

OCTOBER 25, 2005

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, Vernie Smith, Weston Mack, Roger Hatlem, Gail Frie, Robert Suhr and Terry Noble present. Also present were Clerk John Severson, City Consultant Jeff Gohlke, City Attorney David Jenkins, Director of Public Works Thomas Henry, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Assistant Chief Daron Jefson, Clark Nordberg with Boy Scout Troop and the Broadcaster.

2. Approval of the October 11, 2005 regular Council minutes

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2005 Regular Meeting of the Common Council, seconded by Alderperson Smith. All aye, motion carries.

3. First period for public comment:

None

4. Public Hearing on Special Assessments for sidewalk on highway 14 north.

Attorney Jenkins reviewed the special assessment process and necessary mailings and publication following approval. Attorney Jenkins noted that no one was present to be heard. Public Works Director Tom Henry answered questions from the Council. Alderperson Frie commented that property owners he had talked to thought the sidewalks were a very good addition. Mayor Fanta closed the Public Hearing.

5. Final Resolution on assessments for sidewalk on highway 14 north.

Resolution No. 05RS034 – A Final Resolution regarding special assessment for the installation of sidewalks on North Main Street in the City of Viroqua – was reviewed by the Council. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve Resolution No. 05RS034, seconded by Alderperson Mack. All aye, motion carries.

6. Clerk/Treasurer Ordinance.

Attorney Jenkins introduced Ordinance No. 050R009 explaining that the old ordinance creating the position of Treasurer/ Assessor had never been changed to separate the offices of Treasurer and Assessor. Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to approve Ordinance No. 05R009 – A Charter Ordinance Amending Chapters 2.04 and 2.08 of the Viroqua Municipal Code to Combine the offices of Clerk and Treasure, thereby altering the offices according to section 62.09 Wisconsin Statutes and to make the office of Assessor separate from the office of Treasurer - seconded by Alderperson Smith. All aye, motion carries.

7. Finance/Personnel 2006 non union wage consideration.

Alderperson Frie stated there was no recommendation at this time.

8. Resolution authorizing application for a state trust fund loan in the amount of \$580,000.00

Jeff Gohlke had been in contact with the state trust fund and was advised that they were short of funds until March of 2006. Gohlke recommended that \$400,000.00 as per 2005 budget be borrowed short term from a local bank. Interest rates are expected to be less than 4%. The Council will consider the matter at its next regular meeting.

9. Authorize finance/personnel to publish budget and set hearing date.

A proposed budget summary was given to the Council. Motion by Alderperson Frie to authorize the Finance/Personnel Committee to publish the proposed 2006 budget and set the hearing date and retain the authority to make minor changes, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. A roll call vote was taken with 8 yes votes. Alderperson Smith voted no. Motion carries.

10. Mayoral Appointments to the Board of Review.

Tabled

11. Mayoral Appointments to the Board of Appeals.

Tabled

12. Payment of Bills.

Motion by Alderperson Suhr to pay bills as recommended by the Finance Committee, seconded by Alderperson Mack. A roll call vote was taken with 9 yes votes. Motion carries.

13. Second Period for Public Comment.

None

14. Adjournment.

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 8, 2005, seconded by Alderperson Frie. All ayes, motion carries.

John Severson
City Clerk