson, Roger Getter, Jackie Getter, Tim Hundt and City Attorney David Jenkins.

2. Approval of the August 8, 2006 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Alderperson Suhr to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2006 meeting. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment.

None.

4. Petition for Direct Legislation.

The Clerk reported that he had signed a Certificate of Sufficiency of Petition for Direct Legislation on August 10, 2006. The Petition question states "Resolved: The United States should bring all military personnel home from Iraq now." Motion by Alderperson Frie to put the petition question on the November 7, 2006 ballot. Seconded by Alderperson Noble. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

5. Public Hearing – Request for conditional use of property by Allen Peterson at 520 East Terhune Street.

Mayor Fanta called the hearing to order at 7:35 p.m. The Council was informed that the Plan Board held a public hearing on the request and was recommending approval. Mr. Peterson reviewed his plans and answered questions. Alderperson Krause read a letter he had received from nine property owners concerning the noise caused by the greenhouse fans and the plastic roof coverings. Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve the conditional use permit. Seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

The Council moved to item 8 with no objection.

8. Preliminary resolution to vacate East Gillette Street in Maple Heights Addition.

Jeff Gohlke informed the Council that the Roger and Jackie Getter had purchased land in the addition and are asking that East Gillette Street which is platted but not developed be vacated. Motion by Alderperson Noble to approve Resolution No.06RS030 which authorizes the Plan Commission and Council to conduct public hearings on vacating East Gillette Street. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

6. Agreement conveying the Viroqua Area Veterans Memorial site to the City of Viroqua.

Jeff Gohlke reviewed the agreement with changes as approved by the Plan Commission. Motion by Alderperson Suhr to approve Resolution No. 06RS028 accepting the agreement. Seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

7. Resolution clarifying non-union employee benefits.

Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve Resolution No 06RS029 as recommended by the Finance and Personnel Committee. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

9. Resolution authorizing legal action to abate a nuisance.

The Council discussed the condition of the lot on Williams Street. The Public Safety Committee had met and considered the report of the Chief of Police. Attorney Jenkins reviewed the process to abate a nuisance. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve Resolution No. 06RS031. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

10. Resolution initiating the process of amending the Viroqua Municipal Code to regulate electronic variable message signs.

Jeff Gohlke introduced the resolution which authorizes the publication of the proposed amendment to Chapter 17.40 and the holding of a public hearing by the Plan Commission. The proposed amendment as recommended by the Public Property Committee was reviewed by the Council. Alderperson Noble thanked the Council for giving the Tourism Committee and the people who had worked on sign ordinance the time to have a dialog with Walgreens. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve Resolution No. 06RS032. Seconded by Alderperson Suhr. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

11. Resolution authorizing submission of STH 56 Block Grant application.

Motion by Alderperson Polsean to approve Resolution No. 06RS033. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All vote aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

12. Operator license.

Public Safety recommended the issuance of an operator license for Dennis Olson. Motion by Alderperson Tryggestad to approve the license. Seconded by Alderperson Frie. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

13. Payment of Bills.

Motion by Alderperson Frie to pay the bills. Seconded by Alderperson Suhr. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

14. Second Period for Public Comment.

None.

15. Adjournment.

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to adjourn the Council meeting until 7:30 pm. September 12, 2006. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

John Severson
Clerk