

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2008**

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 Tryggestad, Marc Polsean, John Bjerke, Gary Krause, Weston Mack,, Jeff Clifton, Gail Frie, and Terry Noble present. Alderperson Hatlem was absent. Also present were City Administrator Jeff Gohlke, Assistant Administrator Matt Giese, Deputy Clerk Jodie Olson, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Street Superintendent Steve Clark, Henry Deutsch and Ryan Reetz from the Rotary, Ed Barlow, and City Attorney David Jenkins.

2. Approval of the August 26, 2008 Regular Council Meeting.

The only change is on #3, from Don to Dave. Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2008 meeting as corrected. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment.

Hank Deutsch and Ryan Reetz from the Rotary donated a bike to the police department for use at the Vernon County Fair and also for use in bicycle training.

4. Public Hearing on the application by Curt Goodrich to permit the use of property at 116 East Maple Street, zoned B-2, for manufacturing of custom bicycle frames.

The Plan Board recommended the permit for approval along with some conditions. The conditions are as follows: (1) the permit will be reviewed by the Plan Board after one year; (2) the hours of operation will be 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.; and (3) the permitted use is only good at 116 E Maple, and only if Curt Goodrich purchases the property. Motion made by Alderperson Mack and seconded by Alderperson Polsean to approve the permitted use. All voted aye, motion carries.

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5. Ordinance regulating heavy traffic. Second reading.

This ordinance directs all heavy traffic vehicles with a gross weight of more than 26,000 pounds to the state, federal and county trunk highways in the city. This does not prohibit heavy traffic from using city streets to deliver supplies or products to a business or a residence within the city. Motion by Alderperson Polsean seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye, motion carries.

6. Ordinance regarding smoking. First reading.

Smoking areas in the parks are to be designated by the department heads. Motion made by Alderperson Clifton and seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad to send this ordinance back to park and rec to review and to get a clear definition of the person in charge. A roll call vote was called with Alderpersons Tryggestad, Polsean, Krause, Clifton, Noble voting yes. Alderpersons Bjerke, Mack and Frie voted no. Motion carries.

7. Purchase of former Howard Johnson property.

The former Howard Johnson property is for sale. The Council discussed using the buildings for storage and/or possibly moving the City Garage operations altogether. One of the buildings is insulated and heated. One possibility would be to only purchase the larger building and not the insulated building. The purchase price would be \$149,900 for both buildings. A motion was made by Alderperson Frie, seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad to pursue the property and look at all options. A roll call vote was called with Alderpersons Tryggestad, Bjerke, Krause, Frie, Clifton and Noble voting yes. Alderpersons Polsean and Mack voted no. Motion carries.

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8. FEMA update.

The City has completed all FEMA related flood damage projects. All monies have been received from the August 2007 flood (total; \$120,000). The City will be receiving \$46,000 from the June 2008 flood in the coming months. The City must contribute 12.5% of the FEMA totals from its own funds.

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9. Payment of Bills.

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

10 Second Period for Public Comment.

None.

11. Possible closed session under Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (c). Consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any employee over which the governing body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Assistant Administrator review.

Motion made by Alderperson Frie and seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad to go into closed session

12. Adjournment

Council reconvened into open session and adjourned.

Jodie Olson
Deputy Clerk

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