

**CITY OF VIROQUA  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 11, 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 Tryggstad, Marc Polsean, John Bjerke, Gary Krause, Weston Mack, Roger Hatlem, Gail Frie, Jeff Clifton and Terry Noble present. Also present were Administrator Jeff Gohlke, Assistant Administrator Matt Giese, Clerk John Severson, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Public Works Supervisor Steve Clark and Attorney David Jenkins.

**2. Approval of the October 28, 2008 Regular Council Minutes.**

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve the October 28, 2008 minutes. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem All voted aye on voice. Motion carries.

**3. First period for public comment.**

None.

**4. Picnic License – Vernon Memorial Hospice.**

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve the Picnic license - wine application of Vernon Memorial Healthcare for a hospice fundraiser on November 20, 2008 to be held at Greenman Music Hall, 215 South Main St. Seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

**5. Approval to purchase warehouse at 321 Railroad Avenue.**

Jeff Gohlke presented Resolution No. 08RS013 authorizing the purchase of a 12,000 sq. ft. warehouse from Felton Properties LLC for \$125,000. Motion by Alderperson Polsean to approve the resolution. Seconded by Alderperson Frie. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

**6. Preliminary resolution regarding special assessments – sidewalk additions on N. Washington between Church St. and Broadway.**

Matt Giese introduced Resolution No. 08RS012 as recommended by Public Works. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve the resolution regarding special assessments for sidewalks. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

**7. Ordinance regarding building numbers. Second reading.**

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve Ordinance No. 08OR014 regarding building numbers. Seconded by Alderperson Clifton. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

**8. Approval to advertise for solid waste and recycling bids.**

Matt Giese and Gail Frie reviewed the request for bids with the Council. Bids are due by 10:00 a.m., January 8, 2009. Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve the advertising for solid waste and recycling bids. Seconded by Alderperson Clifton. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

**9. CWE proposal – sewer TV reports.**

Matt Giese reported that Public Works had approved a proposal from CWE to collect and transfer to DVD all existing sewer videotapes, identify sewers to be repaired or replaced and determine sewer lines which have not been televised for a not to exceed limit of \$9,500 for 100% of the system. The City currently has about 35% televised. The report phase, which will develop a five year capital improvement plan, has a cost estimate of \$4,200. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve the proposal. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

**10. Authorize design engineering for street projects. West Broadway Street, N. East Avenue and N. Nelson Rd.**

Jeff Gohlke reported that Public Works was recommending design engineering be completed for West Broadway \$66,500, N. East Avenue \$6,600, N. Nelson Rd. \$14,500. If part of the Federal Stimulus Plan includes money to fund public infrastructure the City would have projects that are ready to go. Alderperson Frie commented that perhaps the total engineering cost of West Broadway reconstruction would warrant a bidding process but supported the advance design work. Motion by Alderperson Polsean to authorize design engineering for West Broadway Street, N. East Avenue and N. Nelson Rd. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

**11. Authorize Public works to remove old swimming pool. ( pool only )**

Motion by Alderperson Frie to authorize Public Works to remove old swimming pool. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

**12. Proposed State Shared Ride Bus Service to LaCrosse.**

Jeff Gohlke told the Council that the County Transportation Study indicated the need for bus service from Viroqua to LaCrosse. The State Shared Ride Program could fund 65% of the cost. The rest of the funding would come from fares and corporate sponsors with no cost to the City. Justin Running was present and answered questions from Council. Before corporate sponsorship is sought, the City would have to express its support of the program. If sponsorship is found, then the City would decide whether to proceed with requesting proposals for the bus service. Motion by Alderperson Frie to support the concept of bus service from Viroqua to LaCrosse with no funding from the City. Seconded by Alderperson Mack.. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

**13. 2009 General Fund Budget.**

The Council did not discuss the proposed 2009 budget in depth. It was noted that the budget hearing will be held on November 25, 2009.

**14. Payment of bills.**

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve payment of the bills as presented on payment reports dated November 7, 2008 and November 11, 2008 in the amounts of \$537,955.98 and \$39,213.86. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

**15. Second period for public comment.**

None.

**16. Adjournment.**

Motion by Alderperson Frie to adjourn the meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 25, 2008. seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson  
Clerk