

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
September 10, 2013**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Gary Krause, John Thompson, Cyndy Hubbard, Marc Polsean, Mark Rahr, and Terry Noble present. Alderpersons Tom Wilson and Jeff Clifton were excused. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, City Attorney David Jenkins, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Clark Nordberg, Steve Fenlon, Carolyn Enness and Melanie Lendosky.

2. Approval of the August 27, 2013 Regular Council Minutes - Motion by Alderperson Krause/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2013 Council meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – none

4. 2012 Audit presentation – Johnson & Block - Melanie Lendosky reviewed the year ended 2012 financial report with the Council and answered questions. Johnson Block & Company will be issuing an unqualified opinion on all funds and activities and all regulatory reports have been submitted timely.

5. Resolution calling for public hearing on project and issuance of health care facilities revenue bonds – Bethel Home and Services - Steve Fenlon of Midwest Healthcare Capital representing Bethel Home and Services addressed the Council and answered questions relating to the process of obtaining the healthcare facility revenue bonds for construction projects and other refinancing obligations. This resolution would start the process of the public hearings. By having a local entity sign on they can access tax exempt debt on a non-recourse basis to the City and they can obtain a 1/3 reduction in interest expense as well as bring business to the local banks. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Krause to approve resolution 13RS012 calling for a public hearing on issuance of health care facilities revenue bonds, series 2013 for Bethel Home and Services, Inc. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Approval of tax increment project revenue bond payments (Finance) - Severson stated that the TID payments were reviewed by Finance and were recommended for payment. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve the tax increment project revenue bond payments for 2013. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Approval of bid received for fire department van – Polhamus stated we received one bid from Jeff Walbrun for \$1001.00 for the 1985 Chevrolet van. Motion by Alderperson Krause/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to accept the bid from Jeff Walbrun for \$1001.00. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Approval of certified survey map – Sleepy Hollow Ford, land purchased from Vernon County (Plan Commission) – Polhamus stated this was for the acreage that Sleepy Hollow purchased from the Vernon County Farm for an employee parking lot. This was approved at the Plan Commission meeting. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the certified survey map for Sleepy Hollow. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Payment of bills. – Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve the payment of bills on report date 09/06/13 in the amount of \$224,877.44 and additional bills report date 09/10/13 in the amount of \$30,628.08. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Second Period for Public Comment – Mayor Fanta read a thank you note received from the Vernon County Historical Society for the \$3800 donation.

11. Adjournment -

Motion made by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk