

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 31, 2010**

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, Charles Steinhoff, Weston Mack, John Thompson, Jeff Clifton and Terry Noble present. Alderpersons Gary Krause and Cyndy Hubbard were absent. Also present were Administrator Matt Giese, Clerk John Severson, Police Chief Mark Rahr, City Attorney David Jenkins, Library Director Trina Erickson, Jeff Gohlke, Jack Vig, Kurt and Nancy Buer, Tamara Dean, Robert Dusha and Dean Olson.

2. Approval of the August 10, 2010 Regular Council Minutes

Motion by Alderperson Polsean to approve the August 10, 2010 Council minutes. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment

Robert Dusha addressed the Council with concerns over the West Broadway project including, noise, dust, dirty water, stress cracks to walls and exceeding the weight limit during construction.

4. 2009 Audit Report – Vig & Associates

Jack Vig of Vig & Associates presented the 2009 audit report to the Council.

5. Public hearing on West Broadway Reconstruction Project.

Mayor Fanta called the public hearing to order. Dean Olson of CWE Inc. reviewed the West Broadway Public Facilities Improvement Grant award which provided up to \$321,000 in partial funding for water and sewer mains, storm water control, road construction, retaining walls and landscaping on West Broadway from Hillyer Avenue to Rock Avenue and Western Avenue from West Broadway Street to West Independence Street. The final blacktop lift was completed on August 28, 2010. Some additional landscaping needs to be completed. The first public hearing on the project was held on November 24, 2009. An informational pre-construction meeting was held for residents affected by the project on May 6, 2010. Mr. Olson thanked the residents for their patience during the project and asked for comments from the public. Robert Dusha commented on equipment starting up at 6:00 am on occasions, dust, dirty water, stress cracks in his apartment and construction equipment exceeding the posted weight limit of the street. Matt Giese acknowledged that early starts were authorized on occasion due to weather delays. Mr. Olson apologized for any inconvenience caused by the project. Mayor Fanta closed the public hearing.

6. Operator licenses

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve operator license renewals for Marjorie Macasaet, Jody Carson, Karlyn Koenen and new operator licenses for Tanner Dewitt and JoAnn McKibbin as recommended by Public Safety. Seconded by Alderperson Steinhoff. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

7. Picnic licenses

a. Valley Stewardship Network for Viroqua Food Co-op anniversary celebration

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve a Picnic license for Valley Stewardship Network for September 4 and 5, 2010. Seconded by Alderperson Steinhoff. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

b. Driftless Community Radio Inc –Vernon Co. Fairgrounds Youth Activity Building

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve a Picnic license for Driftless Community Radio Inc. for October 16, 2010. Seconded by Alderperson Steinhoff. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

8. Library Task Force update and authorization for CDBG Planning Grant application.

Library Director Trina Erickson reported on the recent efforts of the Task Force. Fifteen Requests for Qualifications from architectural firms have been received and are being reviewed. Five firms will be selected for interviews with the top three being asked to provide preliminary designs and cost estimates. The Library is asking the City to apply for a \$15,000 CDBG Planning Grant on the Library's behalf to assist in the process. Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve the grant application. Seconded by Alderperson Clifton. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

9. Ordinance regarding Wellhead Protection – first reading (Plan Commission)

Matt Giese introduced the ordinance which is required by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for land use regulation to protect the City's wells. The Plan Commission held a public hearing on the Wellhead Protection Ordinance and recommends Council approval. The Council discussed the ordinance. Motion by Alderperson Polsean to approve the first reading of the Wellhead Protection Ordinance. Seconded by Alderperson Thompson. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

Alderperson Noble left the meeting.

10. Ordinance regarding re-zoning on Railroad Avenue, lot 3 of Certified Survey Map Volume 10 page 130, from Industrial to Residential – first reading (Plan Commission)

Attorney Jenkins reviewed the ordinance with the Council. The Plan Commission recommends approval of the rezoning. Motion by Alderperson Polsean to approve Ordinance No.10OR007 An Ordinance Rezoning Property and to waive the second reading. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

11. Memorandum of Understanding for EECBG Group Purchase of Fluorescent and LED Lighting.

Motion by Alderperson Clifton to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Seconded by Alderperson Steinhoff. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

12. Payment of bills

Motion by Alderperson Clifton to approve payment of bills as presented on payment reports dated August 27, 2010 and August 31, 2010 in the amount of \$342,503.41 and \$7,302.57, but withhold payment on Invoice #588 until problem with floor sheeting at Park Bowl is corrected. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

13. Second period for public comment

None

14. Adjournment

Motion by Alderperson Steinhoff to adjourn the meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 14, 2010. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson, Clerk