

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
November 12, 2013**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, John Thompson, Cyndy Hubbard, Marc Polsean, Mark Rahr, Terry Noble, Gary Krause, Tom Wilson and Jeff Clifton present. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Public Works Director Steve Clark, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, City Attorney David Jenkins, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Jeff Burkhardt and Justin Running.

2. Approval of the October 29, 2013 Regular Council Minutes - Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2013 Council meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – none

4. Operator licenses (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Krause to approve operator licenses for Nancy Merten, Samuel Varney, Kaleb Eckert, and Ashley Jefson. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approval of agent change – Main Street Mobil Mart (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Wilson to approve Robbie Oldham as agent for Main Street Mobil Mart replacing Marva Becker. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Resolution waiving bonds in public construction contracts (Public Works) – Attorney Jenkins reviewed the resolution for the Council. This would give the City some flexibility depending on the contract amounts whether a payment performance bond would be required and it protects the subcontractors and suppliers by allowing the City to pay them directly. Performance bonds are usually costly and many times get added into the contractor price so this also may save the City money. Motion by Alderperson Wilson/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to approve resolution 013RS016 waiving bonds in public construction contracts. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Approval of demolition/salvage bid for former Vig Clinic building (Public Works) - there were five bidders for this project ranging from \$28,900 to \$65,065. The low bidder was C&C Landscaping for \$28,900 and the Public Works committee made a recommendation to approve this bid. Public Works Director Clark reviewed the specs for this project and the timeframe is to be complete by 12/23/13. Alderperson Wilson had an issue with demolition materials in their trucks not being secured when transporting materials to the landfill on a previous project. Motion by Alderperson Krause/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve the bid from C&C Landscaping for \$28,900. Voice vote eight in favor and one no vote. Wilson voting no. Motion carried.

8. Approval of the 2014 Shared Ride Taxi Service Proposal – Clerk Polhamus explained the process that was followed for the shared ride taxi procurement. We received two bids - Top Hat, Inc. and Running, Inc. After committee review and scoring the committee recommended Running, Inc. as provider for the shared ride taxi in 2014-2018 for Viroqua and Westby. Motion by Alderperson Krause/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the Running, Inc. Shared Ride Taxi proposal for 2014. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Discussion with possible action on planning committee for future capital expenditures – Severson stated this was brought up during the budget cycle and to consider having a committee of potentially the Mayor, Council President, and Finance Chair with others to look at long range planning. Alderperson Noble stated he would like this committee to address three items; a list of potential expenditures with cost and timelines, meet with financial advisors to help with project prioritization, and look into the potential pool project through coalitions, partnerships, and various scenarios. The Mayor will consider this further before establishing the final committee.

10. Ordinance regarding parking on boulevards – first reading (Public Safety) The Public Safety Committee reviewed the ordinance and recommended a wording change to add “bordered by either curb or sidewalk” after the first boulevard and remove the word concrete from the original version of the ordinance. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to approve Ordinance 13OR006 regarding parking on boulevards and waive the second reading. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Payment of bills. – Motion by Alderperson Krause/second by Alderperson Noble to approve the payment of bills on report date 11/08/13 in the amount of \$556,212.55 and additional bills report date 11/12/13 in the amount of \$9,193.76. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Second Period for Public Comment – none

13. Adjournment -

Motion made by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk