

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 29, 2009**

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 Marc Polsean, Charles Steinhoff, Gary Krause, Weston Mack, Roger Hatlem, John Thompson, Jeff Clifton and Terry Noble present. Alderperson David Tryggestad was absent. Also present were Administrator Jeff Gohlke, Assistant Administrator Matt Giese, Clerk John Severson, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Public Works Superintendent Steve Clark, City Attorney David Jenkins, Dian Krause and Marjorie Macasaet.

2. Approval of the September 8, 2009 Regular Council Minutes

Motion by Alderperson Krause to approve the September 8, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment

None.

4. Operator licenses

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve operator licenses for Debra Hanson, Sarah Hansen and Traci Radke. Seconded by Alderperson Steinhoff. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

5. Public Works recommendation to use restricted equipment funds for purchase of attachments for Bobcat.

Matt Giese informed the Council that Public Works was recommending the purchase of various bobcat attachments not to exceed \$19,168. Water and Sewer utilities will pay \$4,792 each with Public Works restricted account paying \$9,584. Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve the purchase. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

6. Public Property recommendation concerning bath house

The Council discussed the recommendation of Public Property to remove the bath house and save ten blocks and the WPA plaque. Gary Krause spoke against the removal of the bath house and suggested the City try to advertise the property. Dian Krause, member of the Viroqua Historic Preservation Commission, recommended that the Council preserve the bath house for the time being and explore other possibilities for the site. Motion by Alderperson Thompson to refer the matter back to Public Property with recommendation back to Council by spring of 2010. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

7. Energy Grant update

Matt Giese reported that additional ARRA Energy Grant information is now available. Up to \$225,000 is available to retrofit existing buildings to increase energy efficiency. Jim Olson will present a proposal to submit an application for the Grant at the next Finance meeting. The application deadline is November 12, 2009.

8. Payment of bills

Motion by Alderperson Krause to pay the bills as presented on payment reports dated September 25, 2009 and September 29, 2009 in the amounts of \$194,484.32 and \$171,874.88. Seconded by Alderperson Noble. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

9. Second period for public comment

None

10. Possible closed session under Wis. Stats. Section 19.85 (1) (c), considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Jeff Gohlke

Motion by Alderperson Krause to go into closed session. Seconded by Alderperson Noble. On roll call vote Alderpersons Steinhoff, Krause, Mack, Hatlem, Thompson, Clifton and Noble voted aye. Alderperson Polsean voted nay. Motion carries.

11. Reconvene in open session for possible action.

The Council reconvened in open session with the same members present. Motion by Alderperson Krause to terminate the employment of Jeff Gohlke as of 4:30 pm on September 30, 2009. Seconded by Alderperson Clifton. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

12. Adjournment.

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to adjourn the meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 13, 2009. Seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson, Clerk