

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 28, 2015**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 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, Utility Clerk Nancy Bekkedal, Engineer Sarah Grainger, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, John Doll, Kurt Muchow, Nathan Randall, Tammi Hoefling, Joelle Houze, Theresa Carey, James Hallberg, Ramona Skrede, Margretta Overbo, Rita Burkhardt, Sarah Caldwell, Betty & Jerry Fredrickson, Mick Rockweiler, Nancy Rhodes, Mark Telshaw, Celeste Gibson, Emma Mickels, Kim Chotzen, Sue Veres and Mike Tully.

2. Approval of the July 14, 2015 Regular Council minutes – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Sanwick to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2015 meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – Nancy Rhodes presented the Council with a memo and binder of the advisory petitions that the Friends of the Viroqua Municipal Swimming pool collected in the summer of 2013. The petition included 2890 signatures, of which 1623 were local residents. The binder also included a letter from the Wisconsin Historical Society stating the complex (pool and bathhouse) may be eligible for listing in the State and National Register of Historic places. Rhodes stated the public was never asked to participate in the decision making regarding the pool. Celeste Gibson stated she wants the information regarding the decision making and meetings that were held made public as she was unable to obtain this on the city website. Theresa Cary stated people feel strongly on the pool issue and feels the Council should hold public hearings and give a good faith effort to study the issue for a couple years. Mick Rockweiler stated he feels the City should have a pool budget and the Bigley pool was not meant to replace the outdoor pool. He also stated the City should purchase the Eagles building and land and build a new pool there. Sarah Caldwell, Joelle Houze, Emma Mickels, Rita Burkhardt, Kim Chotzen and Sue Veres also spoke about the need for an outdoor pool, open communication and community involvement in the process and ask the Council to reconsider their decision on spending money on the demolition and add this topic on the next agenda. Severson stated the process that has taken place does not stop a pool from being in the current location in the future. Nathan Randall would like to see a longer lifespan on a new pool rather than trying to restore the old one.

4. Public Hearing – CDBG Library project update – Mayor Fanta opened the public hearing at 8:20 p.m. John Doll, Construction Manager stated they are nearly complete and are working on punch list items. It will be mid to end of August for completion. The stonework on the fireplace will be worked on this week along with some other outside eave repair. The public hearing was closed at 8:40 p.m.

5. Review of site plan changes for assisted living facility off Chicago Avenue – Mike Tully (Plan Commission) the new site plan has reversed the parking lot to the other side of the facility which is further away from the drainage area and Plan Commission recommended approval. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve the site plan changes. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Temporary Class B license request – Viroqua Fire Department (Wild West Days – August 14-17, 2015 (Public Safety)) Motion by Alderperson Bankes/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to approve the Temporary Class B beer and wine license for Wild West Days August 14-17, 2015. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Temporary Class B license request – Viroqua Fire Department (Aug 21-22, 2015 Viroqua Community Arena fundraiser) (Public Safety) Motion by Alderperson Montemurno/second by Alderperson Koppa to approve the Temporary Class B beer and wine license for the Viroqua Fire Department to serve at the fundraiser to be held at the Viroqua Community Arena on August 21-22, 2015. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Temporary Class B license request – Viroqua Chamber Main Street (Aug 28, 2015 Movies in the Park) (Public Safety) The Chamber is trying to establish an older audience for this round of movies in the park. The alcohol will be contained to an area just outside the shelter from 7 p.m. – midnight on August 28, 2015. Motion by Alderperson Koppa/second by Alderperson Sanwick to approve the Temporary Class B beer and wine license for Viroqua Chamber Main Street for August 28, 2015 in Eckhart Park. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

- 9. Operator license approvals (Public Safety)** Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Clifton to approve operator licenses for Reva Key, Jessica Inman, Ryan Nedland, McKenzie Snustead, Lexi Stendalen, Brittany Dunnum and Trina Shaner. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.
- 10. Authorization to proceed with TID #3 amendments** – Kurt Muchow stated there was interest from Sleepy Hollow in TIF assistance for an addition to their dodge dealership which is not currently in TID #3. This is a potential 1.5 million dollar project and there are only six years and one amendment left so it would be a limited revenue bond. Alderperson Clifton stated we should add additional properties to the TID to the City border if this is the last amendment. Motion by Alderperson Clifton/second by Alderperson Hubbard to proceed with the Tid #3 amendment including properties to the City limit. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried. Alderperson Sanwick abstained from the vote.
- 11. Library furniture and fixtures procurement** – Severson stated the library is working with an approximate \$200,000 budget for these items and using the state contract rather than going out for bids. The Department of Administration stated we can use the state contract rather than bidding for the CDBG grant as long as we document the state's procedures in our files. Not all of the items needed are in the state contract and may need up to three months lead time. A proposal should be coming forward shortly for the Council to review.
- 12. Extraterritorial certified survey map approval – John Bettinger, TKC Real Estate Holdings, LLC (Plan Commission)** Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to approve the extraterritorial certified survey map. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.
- 13. Appointment of Tom Wilson to Historic Preservation Commission for three year term expiring 10/1/2018 (Historic Preservation Commission)** Wilson was an ex-officio member and the commission is requesting he be a regular member. Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the appointment of Tom Wilson for a three year term expiring 10/1/2018. Voice vote seven in favor and two no votes heard. Motion carried. Alderpersons Bekkedal and Clifton voting no.
- 14. Declaration of Official Intent Wastewater Treatment Facility Financing (Finance)** – this is a requirement for the USDA and also the IRS to allow us to reimburse ourselves for expenses spent during the project. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Montemurno to approve the declaration of official intent. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.
- 15. Resolution – authorized representative to file applications for financial assistance (Public Works)** this is to designate the Mayor to sign on the Wastewater Treatment Facility application to the Clean Water Fund for financial assistance. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Montemurno to approve resolution 15RS014 to appoint the Mayor as authorized representative. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.
- 16. Approval of Geo-Technical Services for Wastewater Treatment Facility (Public Works)** Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Sanwick to approve Chosen Valley Testing for \$3749 for geo-technical services at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.
- 17. Approval of Ehlers for sewer rate case (Public Works)** Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to approve Ehlers at a cost of not to exceed \$8000 to look into the utility rate case for the sanitary sewer system. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.
- 18. Approval of Pay Request #1 – Badger Environmental for Rock Avenue Project (Public Works)** the first request is for the bonding cost, 25% of mobilization and the remainder for materials. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve pay request #1 for Badger Environmental for \$210,896.07 with the condition that USDA also approves. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.
- 19. Payment of bills.** – Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Clifton to approve the payment of bills on report date 07/23/15 in the amount of \$42,560.68 and additional bills report date 07/28/15 in the amount of \$16,339.54. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.
- 20. Second Period for Public Comment** – Alderperson Clifton stated he was disappointed in the way the public addressed the Council and feels there is a lot of misinformation and lack of appreciation for what the Council does

and not being able to address the public comments is frustrating. Tammi Hoefling stated her observation was that those in attendance wanted an opportunity to be heard about the future of the pool.

21. Adjournment -

Motion made by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Sanwick to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk