

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 27, 2012**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on November 27, 2012 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Marc Polsean, Chuck Steinhoff, Cyndy Hubbard, John Thompson, Jeff Clifton, and Mark Rahr present. Gary Krause and Terry Noble were excused. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, DPW Steve Clark, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Engineer Sarah Grainger, and Jennifer Wieman.

2. Approval of the November 13, 2012 Regular Council Minutes - Motion by Alderperson Steinhoff/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2012 regular Council meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment - none

4. Public Hearing on the proposed 2013 General Fund budget – Severson reviewed the proposed budget with total revenues and expenditures of \$4,582,137 which includes the 2% wage increases and use of \$3,696 in reserves. The mill rate would be .008054870 for 2012 compared to .008014279 in 2011 with an allowable levy of \$1,740,966 which is an increase of \$20,708 for new net construction and debt service. It was recommended to add \$15,000 for capital expenditure borrowing if needed for Public Works sealcoating (\$10,000) and Park & Rec additional seating at the softball field (\$5,000). This would make total revenues and expenditures \$4,597,137 and would not affect the tax levy. It was also recommended to apply the 2% raise increase to the volunteer firefighters which can be absorbed in their budget. The Public Works union met with the bargaining committee and also agreed to the 2% wage increase with a one year extension contract being worked on.

5. Approval of the 2013 General Fund budget and 2012 tax levy collectible in 2013 - Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Thompson to approve the 2013 budget including the 2% wage increase applying to the volunteer firefighters and a \$15,000 increase in capital expenditures covered by additional borrowing of \$15,000 with a tax levy of \$1,740,966 for 2012 collectible in 2013. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Operator licenses (Public Safety) - Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Steinhoff to approve an operator license for Andrew Grant for the American Legion. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Well #6 update (Public Works) – Alderperson Polsean stated that Town & Country has been selected as the consultant. Sarah Grainger reviewed the potential timeline of the project from the bidding process to the actual well construction. Interim financing will be needed on the General Fund side until the safe drinking water loan draw starts in June. Grainger is also looking into CDBG grant funding. The public hearing on the water rate case is set for January 9, 2013.

8. Payment of bills. – Motion by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Steinhoff to approve the payment of bills on report date 11/21/12 in the amount of \$28,381.11 and additional bills report date 11/27/12 in the amount of \$443,829.15. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Second Period for Public Comment – none

10. Adjournment -

Motion made by Alderperson Steinhoff/second by Alderperson Rahr to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk