

SEPTEMBER 13, 2005

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Roger Hatlem, David Tryggestad, John Bjerke, Robert Suhr, Marc Polsean, Vernie Smith, Terry Noble, Weston Mack and Gail Frie. Also present were Deputy Clerk Jodie Olson, City Consultant Jeff Gohlke, Director of Public Works Thomas Henry, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Steve Afelbacher (Ehlers & Assoc.), Clark Nordberg (Bethel Home), Carolyn Reber (Bethel Home) and the Broadcaster.

2. Approval of the August 30th, 2005 regular Council minutes:

Corrections to the August 30th council minutes:

#7 Add that Alderperson Frie made a motion to amend the resolution. The motion was seconded by Alderperson Suhr, all aye. Resolution was approved as amended.

#10 7 aye, 1 no by Alderperson Smith

#11 Add that the garage was moved from the proposed Walgreens site.

#17 Change comprehensive planning to County wide economic development corp.

Motion made by Alderperson Smith to approve the minutes of the August 30th Regular Meeting of the Common Council as corrected, seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All aye; motion carries.

3. First period for public comment:

None

4. Public hearing on the revenue bond financing on a proposed project and refinancing in connection with Bethel Home and Services, Inc's nursing home and related facilities.

No action required by the council. Bethel Home will be back in October for actions on resolutions. They are refinancing the 96 debt issue. The Bethel Home will use the money to do capital improvements such as a roof project and purchase a new generator, it will not be used for general operations. They are refinancing because the interest rate is so favorable and they will save about \$50,000.00 a year in interest.

5. Discussion and action on sidewalk assessment from Hwy 14 N project.

The city share of the assessment will be \$25,000. The project is assessed to the adjoining properties. The next step will be for the Director of Public Works to provide the names, addresses and amount to assess. After the DPW provides that information, letters will need to be sent to the property owners and there will need to be a publication and a public hearing.

6. Public Works Committee recommendation for Sidie Hollow lift station project.

The lift station will stay where it's at and will be \$100,000 less than originally thought because there will be less of a force main and gravity main. The lift station will have a regular pump, not a variable frequency pump, this change will also decrease the cost. The DPW will need council action to send out bids. A motion was made by Alderperson Polsean, seconded by Alderperson Frie to authorize DPW to obtain bids for the Sidie Hollow lift station project. All aye, motion carries.

7. Public works committee recommendation on Hwy 56 lift station location and amendment to the original contract with CWEA.

This project is for the year 2007. The lift station, force main and gravity main will be in place up to where South St. intersects with Hwy 56. The city will put the gravity main and force main in the road, this will mean the city will not have to worry about getting any easements. A motion was made to approve amendment to contract with CWE by Alderperson Suhr, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. 8 ayes, with Alderperson Smith voting no. Motion carries.

8. Public works committee recommendation on brush burning at city site.

There have been complaints about the burn site and when they burn. A suggestion was made to burn during the winter when windows are closed and the winds are different. Alderperson Smith suggested not burning at all. A motion does not need to be made, because it would just be a procedure change.

9. Public works committee recommendation on upgrade of utility computers.

The cost of the upgrade is \$2295.00 and will be split between water and sewer. The cost will be for an upgrade to 500 point maintenance software, user training and to convert the data. A motion was made by Alderperson Frie and seconded by Alderperson Mack to approve the expenditure. A roll call vote was taken with all ayes, motion carries.

10. Discussion and action on unpaid sewer hookup fees in Cedar Meadows.

Has been taken care of, no need to discuss.

11. Discussion and action on contract wording for scoreboard at Park Bowl.

An agreement was drawn up by City Attorney Jenkins to be signed by the City of Viroqua, Citizens First Bank, Village Market, Culvers and Vernon Memorial Hospital. The agreement is regarding the purchasing of advertising on the scoreboard at the Park Bowl and the terms of the agreement. A motion was made by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the agreement with the change that an advertiser whose name is on the scoreboard have the ability to change that advertisement if their name changes. The motion was seconded by Alderperson Suhr. A roll call vote was taken with 8 aye's and Alderperson Smith voting no. Motion carries.

12. Discussion and possible action on the city clerk position.

The city clerk position was offered to Jon Severson who is currently city clerk/administrator for the City of Viola. He has accepted the position and will have a start date of October 1st. A motion was made to accept the hiring of Jon Severson as the city clerk. A roll call vote was taken with 8 aye's and Alderperson Smith voting no.

13. Trailer parking on street.

This item was at a public safety meeting and the committee referred it to the council meeting in hopes of getting some feedback from the council or possibly the public. This is a seasonal issue, but should still be discussed so if changes are made the public will have time to make arrangements for next year. A motion was made by Alderperson Frie and seconded by Alderperson Suhr to send this item to the public safety committee.

14. Appointment to the library board – Kathy Hanson.

A motion was made by Alderperson Hatlem and seconded by Alderperson Suhr to approve the appointment to Kathy Hanson to the library board. Kathy is a retired curriculum coordinator for the school and is currently a part time reading specialist for the school. All aye's, motion carries.

15. Mayoral appointments to the Board of Review:

Tabled.

16. Mayoral appointment to the Board of Appeals:

Tabled.

17. Payment of Bills:

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to pay bills as recommended by the Finance Committee, seconded by Alderperson Mack. A roll call vote was taken with 9 aye's, motion carries.

18. Second Period for public comment:

None

19. Adjournment:

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 27th, 2005, seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All ayes; motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Jodie L. Olson, Deputy Clerk.