

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 25, 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 Tryggestad, 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, Assistant Police Chief Daron Jefson, Roland Hill and Attorney David Jenkins.

2. Approval of the November 11, 2008 Regular Council Minutes.

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the November 11, 2008 minutes. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment.

None.

4. Operator licenses.

Motion by Alderperson Tryggestad to approve operator licenses for Laurie Macasaet and Heather Marx. Seconded by Alderperson Frie. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

5. Public Hearing on the 2009 proposed General Fund Budget.

Mayor Fanta called the public hearing to order. Alderperson Frie reported that Finance and Personnel had met prior to Council and approved a 2009 3% wage increase for non-union employees which is included in the proposed budget. Roland Hill asked if the proposed borrowing for streets was for major improvements. Jeff Gohlke responded that it was. Mr. Hill also discussed Alderperson meeting pay with the Council. There being no further comments, Mayor Fanta closed the public hearing.

6. Possible amendments to the 2009 proposed General Fund Budget.

Motion by Alderperson Polsean to amend the proposed budget to include an increase in Alderperson compensation by \$100.00 per month. Seconded by Alderperson Clifton. On roll call vote Alderpersons Polsean, Bjerke, Krause, and Clifton voted aye. Alderpersons Mack, Hatlem, Frie, Knoble and Tryggestad voted nay. Motion fails.

Jeff Gohlke presented the General Government budget amendments as proposed by Finance Chairman Alderperson Frie.

1. General Government Staff

a. Administrator

- i. Jeff Gohlke for 1st nine months - 60% time at current pay plus 3%
- ii Matt Giese for last 3 months – full time at \$60,000 per year

- b. Assistant Administrator
 - i. Matt Giese for 1st nine months – full time at \$50,000 per year
- c. Economic Development Advisor
 - i. Jeff Gohlke for last 3 months – 60% time at same pay rate as above

2. General Government Other

- a. Contingency increased to \$15,588 from \$15,299
- b. Revised estimate for taxi expense (down \$7,584)
- c. Correction for Utility Allocation for Admin/Asst. Admin. From \$39,080 to \$35, 609.

3. Revenue

- a. Recreation Income increased to \$33,000 from \$28,000
- b. Revised estimate for taxi revenue (down \$5,905)

Aldersperson Frie reviewed the Garbage and Recycling user charge revenue of \$125,000.

Aldersperson Noble questioned the total General Government Administrative cost and stated he could not support the amendments.

7. Approval of the 2009 proposed General Fund Budget.

Motion by Aldersperson Frie to approve the 2009 budget with amendments as presented. Seconded by Aldersperson Mack. Discussion took place. On roll call vote Alderspersons Bjerke, Krause, Mack, Hatlem, Frie, Clifton, and Tryggstad voted aye. Alderspersons Noble and Polsean voted nay. Motion carries.

8. Payment of bills.

Motion by Aldersperson Frie to approve payment of the bills as presented on payment reports dated November 21, 2008 and November 25, 2008 in the amounts of \$131,675.60 and \$104,490.84. Seconded by Aldersperson Krause. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

9. Second period for public comment.

None.

10. Adjournment.

Motion by Aldersperson Hatlem to adjourn the meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 11, 2008. Seconded by Aldersperson Frie. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson
Clerk