

**CITY OF VIROQUA
SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 2, 2014**

1. Roll call:

The special meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Mark Rahr, Jeff Clifton, Cyndy Hubbard, Tom Wilson, Mike Bankes and John Thompson present. Alderpersons Marc Polsean and Terry Noble were excused. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Attorney David Jenkins, Engineer Sarah Grainger, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg and Public Works Director Steve Clark.

2. Public Hearing on proposed 2015 General Fund budget – the public hearing was called to order at 6:32 p.m. Severson reviewed the \$4,790,155 balanced budget with a General fund levy of \$1,936,196. The budget includes \$288,000 in capital expenditures for 2015. The mill rate comparison from 2013 to 2014 was discussed for all entities with an overall decrease of .00059 mills considering the school tax credit. An overall increase of \$3,003,700 in assessed valuation helped to lower the mill rate as well. The Technical College levy decreased due to the State doing direct funding. After all apportioned levy amounts are applied we will have an overall tax increment levy of \$433,585.52 for the TIF districts. Our local portion for TIF increment is \$146,811.55 making the overall local levy \$2,083,007.55. This equates to approximately a \$60.00 increase per \$100,000 valuation. The public hearing was closed at 6:40 p.m.

3. Approval of the 2015 General Fund budget and 2014 tax levy collectible in 2015 – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve the 2015 General Fund budget and a tax levy of \$2,083,007.55 for 2014 collectible in 2015. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment – none

5. Adjournment -

Motion made by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk