

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2016**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Marc Polsean, Mike Bankes, Mike Koppa, John Montemurno, Steve Bekkedal and Cyndy Hubbard present. Jeff Clifton, Todd Sanwick and Terry Noble were excused. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Attorney George Hopkins, Engineer/DPW Sarah Grainger, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Fire Chief Chad Buros and Utility Clerk Nancy Bekkedal.

2. Approval of the January 19, 2016 Special and January 26, 2016 Regular Council minutes – Motion by Alderperson Montemurno/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2016 and January 26, 2016 meetings. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – none

4. 2015 budget amendments – There are internal transfers of wages in Public Works from snow/ice to forestry and street maintenance for \$42,524.33 and the budget amendment for the capital borrowing at the end of the year of \$508,694. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Montemurno to approve the 2015 budget amendments. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approval of neighborhood electric vehicle ordinance – First Reading (Public Safety) – These are vehicles that will need to meet all the safety standards set forth in the federal motor vehicle safety standards and can only cross streets with a posted speed of 35 mph or less. The Public Safety Committee recommended a \$30 per year licensing fee. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Koppa to approve the first reading of Ordinance 16OR001 regarding neighborhood electric vehicles and waive the second reading. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Payment of bills. – It was noted that the payment to VEDA will be changed to \$5000 from \$6000 to reflect the budgeted amount. Motion by Alderperson Bankes/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the payment of bills on report date 02/04/16 in the amount of \$138,398.47 and additional bills report date 02/09/16 in the amount of \$254,825.97. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. 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 – Wastewater Treatment Operator in training one year review – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Bankes to enter closed session. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried. The Council, Mayor, Severson, Polhamus, Hopkins, Grainger and Nancy Bekkedal entered closed session at 7:41 p.m.

8. Reconvene in open session with possible action on items discussed during closed session – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Koppa to reconvene in open session at 7:52 p.m. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Montemurno to approve a \$2.00/hour raise for the Wastewater Treatment Operator in training for a total pay rate of \$19.54 effective today. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Second Period for Public Comment – none

10. Adjournment - Motion made by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Bankes to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk