

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 12, 2015**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Marc Polsean, Terry Noble, Mike Bankes, Mike Koppa, Cyndy Hubbard, John Montemurno, Jeff Clifton and Todd Sanwick present. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Attorney David Jenkins, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Park and Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Engineer Sarah Grainger, Utility Clerk Nancy Bekkedal, Tom Wilson, Natalie Adams, Rick Busch, Cindy Lindvig and Nancy Solberg.

2. Approval of the April 21, 2015 Special and April 28, 2015 Regular Council minutes – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Montemurno to approve the minutes of the April 21 and April 28, 2015 meetings. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – Tom Wilson asked if he could speak during agenda item four.

4. Request for Conditional Use Application for 311 N. Main Street for LED message board – Royal Bank (Plan Commission) – tabled from 4/28/15 meeting Natalie Adams and Rick Busch of Royal Bank addressed the Council and stated they took the concerns from the last meeting back to their executive team, however they feel they have done their due diligence and fall within the parameters of the sign ordinance and want to be treated fairly in comparison to other businesses. They are requesting a vote on the conditional use as presented. Hubbard is concerned with the closeness to the Historic District. Tom Wilson stated the Historic Preservation Commission discussed this issue and they are also displeased with the height of the sign and there is some confusion on how the height is measured in the ordinance. The conditions of the sign should also be spelled out. Rick Busch stated the non-profit organizations in other municipalities find value to the use of their signs and the State and Federal requirements that they must follow have already been signed off on and bank regulatory rules apply. Severson reviewed the conditions from prior signs and Royal Bank was fine with the conditions listed. The conditions were as follows: 1. The sign can be used only during the normal business hours. When the bank is closed, the sign will be turned off. 2. Only static messages will be allowed. Text will not scroll, spin or otherwise move across the sign face. No background or animated graphics will be permitted, such as flags, clouds, balloons, bubbles, etc. Static graphic representations of product or services may be displayed as part of the message. 3. Color may be used in part of a static message but is limited to a maximum of five colors at any given time. 4. Messages shall be visible for a minimum of two seconds or DOT minimum standards. There will be no dwell time (dark screen) between messages to avoid flashing appearance. 5. No other signs will be permitted to be attached to the main sign or its supports. 6. The light intensity of the signs will be regulated by a light sensing unit so that the sign will automatically dim as ambient light decreases. Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve the conditional use application with the six conditions listed. Roll call vote five in favor and four no votes. Motion carried. Alderpersons Bekkedal, Bankes, Hubbard and Montemurno voting no.

5. Mayoral appointment of Garith Steiner to Police & Fire Commission for five year term to replace James Hohlfelder whose term expired 5/1/2015 (information only)

6. Re-appointment of Valdo Gilman to Plan Commission for three-year term expiring 5/1/2018 Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Sanwick to reappoint Valdo Gilman to Plan Commission for a three year term expiring 5/1/2018. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Alderpersons Hubbard and Bekkedal were excused at 8:00 p.m.

7. Appointment of Al Larson as Weed Commissioner – Alderperson Polsean asked if this will be done during or after work hours and this will be done during work hours. Alderperson Clifton asked why this didn't go to the Personnel Committee first. Motion by Alderperson Clifton/second by Alderperson Montemurno to table the appointment and send this to the Personnel Committee for a closed session discussion. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Appointment of Joe Rogan-Nordstrom to Tourism Committee to replace Leigh Anders whose term expires 12/1/2016 (Tourism Committee) Motion by Alderperson Bankes/second by Alderperson Montemurno to appoint Joe Rogan-Nordstrom to the Tourism Committee to replace Leigh Anders. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Operator license approvals (Public Safety) Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Koppa to approve operator licenses for Robert Abbinante, Steven Welter and Luke Lukaszewski. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Agent change on liquor license for Walgreens (Public Safety) Motion by Alderperson Sanwick/second by Alderperson Montemurno to approve the agent change for Walgreens from Alexandria Beenken to Luke Lukaszewski. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Temporary Class B beer & wine license – Viroqua Chamber Main Street – Spring Bash (Public Safety) Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve a temporary Class B beer and wine license for the Viroqua Chamber Main Street for their Spring Bash on May 14, 2015 at the VMH Expo Center at the Fairgrounds. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Temporary Class B beer license – Viroqua Legion Baseball (Public Safety) Motion by Alderperson Koppa/second by Alderperson Noble to approve a temporary Class B beer license for the Viroqua Legion Baseball at the Park Bowl concession stand on the following dates: June 15, 18, 24-28, July 1,6,13,15,19. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

13. City Hall 2014 Department Report – Lori Polhamus – City Clerk Polhamus gave a power point presentation and answered questions from the Council on the 2014 activities at City Hall.

14. Library project direct purchase invoices (Finance) Polhamus stated we have direct purchase invoices totaling \$1559.41. They are for paint, drywall supplies and temporary fencing. The invoices have been reviewed by the Construction Manager and are ready for payment. Motion by Alderperson Koppa/second by Alderperson Noble to approve the direct purchase invoices in the amount of \$1559.41. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

15. Payment of bills. – Motion by Alderperson Sanwick/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve the payment of bills on report date 05/08/15 in the amount of \$133,007.67 and additional bills report date 05/12/15 in the amount of \$27,111.91. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

16. Second Period for Public Comment - none

17. Adjournment -

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk