

**CITY OF VIROQUA  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
November 26, 2013**

**1. Roll call:**

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26, 2013 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, John Thompson, Marc Polsean, Mark Rahr, Terry Noble, and Tom Wilson present. Alderpersons Gary Krause, Jeff Clifton and Cyndy Hubbard were excused. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, City Attorney David Jenkins, and Engineer Sarah Grainger.

**2. Approval of the November 12, 2013 Regular Council Minutes** – Alderperson Wilson stated item seven should be corrected to state “issue with demolition materials in their trucks not being secured when transporting materials to the landfill on a previous project.” Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2013 Council meeting as corrected. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**3. First period for public comment** – none

**4. Public Hearing on proposed 2014 General Fund budget** – Severson reviewed the proposed budget with the Council with total revenues and expenditures of \$5,983,083 and answered questions. The 2013 mill rate will be .008195466 compared to .008054871 in 2012; which is an approximate \$14.00 increase per \$100,000 valuation.

**5. Approval of the 2014 General Fund budget and 2013 tax levy collectible in 2014** – Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve the 2014 budget with a tax levy of \$1,786,547 for 2013 collectible in 2014. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**6. Mayoral Appointment to Tree Board – Dustin Giess** – Motion by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve the appointment of Dustin Giess to the Tree Board. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Mayoral Appointments to joint Westby/Viroqua exploratory committee for possible police department merger** – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Wilson to approve the following to the joint Police Department Westby/Viroqua exploratory committee: Wayne Sherry, Tom Weston, Jeff Clifton, John Thompson, and Steve Bekkedal. John Severson, Larry Fanta, and Daron Jefson will be non-voting members. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**8. Payment of bills.** – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Noble to approve the payment of bills on report date 11/22/13 in the amount of \$289,592.06 and additional bills report date 11/26/13 in the amount of \$86,625.70. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**9. Second Period for Public Comment** – none

**10. Adjournment -**

Motion made by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk