

**CITY OF VIROQUA  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

**1. Roll call:**

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Marc Polsean, Terry Noble, Mike Bankes, Mike Koppa, John Montemurno, Jeff Clifton, Cyndy Hubbard and Todd Sanwick present. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Attorney David Jenkins, Fire Chief Chad Buros, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Utility Clerk Nancy Bekkedal and Engineer Sarah Grainger.

**2. Approval of the August 25, 2015 Regular Council minutes** – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Montemurno to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2015 meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**3. First period for public comment** – none

**4. Library furniture & fixtures proposal** – this item was tabled until the next Council meeting.

**5. Library project pay request approval – I.D.ology** – Motion by Alderperson Koppa/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve payment of \$3800 to I.D.ology for the first phase of the consultant fee on the furniture and fixtures. Roll call vote eight in favor, one against. Motion carried. Alderperson Bankes voting no.

**6. Resolution regarding special assessment of property – Howard Olson** – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Clifton to approve resolution 015RS020 for the special assessment of \$553.88 in five installments at 4% interest for a water line connection. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Sale of former railroad land to adjacent property owner Katie Hafner, 768 N. Main Street (Plan Commission)** – This property would be similar to the piece recently sold to Mark Nevsimal. It is 60x60 at a cost of \$250. Jenkins stated the only thing he is waiting to hear about is whether she wants the deed in just her name or in both her and her husband's name. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Montemurno to sell the property adjacent to 768 N. Main Street at a price of \$250. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**8. Approval of use of funds for resurfacing of Independence Street (Western to Hillyer) (Public Works)** – It was discussed at Public Works not to sealcoat this year as it is so late in the season, however doubling up the projects in one year can affect the budget restraint allocation because capital expenditures are included. Therefore it was recommended to use the funds towards re-surfacing on Independence Street instead from Western to Hillyer. The utilities are all good underground so they would remove the surface, fix the substructure and re-pave for a potential useful life of forty years. The cost of the project would be around \$45,000-\$50,000 and our crews would do most of the work except the paving. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Koppa to approve the use of funds for the resurfacing of Independence Street. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**9. Approval of city parking lot improvements on Court & Rock Streets (Public Works)** – Viroqua Tire Shop has been contacted about not working in the street anymore and it was recommended to allow them to work in the parking lot next to their building. We would need to widen the approach and put in a 12x60 foot concrete pad five feet away from the building so their jacks do not go through the asphalt. They previously had reinforced the area in front of their building so they could work there. We received a quote of \$3200 for the concrete pad and this will be a Tid eligible expense. Motion by Alderperson Clifton/second by Alderperson Koppa to approve the privilege in City real estate option for use of the parking lot by Viroqua Tire Shop and the cost of the concrete pad for \$3200. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**10. Approval of multi-use trail to Park Bowl/Eckhart Park from Jefferson Street (Public Works)** – Public Works recommended waiting on this project until 2016.

**11. Direct purchase invoices for Library project (Finance)** – Motion by Alderperson Montemurno/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the direct purchase invoice for Glacier Group for \$750.00. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**12. Payment of bills.** – Motion by Alderperson Montemurno/second by Alderperson Noble to approve the payment of bills on report date 09/03/15 in the amount of \$507,057.66 and additional bills report date 09/08/15 in the amount of \$14,080.37. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**13. Second Period for Public Comment** – none

**14. Adjournment -**

Motion made by Alderperson Sanwick/second by Alderperson Polsean to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk