

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 30, 2008**

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 David Tryggstad, Marc Polsean, John Bjerke, Gary Krause, Weston Mack, Roger Hatlem, Gail Frie and Terry Noble present. Jeff Clifton was absent. Also present were Administrator Jeff Gohlke, Assistant Administrator Matt Giese. Clerk John Severson, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Public Works Superintendent Steve Clark and Attorney David Jenkins.

2. Approval of the September 9, 2008 Regular Council Minutes.

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the September 9, 2008 minutes. Seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All voted aye on voice. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment.

Alderperson Frie reported a constituents request to have public safety look at the parking situation on the first two blocks of East Terhune St.

4. Operator licenses.

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve operator licenses for Bonnie Jo Inman, Rachel Myers, Leanne Murphy, Sharon Hanson and Dawn Dewitt as recommended by Public Safety. Seconded by Alderperson Frie. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

5. Letter of resignation. Carol Gohlke.

Mayor Fanta informed the Council that Carol Gohlke has resigned from the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion by Alderperson Mack to accept the resignation. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

6. Letter of resignation. Ingrid Mahan.

Mayor Fanta informed the Council that Ingrid Mahan has resigned from the Tourism Committee effective September 30, 2008. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to accept the resignation. Seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

7. Denial of Mageland claim as recommended by Midwest Claims Service.

Motion by Alderperson Noble to deny the claim of Gary Mageland. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

8. Personnel manual amendment. Family medical leave policy.

Matt Giese presented the amended family medical leave policy which states the City does not participate in Federal Family Medical Leave Act standards. Personnel Committee had reviewed the amendment and recommended approval. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve the amendment. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

9. Ordinance regarding private wells. First reading.

Jeff Gohlke reviewed with the Council the proposed ordinance which meets the requirements of the Department of Natural Resources. The Council discussed the requirements of the ordinance. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the first reading of the ordinance regarding private wells. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

10. Ordinance regarding water system cross connection inspections. First reading.

The proposed ordinance updates the previous ordinance to meet DNR requirements. Motion by Alderperson Polsean to approve the first reading of proposed ordinance regarding cross connection inspections. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

11. Ordinance regarding skateboards and other play vehicles. First reading.

Jeff Gohlke explained the changes from the current ordinance. The Council discussed the proposed ordinance. Motion by Alderperson Noble to send the proposed ordinance to Public Safety for further discussion. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

12. Ordinance regarding building numbers. First reading

The proposed ordinance was introduced by Jeff Gohlke. It was noted that the original ordinance regarding building numbers dates from 1917. Motion by Alderperson Frie to send the proposed ordinance to Public Safety for further review. Seconded by Alderperson Krause.

13. Resolution authorizing submission of Urban Forestry Grant.

Matt Giese reviewed the Urban Forestry Grant with the Council. Hazardous tree assessment and informational brochures are projects the grant would help fund. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve Resolution No 08RS009. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

14. Resolution authorizing the transfer of a Tax Increment Project Revenue Bond (TID#2).

Jeff Gohlke reported that Elegant Stone Products, through Krause Properties of Viroqua LLC has exercised its option to purchase the building located at 1050 N. Nelson Parkway from VDA. The transfer of The Tax Increment Project Revenue Bond is part of the transaction. Motion by Alderperson Polsean to approve Resolution No.08RS010 authorizing the transfer of a Tax Increment Project Revenue Bond to Krause Properties of Viroqua LLC. Seconded by Alderperson Frie. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

15. Payment of bills.

Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve payment of the bills as presented on payment reports dated September 26, 2008 and September 30, 2008 in the amounts of \$237,214.96 and \$107,677.86. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

16. Second period for public comment.

None.

17. Adjournment.

Motion by Alderperson Polsean to adjourn the meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 9, 2008. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson
Clerk