

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 14, 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 Tryggestad, Marc Polsean, John Bjerke, Gary Krause, Weston Mack, Roger Hatlem, Gail Frie, 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 and Attorney David Jenkins.

2. Approval of the September 30, 2008 Regular Council Minutes.

Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve the September 30, 2008 minutes. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on voice. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment.

None.

4. Resolution accepting the offer of Vernon Memorial Healthcare, Inc. to purchase property at 725 E. Arena Dr.

Jeff Gohlke introduced the resolution which accepts the \$75,000 offer by Vernon Memorial Healthcare Inc. for a 6.3 acre parcel at 725 E. Arena Dr with the intention of constructing a hospice facility. Garith Steiner reviewed the project with the Council. Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve Resolution No. 08RS011. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

5. Ordinance regarding private wells. Second reading.

Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve Ordinance No. 08OR012 regarding private wells. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

6. Ordinance regarding water system cross connection inspections. Second reading.

Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve Ordinance No. 08OR013 regarding water system cross connection inspections. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

7. Letter of resignation from Historical Preservation Commission. Gail Frie.

A letter from Gail Frie resigning from the Historical Preservation Commission was read by Mayor Fanta. Motion by Alderperson Krause to accept the resignation. Seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

8. Payment of bills.

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve payment of the bills as presented on payment reports dated October 10, 2008 and October 14, 2008 in the amounts of \$292,053.59 and \$76,985.12. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

9. Second period for public comment.

None.

10. Authorize legal action to clean up properties at 305 E. Court Street and 102 Western Avenue.

The owner of the properties in question was first notified of the property maintenance violations in April of this year. A special investigation warrant was acted on by city authorities to investigate the properties, which led to an agreement by and between the City and the owner to remedy the violations. According to the agreement the owner must bring the properties into compliance with City Code by 10/12/2008. At the current date the properties are not in compliance. Motion by Alderperson Polsean to authorize the City Attorney to pursue legal action against the property owner. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

11. Possible closed session under Wis. Stats. Section 19.85 (1) "Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is likely to become involved".

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to adjourn to closed session as noted on the agenda. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

12. Adjournment.

Motion by Alderperson Polsean to adjourn the meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 28, 2008. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson
Clerk