

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 11, 2012**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on December 11, 2012 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Marc Polsean, Chuck Steinhoff, Cyndy Hubbard, John Thompson, Jeff Clifton, Mark Rahr, Gary Krause and Terry Noble present. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Engineer Sarah Grainger, Utility Clerk Nancy Bekkedal, Tim Hundt, Rev. Allen & Mary Skrede, Jessica Leinberger and Jennifer Wieman.

2. Approval of the November 20, 2012 and November 27, 2012 Council Minutes - Motion by Alderperson Steinhoff/second by Alderperson Krause to approve the minutes of the November 20th and November 27th, 2012 Council meetings. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment - none

4. Public Hearing on Conditional Use application for 804 South Main Street for church – Believers Fellowship Church (Rev. Allen & Mary Skrede) (Plan Commission) – Mayor Fanta stated the Plan Commission voted unanimously to forward the application on to Council. The Believers Fellowship church have sold their building and have an offer to purchase in for the Old Firehouse building at 804 South Main which is a B2 district. Alderperson Krause would like to wait 60-90 days before making a change. Alderperson Hubbard expressed concern over losing banquet facilities in the area. Alderpersons Thompson and Steinhoff stated they have not heard comments in favor of this happening. Jessica Leinberger stated the economic impact should be considered.

5. Discussion and action on conditional use – 804 South Main Street – Motion by Alderperson Steinhoff/second by Alderperson Krause to table action on the conditional use application until the first Council meeting in January 2013 for further review of the ordinance. Roll call vote held with seven yes votes, two no votes. Motion carried. Alderpersons Bekkedal and Polsean voting no.

6. Approval of Johnson Block & Company to perform 2012 audit – Motion by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Steinhoff to approve the agreement for Johnson Block to perform the 2012 audit. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Sewer Use Ordinance revision (Public Works) – first reading – Sarah Grainger reviewed the changes with the Council and answered questions and explained there would be no changes on residential strength waste, however there will be some proposed changes for haulers regarding leachate, holding tanks, and septic tanks. The purpose is to re-coop costs associated with the processing at the sewer plant. There will be a 60-day holding period on this per DNR regulations and the Vernon County Solid Waste Committee will be meeting with staff regarding the changes for the landfill. Other corrections regarding storm drain and clear water connections were noted by Alderperson Clifton to include in the second reading as well. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Krause to approve the first reading of Ordinance 12OR005 and delay the second reading until the January 29, 2013 Council meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Ordinance regarding municipal court and municipal court agreement with new court member Cashton – Daron Jefson stated that the Village of Cashton has asked to join the Hidden Valleys Municipal Court as they had a judge that was retiring. Currently the City of Westby and Village of LaFarge are included. This would decrease the cost to the City of Viroqua by about \$5000 starting in January 2013. The term of the judge was also changed to four years. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve Ordinance 12OR006 regarding the Municipal Court and to sign the agreement including the Village of Cashton as part of the Hidden Valleys Municipal Court. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Wisconsin Council 40 AFSME, Local 1527 Union Agreement for 2013 – Severson reviewed the agreement with the Council and stated that the 2% wage increase was agreed to and the contract was extended out one year. The retirement language was clarified regarding the health payout at twenty years similar to the Police union. It was notated that the Memorial Day Holiday was listed twice and should be corrected. Motion by Alderperson

Krause/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the Wisconsin Council 40 AFSME, Local 1527 union contract for 2013 with the correction noted. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Payment of bills. – Motion by Alderperson Krause/second by Alderperson Noble to approve the payment of bills on report date 12/07/12 in the amount of \$164,901.17 and additional bills report date 12/11/12 in the amount of \$5652.05. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Second Period for Public Comment – none

12. Adjournment -

Motion made by Alderperson Steinhoff/second by Alderperson Hubbard to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk