

NOVEMBER 8, 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, Robert Suhr, and Terry Noble present. Gail Frie was absent. Also present were City Consultant Jeff Gohlke, City Clerk John Severson, City Attorney David Jenkins, Rich Grams, Hassan and Kelcie Fortney, Mike Bankes and Police Chief Mark Rahr.

2. Approval of the October 25, 2005 regular Council minutes

Motion made by Alderperson Mack, seconded by Alderperson Smith to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2005 regular meeting of the common council. All aye, motion carries.

3. First period for public comment:

Alderperson Suhr commented on the need for a dead end sign on Oak Street.

4. Clerk/Treasurer Ordinance – Second Approval

Motion made by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 050R009 – A Charter Ordinance Amending Chapters 2.04 and 2.08 of the Viroqua Municipal Code to combine the offices of Clerk and Treasurer, thereby altering the offices according to section 62.09 Wisconsin Statutes and to make the office of Assessor separate from the office of Treasurer. All aye, motion carries.

5. Alcohol Licenses

Alderperson Mack informed the Council that the Public Safety Committee had met on the applications of Jody Eick and Stacey Arneson for operator's licenses and was recommending approval. Motion made by Alderperson Mack to approve operator's licenses for Jody Eick and Stacey Arneson, seconded by Alderperson Noble. All aye, motion carries. The Committee also recommended that a Picnic license be granted to the Valley Stewardship Network for a benefit to be held on November 19, 2005 at the theater. Motion made by Alderperson Mack to approve a Picnic license for the Valley Stewardship Network, Seconded by Alderperson Noble. All aye, motion carries.

6. Public hearing on conditional use of property for pet grooming business at 409 N. East Ave.

Mayor Fanta declared the Public Hearing open. The Council was informed that the Plan Board had held a public hearing on the conditional use of property for a pet grooming business at 409 N. East Ave. The Council discussed the concerns raised by the public at that time. Alderperson Smith spoke in opposition to the conditional use in a residential area. Mayor Fanta closed the public hearing. Motion made by Alderperson Suhr to approve Resolution No. 05RS035 – a resolution granting conditional use of property for a pet grooming business – seconded by Alderperson Polsean. Alderperson Smith offered an amendment to Resolution No. 05RS035, that it sunset after one year. No second was heard. On the original motion before the Council 7 voted aye, Alderperson Smith voted nay, Alderperson Frie was absent. Motion carries.

7. Willow Street certified survey map.

The Council discussed the Willow Street survey map with Mr. Grams. Mayor Fanta reported that the Plan Board had approved the survey map. Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to approve Resolution No. 05RS036 - a resolution approving certified survey map – seconded by Alderperson Bjerke. All aye, motion carries.

8. Alderperson Compensation.

Alderperson Polsean suggested that the base rate for Alderpersons be increased to \$300.00 per month and meeting pay be abolished. The council discussed proper procedure for increasing Alderperson pay and past history. Motion made by Alderperson Mack to refer the matter to Finance, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye, Motion carries.

9. Possible Closed Session Under Section 19.85 (1)c Compensation of Non Union Employees.

No recommendation; Items Tabled.

10. Non Union Wages.

No recommendation; Items Tabled.

11. Borrowing Resolution for Capital Projects.

Jeff Gohlke reviewed the 2005 budgeted borrowing for capital projects that had not been concluded. Since the state trust fund would not have monies available until March, local banks had been contacted with interest rates being quoted of 3.6% and 3.35%. Gohlke presented Resolution No 05RS037 – a resolution authorizing short term borrowing for capital projects in the amount of \$400,00.00 . Motion by Alderperson Noble to approve Resolution No. 0RS037, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. On roll call vote 7 voted aye, Alderperson Smith voted nay, Alderperson Frie was absent. Motion carries.

12. Resolution Granting a Franchise to Vernon Communication

Jeff Gohlke presented Resolution No. 05RS038 – a resolution granting a franchise to Vernon Communications, LLC . Gohlke noted that the franchise would be for 15 years and would be subject to the 5% franchise fee. Motion made by Alderperson Suhr to approve Resolution No. 05RS038, seconded by Alderperson Mack. Alderperson Smith questioned whether the ordinance required an agreement and to how much authority they would have in public right of ways. Attorney Jenkins responded to the questions. 7 voted aye, Alderperson Smith voted nay, Alderperson Frie was absent, motion carries.

13. Mayoral Appointments to the Board of Review

Tabled

14. Mayoral Appointments to the Board of Appeals.

Tabled

15. Payment of Bills.

Motion made by Alderperson Mack, seconded by Alderperson Suhr to pay the bills as recommended by Finance. All voted aye , motion carries.

16. Second Period for Public Comment.

Mike Bankes informed the Council that the next Comprehensive Planning cluster meeting would be held November 14, 2005 at 7:30 pm in the Viroqua Town Hall.

17. Adjournment.

Moved by Alderperson Tryggestad to adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 29, 2005, seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All voted aye, motion carries.

John Severson
Clerk