

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 30, 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 Tryggstad, 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 and Assistant Police Chief Daron Jefson.

2. Approval of the December 9, 2008 Regular Council Minutes.

Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve the December 9, 2008 minutes. Seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment.

Tim Hundt reported on volunteer efforts in planning improvements to the skate park site.

4. 2008 General Fund budget transfers and amendments.

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the transfers of \$25,000 from Engineering to Machinery/Equipment Other Expense, \$15,000 from Library Projects to Library Other Expense, \$45,000 from Park and Recreation Special Projects to Flood Repairs 08 and to amend the 2008 budget by designating 2009 budgeted funds to replace fund balance reserves used for the 2008 purchase of property at 321 Railroad Avenue. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

5. Ordinance imposing a solid waste and recycling surcharge. First reading

The Council reviewed the proposed ordinance which assesses a monthly charge to all properties to help fund recycling and solid waste collection. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 08OR015. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. On voice vote Alderpersons Tryggstad, Polsean, Bjerke, Krause, Mack, Hatlem, Frie and Clifton voted aye. Alderperson Noble voted nay. Motion carries. Motion by Alderperson Mack to waive the second reading of Ordinance No. 08OR015. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. On voice vote Alderpersons Tryggstad, Polsean, Bjerke, Krause, Mack, Hatlem, Frie and Clifton voted aye. Alderperson Noble voted nay. Motion carries.

6. Resolution authorizing City to act as fiscal agent for groundwater study.

Jeff Gohlke presented the resolution and explained that state, local and private interests have joined to pursue a pilot groundwater study with the help of volunteers and supplemented by a Nuzum Foundation grant. The City's roll would be to act as a fiscal agent for securing and handling the grant. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve Resolution No. 08RS015 authorizing the City of Viroqua to enter into a fiscal agreement with the Nuzum Foundation for a pilot groundwater study. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

7. Resolution authorizing execution of City Administrator Employment Agreement.

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve Resolution No. 08RS014 authorizing the execution of City Administrator Employment Agreement as approved by Finance and Personnel. Seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

8. Payment of bills.

Motion by Alderperson Tryggestad to approve payment of bills as presented on payment reports dated December 26, 2008 and December 30, 2008 in the amounts \$380,437.80 and \$119,471.65. Seconded by Alderperson Noble. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

9. Second period for public comment.

None.

10. Adjournment.

Motion by Alderperson Krause to adjourn the meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 13, 2009. Seconded by Alderperson Bjerke. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson
Clerk