

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
September 25, 2012**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on September 25, 2012 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Marc Polsean, Chuck Steinhoff, Gary Krause, Mark Rahr, Cyndy Hubbard, John Thompson, Jeff Clifton, and Terry Noble present. Also present were City Clerk Lori Polhamus, City Attorney David Jenkins, DPW Steve Clark, Engineer Sarah Grainger, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Utility Clerk Nancy Bekkedal, Joel Gordon, and Margaret Thielke.

2. Approval of the September 11, 2012 Regular Council Minutes - Motion by Alderperson Steinhoff/second by Alderperson Krause to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2012 regular council meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – Margaret Thielke presented the Karst Pilot project water chemistry results to the Council.

4. Appointment of Council member to Multi-Use Path Committee (replacing Wes Mack) – Polhamus stated that Wes Mack has taken the “At large” position that opened up due to a resignation on the committee and they now need a representative from the City on the committee. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Noble to appoint Jeff Clifton to the Multi-Use Path Committee to represent the City. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Update on Well #5 repairs (Public Works) – Polsean stated that the Public Works committee met with Tom Goethel and reviewed options for repairs. The current pump was pulled and there was a hole in the mid-section and this will be sent to the manufacturer for analysis. Public Works approved going with a submersible pump at a cost of \$67,000 with a \$12,000 return from salvaged parts. There has been \$162,000 spent in repairs to this well since it was put in and it has been offline currently since 8/29/12. The new pump will take approximately 2-3 weeks to install. Motion by Alderperson Clifton/second by Alderperson Steinhoff to approve the purchase of the submersible pump for Well #5. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Water utility rate case in support of Well #6 construction update (Public Works) – Grainger updated the Council on the rate case. An increase in revenues of 20% is needed. There would be an increase of between \$4.00 and \$7.00 on the water monthly charge. The final numbers won't be known until after the PSC reviews it and the Council will have to approve them at that time. It is assumed the sewer rates will remain the same in the next three year cycle.

7. Approval of tax increment project revenue bond payments (Finance) – Polhamus stated that the TID Districts 2-5 payments were reviewed by Finance and are included with the list of bills for approval. Motion by Alderperson Krause/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the tax increment project revenue bond payments for 2012. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Payment of bills.

A motion was made by Alderperson Krause to approve the payment of bills on report date 9/21/12 in the amount of \$157,276.69 and additional bills report date 9/25/12 in the amount of \$312,368.58/second by Alderperson Noble. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Second Period for Public Comment – none

10. Adjournment -

Motion made by Alderperson Steinhoff/second by Alderperson Rahr to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk