

## SEPTEMBER 27, 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, and Weston Mack present. Alderperson Gail Frie was absent. Also present were Deputy Clerk Jodie Olson, City Consultant Jeff Gohlke, City Attorney David Jenkins, Director of Public Works Thomas Henry, Police Chief Mark Rahr, the Broadcaster, and Kelcie and Hasson Fortney.

### **2. Approval of the September 13th, 2005 regular Council minutes:**

Corrections to the September 13th council minutes:

#14 Add that Kathy Hanson is to succeed Fran Dieter whose term expired 9/1/05

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the minutes of the September 13th Regular Meeting of the Common Council as corrected, seconded by Alderperson Smith. All aye; motion carries.

### **3. First period for public comment:**

None

### **4. Discussion and action on pet grooming in R-2.**

The Plan Board made a recommendation that pet grooming be added to the R-2 district with certain conditions, such as hours of business, numbers of dogs on premises, etc. City Attorney Jenkins prepared an ordinance amending the code to provide pet grooming as a conditional use in an R-2 district. The ordinance will need to be on the October 11<sup>th</sup> council agenda for a second approval. A motion was made by Alderperson Noble to approve the ordinance to place pet grooming in an R-2 district as a conditional use and Alderperson Tryggestad seconded the motion.

### **5. Discussion and action on officer request for leave.**

The public safety committee heard a request from a city police officer to participate as a fireman on a two man team in Louisiana. The public safety committee recommended to the council that they approve this unpaid time off. The time off could be anywhere from 30 days to four months. A motion was made by Alderperson Mack and seconded by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the officer's request for leave. All aye, motion carries.

### **6. Officer deployment disaster response - informational.**

The officer deployment to Louisiana would require the officer to take down City of Viroqua equipment and the City of Viroqua would also have pay all costs associated with the trip. This was just for information because the Public Safety Committee did not approve this deployment at their meeting.

### **7. Public works committee recommendation on proposal from Davy Engineering to assist the city with WPDES discharge permit requirements.**

The city's new discharge permit for the WWTP contains certain conditions and a compliance schedule related to four items: (1) investigation of the receiving waterway which appears to disappear below ground near Springville; (2) sample effluent for zinc and correct exceedances, if any, as needed; (3) same for cadmium & (4) nutrient removal (nitrogen & phosphorous). The cost is open ended because each issue will require investigation and analysis to determine the optimum solution(s) to achieve compliance. Work will begin in 2005 and could continue through 2009. For work that can be estimated now, Davy's proposal offered a range of \$11,000 to \$13,000, with more work to be determined. A motion was made by Alderperson Suhr, seconded by Alderperson Polsean to approve Davy Engineering to assist the city with the WPDES discharge permit requirements. There were 7 ayes, with Alderperson Smith abstaining and Alderperson Frie absent. Motion carries.

**8. Discussion and action on sign in alley at Rusk Ave. (no through traffic)**

There are already several signs in this alley. (One way, 5MPH, Do not enter) It was suggested that maybe the alley be vacated because the garbage truck and snow plow have a hard time getting through because of the fences and shrubs in the alley anyway. There was also discussion that an alley is a public road and if you are putting up signs that say no through traffic than it is no longer a public road. A motion was made by Alderperson Tryggestad to refer this to Public Property and was seconded by Alderperson Suhr. All aye, motion carries.

**9. Discussion and action on deputy clerk maternity leave.**

The deputy clerk has requested 10 weeks off for maternity leave, returning to work for the last week in December and the last week in January for tax collection and continuing on maternity leave after that week. A motion was made by Alderperson Mack and seconded by Alderperson Noble to approve the deputy clerk maternity leave. All aye, motion carries.

**10. Resignation of Charles Dahl from the Historic Preservation Board and the City Plan Commission - informational.**

The council sends a hearty thank you to Charles for all of his years of service to the community. A motion was made by Alderperson Hatlem, seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad to accept the resignation of Charles Dahl from these committees. All aye, motion carries.

**11. Refer Vernon Communications LLC request for cable TV franchise to committee.**

Vernon Communications has approached the council about offering cable TV to the residents in the City of Viroqua. They could currently offer it to the homeowners of the adjacent property's to where they have been laying cable. They are aware of the franchise fee that the City of Viroqua would receive. A motion was made by Alderperson Noble, seconded by Alderperson Mack to send this to public property. All aye, motion carries.

**12. Alcohol licenses.**

Public property recommended three bartender's licenses for approval by the council. They were for Alyssa Anderson, Mary Myhre, and Rebecca Tyo. A motion was made by Alderperson Mack and seconded by Alderperson Polsean to approve the bartender's licenses. All aye, motion carries.

**13. Mayoral appointments to the Board of Review:**

Tabled.

**14. Mayoral appointment to the Board of Appeals:**

Tabled.

**15. Payment of Bills:**

Motion made by Alderperson Suhr to pay bills as recommended by the Finance Committee, seconded by Alderperson Noble. A roll call vote was taken with 8 aye's, with Alderperson Frie absent, motion carries.

**16. Second Period for public comment:**

None

**17. Adjournment:**

Motion made by Alderperson Suhr to adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All ayes; motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Jodie L. Olson, Deputy Clerk.