

**CITY OF VIROQUA  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
APRIL 14, 2015**

**1. Roll call:**

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Mark Rahr, Cyndy Hubbard, Terry Noble, Tom Wilson, Marc Polsean, Jeff Clifton and Mike Bankes present. John Thompson was excused. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Attorney David Jenkins, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Park and Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Engineer Sarah Grainger, Utility Clerk Nancy Bekkedal, Joel Gordon and Mark Matthews.

**2. First period for public comment** – Joel Gordon addressed the Council regarding a potential one-day course in bike safety being offered to elementary and secondary students. He has met with Bob Knadle, Pete Taylor and Daron Jefson regarding this and stressed the importance of education and signage with the increase in bike traffic.

**3. Update on 2015-2016 Rock Avenue and NorthEast Avenue Construction projects** – Sarah Grainger and Mark Matthews updated the Council on both projects. We hope to bid out the projects in May with an award by the end of May. Rock Avenue will include a multi-use path on the west side of the street. Green spaces will be retained as much as possible. The lighting will be matching what is on Main Street currently. The bump outs on Court Street will be removed and they are exploring the possibility of a four way stop at Jefferson and Rock because of the increase in traffic. The pros and cons of painting the parking spaces were also discussed. The NorthEast Avenue project will be done in 2016. Parking will be on the west side of the street only. Temporary water service will be provided to residents during the project. The Tobacco Warehouse closed sidewalk issue was also discussed.

**4. Reappointment of Mark Rahr to Viroqua Housing Authority Board for five year term expiring 5-31-2020** Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to re-appoint Mark Rahr to the Viroqua Housing Authority Board. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**5. Preliminary resolution to vacate Noggle Lane** – Jenkins stated this is an unopened but platted street and the owners on either side of this have requested this street be vacated as a condition of a sale of the property. They have someone that is interested in purchasing it and building a 30-35 unit assisted living facility. Grainger stated our waterway also is in this area so in order for them to build they would need to move the building location over to where the platted street is and our sewer line also runs through this area so we would need an easement for this. This resolution starts the process with public hearings and nothing can happen for 40 days. Motion by Alderperson Wilson/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve preliminary resolution 15RS006 to vacate Noggle Lane. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**6. Denial of Claim – Jason Rood car damage** – we received a claim for car damage from Jason Rood after he ran over a flipped manhole cover on Congress Avenue. This was submitted to our insurance carrier with their recommendation to deny the claim as their investigation revealed no negligence on behalf of the City. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Rahr to deny the claim for Jason Rood. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Lighting contract for Rock Avenue project (Public Works)** – Grainger stated we received a proposal from KL Engineering for street lighting design services for Rock Avenue in the amount of \$10,100. Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the lighting contract for Rock Avenue from KL Engineering for \$10,100. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**8. Approval of boom truck purchase (Public Works)** – Grainger stated our current boom truck is a 1990 model with a non-insulated bucket. We have had a couple of fixes on it this year also and safety is an issue. Public Works would like to restructure their capital outlay plans by not getting a new tractor but getting a boom truck and ventilation system for the garage instead. They have located a boom truck and they will give us \$5000 in trade for the old truck and we can get the new one for \$20,000. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve the boom truck purchase. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**9. Approval of Library project direct purchase invoices (Finance)** Polhamus stated we have one direct purchase invoice for Metal Design Systems for \$49,627.00. The invoice has been reviewed by the Construction Manager and is ready for payment. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Noble to approve the direct purchase invoice in the amount of \$49,627.00. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**10. Approval of Change Order #5 for Library Project (Finance)** – This change order includes all the direct purchases to date that were approved at previous meetings as well as the change order requests for the interior finishes and water softener. The net reduction to the Tricon Construction contract is \$145,980.50 which includes \$7,885.90 in sales tax savings. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve Change Order #5 for a decrease of \$145,980.50. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**11. Payment of bills.** – Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Noble to approve the payment of bills on report date 04/10/15 in the amount of \$123,594.34 and additional bills report date 04/14/15 in the amount of \$105,766.84. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**12. Second Period for Public Comment** – Next week there will be a special Council meeting for the swearing in of the new Council.

**13. Adjournment -**

Motion made by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Rahr to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk