

OCTOBER 11, 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 Tryggstad, John Bjerke, Robert Suhr, Marc Polsean, Vernie Smith, Terry Noble, and Gail Frie present. Alderperson Weston Mack was absent. Also present were Clerk John Severson, Deputy Clerk Jodie Olson, City Consultant Jeff Gohlke, City Attorney David Jenkins, Director of Public Works Thomas Henry, Police Chief Mark Rahr, WVRQ and Justin Running.

2. Approval of the September 27, 2005 regular Council minutes:

Corrections to the September 27, 2005 council minutes:

#4: A roll call vote was taken with 7 aye's, Alderperson Smith voted no and Alderperson Gail Frie was absent.

Motion made by Alderperson Smith to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2005 Regular Meeting of the Common Council as corrected, seconded by Polsean, All aye; motion carries.

3. First period for public comment:

None

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

Ordinance No. 050R008 – An Ordinance to provide “pet grooming” as a conditional use in the R-2 Multiple Family Residential District, was presented to the Council for second approval. A motion was made by Alderperson Noble to approve Ordinance No. 050R008, seconded by Alderperson Frie. 7 aye's with Alderperson Smith voting no. Motion carried.

5. Jack Vig to address council on budget.

Michael Brendel of Vig & Associates presented an overview of the 2006 budget process to the Council.

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 11th, 2005, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All ayes; motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Jodie L. Olson, Deputy Clerk.