

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 2016**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Marc Polsean, Mike Bankes, Mike Koppa, John Montemurno, Jeff Clifton, Cyndy Hubbard and Todd Sanwick present. Steve Bekkedal and Terry Noble were excused. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Attorney Stephanie Hopkins, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Engineer/DPW Sarah Grainger, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Fire Chief Chad Buros, Curt Brye, Marcia Andrew, Alycann Taylor, Kathleen Sullivan and Dan Goltz

2. Approval of the January 12, 2016 Regular Council minutes – Motion by Alderperson Sanwick/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2016 meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – none

The Mayor moved to item seven on the agenda –

7. Preliminary resolution to vacate part of North Center Street (tabled from 8/25/15 Council meeting) – this starts the process of public hearings and notices with Plan Commission and the Food Coop could address the public and Plan Commission with their plans. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Koppa to approve preliminary resolution 16RS001 to vacate part of North Center Avenue. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

The Mayor returned to item four on the agenda -

4. Consideration of donation to Vernon County Historical Society – Marcia Andrew – Kathleen Sullivan and Marcia Andrew updated the Council on the programs that the Historical Society have done and are requesting a \$5000 donation. Alderperson Clifton suggested they also go back to the County and request additional funding. Alderperson Koppa suggested this be a budgeted expense and they will come in during budget time this year. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve a \$5000 donation to the Vernon County Historical Society. Roll call all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Request for use of City property for cross country ski trails – Snowflake Junior Nordic Ski Club – Dan Goltz stated he works with area youth from Viroqua and Westby ages 4-18 and they meet on Wednesday afternoons. They were using the driving range at the golf course and will be moving to the VFW property this year and they are asking to groom some ski trails on the City property by the new well and up to the brush/compost site. They have their youth sign liability waivers, however Attorney Hopkins recommends an indemnification agreement or to add the City on as an additional insured on their insurance policy. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Clifton to approve the use of the City property for the ski trails with the clause they work with Attorney Hopkins to draft an indemnification agreement per her recommendation. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Certified Survey Map approval – Justin & Amanda Running (Plan Commission) – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Montemurno to approve the certified survey map for Justin and Amanda Running. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Operator license approvals (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Clifton/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve operator licenses for Chloe Horan, Samara Benson, Alyssa Zube and Lucas Gravatt. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Approval of temporary Class B beer license for Viroqua Fire Department annual gun raffle on March 19, 2016 (Public Safety) - Motion by Alderperson Clifton/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve the temporary class B beer license for the Viroqua Fire Department. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Approval of temporary Class B beer license for Associates of the Restored Temple Theatre for March 5, 2016 concert (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Koppa/second by Alderperson Montemurno to approve the

temporary class B beer license for the Associates of the Restored Temple Theatre. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Reappointments of Dani Lind, Alycann Taylor and Nancy Rhodes to Tourism Committee for two year terms expiring 12/1/2017 (Tourism Committee) – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Montemurno to reappoint Dani Lind, Alycann Taylor and Nancy Rhodes to the Tourism Committee for a two year term expiring 12/1/2017. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Payment of bills. – Motion by Alderperson Montemurno/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve the payment of bills on report date 01/21/16 in the amount of \$292,497.98 and additional bills report date 01/26/16 in the amount of \$43,211.02. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

13. Second Period for Public Comment – none

14. Adjournment - Motion made by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Sanwick to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk