

**CITY OF VIROQUA
SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 19, 2015**

1. Roll call:

The special meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Marc Polsean, Terry Noble, Mike Bankes, Cyndy Hubbard, John Montemurno and Todd Sanwick present. Alderpersons Bekkedal, Koppa and Clifton were excused. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Attorney David Jenkins, Engineer Sarah Grainger, Utility & Operations Superintendent Greg Marsh, Sewer Plant Operator Al Budworth, Gene Laschinger and Amy Bares from Town & Country Engineering.

2. Update on wastewater treatment plant upgrades – Gene Laschinger updated the Council on the wastewater treatment plant upgrades that are required per permits issued by the DNR. The permits are requiring both the outfall piping correction as well as new phosphorus regulations. A capital cost summary was reviewed with three alternatives for the project for phase one and other modifications in phase 1A. Town & Country recommends alternate #3 and phase 1A to save energy, have better phosphorus results and create efficiencies. If everything works out, hopefully the phosphorus removal cost projected in phase two will not be needed. They would like to start the design right away. Projected capital cost for alternate three is \$5,937,339 and phase 1A is \$2,089,382. Funding is being looked into from clean water fund grants & loan, CDBG and Rural Development.

3. Selection of and approval to proceed with facility plan alternative – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Montemurno to approve Alternate three with Phase 1A for the wastewater treatment plant upgrades. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

4. Approval of preliminary design contract – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the preliminary design contract with Town & Country which is budgeted at \$50,000. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Period for public comment - none

6. Adjournment -

Motion made by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Sanwick to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk