

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 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 David Tryggstad, Marc Polsean, Charles Steinhoff, Gary Krause, Weston Mack, Roger Hatlem, John Thompson, Jeff Clifton and Terry Noble present. Also present were Administrator Matt Giese, Clerk John Severson, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Public Works Superintendent Steve Clark, Parks and Recreation Director Dan Stalsberg, City Attorney David Jenkins and Rebecca Eby.

2. Approval of the September 29, 2009 Regular Council Minutes

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the September 29, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment

None.

4. Discussion on the future of Vernon County Historical Society and properties.

Gail Frie addressed the Council concerning the proposed 43% cut in Country funding for the Vernon County Historical Society and requested that the City consider helping with the mowing and snow removal. Motion by Alderperson Tryggstad to refer the request to Public Property for further consideration. Seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

5. Energy grant proposal – Finance recommendation

Matt Giese reported that Finance recommends applying for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. Grant awards of up to \$225,000 are available for municipal building retrofits and lighting. Southface LLC has presented a proposal to write the grant application for \$2,500 and administer the grant for 9% of awarded funds. Motion by Alderperson Krause to hire Southface LLC to write and administer the EECB Grant. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

6. Viroqua Partners grant request

The Viroqua Partners are developing a façade grant program for Viroqua businesses. Funds could be used for façade renovation or signage. Rebecca Ebby asked the Council for a \$500 donation. Motion by Alderperson Polsean to approve the \$500 donation. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

7. Agricultural land rent contracts

Matt Giese reported that Public property was recommending that City ag land rent remain at \$65 for the five year contract renewals. Alderpersons Hatlem and Mack commented that the price was too low. Motion by Alderperson Clifton to send the item back to Public Works for reconsideration and recommendation. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggstad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

8. Public Property recommendation – Swanson building

Public Property had reviewed an offer from Ryan Thurin Excavating LLC to purchase the structures for salvage from the City for Four dollars. Matt Giese reviewed the sales agreement with the Council. Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve the sale of the structures to Ryan Thurin Excavating LLC. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggstad. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

9. Certified Survey map – Terry Johnson, et al.

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the Certified Survey Map. Seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

10. Resolution approving Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy for Running Inc.

Motion by Alderperson Krause to approve Resolution No. 09RS015 adopting Running Inc.'s Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy. Seconded by Alderperson Steinhoff. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

11. Payment of bills

Motion by Alderperson Krause to pay the bills as presented on payment reports dated October 9, 2009 and October 13, 2009 in the amounts of \$133,734.14 and \$28,212.67. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

12. Second period for public comment

None

13. Adjournment.

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to adjourn the meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 27, 2009. Seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson, Clerk