

**CITY OF VIROQUA  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
OCTOBER 27, 2015**

**1. Roll call:**

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 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 George Hopkins, Fire Chief Chad Buros, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Utility Clerk Nancy Bekkedal and Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg

**2. Approval of the October 13, 2015 Regular Council minutes** – Alderperson Hubbard noted that she voted no on item #4 because of the street name not being correct. Alderperson Koppa stated we still need to follow up on monitoring the sign compliance. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Montemurno to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2015 meeting as corrected. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

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

**4. Approval of Badger Pay Request #4 – Rock Avenue project (Public Works)** – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Sanwick to approve the Badger Environmental Rock Avenue pay request #4 for \$498,885. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**5. Operator license approvals (Public Safety)** – Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve operator licenses for Andrew Grant, Alyssa Seland, Mayme Arenz, Bonnie Kearney, Glen Oliphant, Brittany Long, Kimberly Manske and Aaron Appleman. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**6. Resolution to join the Western Wisconsin Municipal Consortium with WEA Insurance (Finance)** – Severson and Polhamus reviewed the health insurance options for the Council and explained there are five retirees/annuitants that will be included in the plan but not with the reimbursements presented. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to approve resolution 15RS025 to join the Western Wisconsin Municipal Consortium with WEA Insurance and offer option 3 with a \$500/\$1000 deductible plan with 50% of copays being reimbursed through an HRA. Employees will also have the \$400 to use towards deductibles or medical expenses within the HRA. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**7. 2016 proposed General Fund budget (Finance)** – The Council reviewed each budget line item of the proposed budget. The Cemetery account had \$2500 added for a furnace request that will come from the donation line item.

**8. Possible transfer of Park & Rec truck & plow to Cemetery (Park & Rec, Finance)** – The cemetery needs a new truck and plow and Park & Rec has a 2005 truck with 103,000 miles on it that was going to be traded in 2017. Rather than taking out a loan they could give the truck to the Cemetery and purchase a new truck in 2016 for approximately \$26,600 plus \$5500 for a plow. A letter of commitment needs to be sent in by November 1<sup>st</sup> to get the discounted truck pricing.

**9. Possible closed session per Wis. Stats 19.85 (1)(c) – considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governing body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility – 2016 employee wage considerations** – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Montemurno to enter closed session at 8:45 p.m. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried. The Council, Mayor, Administrator and Clerk remained in closed session.

**10. Reconvene in open session with possible action on items discussed during closed session** – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Clifton to reconvene in open session at 9:10 p.m. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Hubbard to give the Park & Rec Director a \$1500 increase in salary and the City Engineer a \$2.40/hour increase at the projected 1800 hours or \$4320 effective January 1, 2016. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Montemurno to authorize a 2% increase in General Fund employees' salaries, not including police or library staff effective January 1, 2016. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**11. Authorization of publication of proposed General Fund budget** – The salary changes, capital expenditures of \$218,100, \$8422 transfer to health insurance contingency and the \$2500 transfer to cemetery will be made after this meeting. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve the publication of the proposed 2016 budget and set the public hearing date for November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. with the regular City Council meeting. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**12. Payment of bills.** – Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Noble to approve the payment of bills on report date 10/23/15 in the amount of \$42,076.40 and additional bills report date 10/27/15 in the amount of \$61,571.90. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

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

**14. Adjournment** - Motion made by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Hubbard to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk