

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 9, 2014**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Mark Rahr, Cyndy Hubbard, Tom Wilson, John Thompson and Mike Bankes present. Terry Noble, Jeff Clifton and Marc Polsean were excused. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Fire Chief Steve Skrede and Park and Rec Director Dan Stalsberg.

2. Approval of the November 25, 2014 Regular Council and December 2, 2014 Special Council Minutes – Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2014 and December 2, 2014 meetings as presented. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – none

4. Approval of Library project change orders (Finance) Direct purchase invoices that have been paid are included in this first change order for a deduction of \$371,947.99. The amount of sales tax savings is \$20,457.14. This change order also includes the three change orders already approved for a net reduction of \$6368.78. The total of all the changes is a net reduction of \$398,773.91 from the original contract price for Tricon Construction. This will be reflected on the next pay request from them. We also had an additional change order for an increase of \$4810.00 for the excavation and removal of unsuitable soils and fill replacement. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the itemization library project change order for (\$398,773.91) and change order request number four for \$4810.00. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Library project direct purchase invoices (Finance) Polhamus stated we have \$46,155.53 in direct purchase invoices to save sales tax on the library project. These range from insulation and drywall to HVAC and they will come back as change orders on the project. All the direct purchase invoices have been reviewed by the construction manager and are ready for payment. Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve direct purchase invoices for \$46,155.53. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Approval of Pay Request #3 for Library project – Tricon General Construction (Finance) This pay request does not reflect any of the change orders to date. Motion by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Wilson to approve pay request #3 for \$258,059 to Tricon General Construction. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Approval of 2014 Capital expenditure borrowing (Finance) Severson stated the snow blower refurbish for \$25,000 and seven light pole removals/installation at Park Bowl for \$5500 were expenses that occurred after the budget was set. The other items include seal coat, squad car purchases and the Park & Rec building expenses over the bond proceeds received. The total expense would be \$203,000 for borrowing purposes. We received two quotes for financing for ten year terms. Citizens was at 2.70% and Peoples State Bank was at 2.09%. Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Thompson to secure a loan for 2014 capital expenditure borrowing for \$203,000 from Peoples State Bank for a ten year term at 2.09%. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Payment of bills. – Motion by Alderperson Wilson/second by Alderperson Thompson to approve the payment of bills on report date 12/05/14 in the amount of \$124,433.29 and additional bills report date 12/09/14 in the amount of \$46,154.81. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Second Period for Public Comment – Severson stated that staff has been meeting with the County Farm Committee regarding a potential land sale for industrial park and infrastructure expansion. They are currently getting appraisals of the County Farm and the meetings have gone well.

10. Adjournment -

Motion made by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk