

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2016**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Marc Polsean, Mike Bankes, Mike Koppa, John Montemurno, Steve Bekkedal, Todd Sanwick, Terry Noble and Cyndy Hubbard present. Alderperson Jeff Clifton was excused. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Attorney Stephanie Hopkins, Engineer/DPW Sarah Grainger, Assistant Police Chief Todd Simonson, Fire Chief Chad Buros, Utility Clerk Nancy Bekkedal, Airport Manager Mike Skildum, Sondra Naxi, Nathan Randall, Doug Swenson and Gene Laschinger.

2. Approval of the February 23, 2016 Regular Council minutes – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Sanwick to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2016 meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – none

4. Consider purchase of hanger for possible FBO site (Airport Commission & Public Property) – Doug Swenson stated there is an eight year old hanger building for sale at the airport with an asking price of \$80,000. An FBO (Fixed Based Operator) would be someone who works at the airport doing maintenance on planes and doing instruction. The Airport Commission is in favor of the purchase and the building could be put back on the market if the FBO doesn't happen. The hanger is currently being rented at \$3000/year rent. There are no grants available to fund this so it would be a general fund borrowing obligation. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Montemurno to purchase the hanger and give the FBO a three year window to develop. Roll call vote six in favor, two against. Motion carried. Alderpersons Bekkedal and Sanwick voting no.

5. Resolution for inclusion under the State of Wisconsin deferred compensation program (Finance) – Polhamus stated this is a program through the State of Wisconsin at no cost to employers. These are pre-tax deductions that employees can set money aside similar to Nationwide that the Police union has. The local representative is willing to meet with employees to discuss the plan. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve resolution 16RS002 for inclusion in the State of Wisconsin deferred compensation program. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Memorandum of Understanding between Western Technical College and City of Viroqua – connecting link – The Council reviewed the draft MOU that concerns the link between WTC and the Library. There were some questions that needed to be addressed regarding insurance so a motion was made by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Sanwick to table the MOU. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Memorandum of Understanding between Luke Pelton, Developer and City of Viroqua – the MOU from the developer is to construct a development on the Nuzum lot in Tid 6 and they would like sixty days to present plans to the Council. This was drafted by our City attorneys and does not obligate the City. Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the MOU between the City and Luke Pelton. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Approval of ordinance revising Chapter 13.20 of Municipal Code – Sewer Use & User charges – Second reading – This was the same ordinance as presented at the last Council meeting. Grainger reviewed the changes for Council again that would take effect retro to March 1, 2016 to meet our bonding obligations with the sewer rate increase. Motion by Alderperson Montemurno/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve the second reading of Ordinance 16OR003 revising chapter 13.20 of the Municipal Code. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Payment of bills. – Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Koppa to approve the payment of bills on report date 03/03/16 in the amount of \$182,814.52 and additional bills report date 03/07/16 in the amount of \$10,774.56. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Possible closed session per Wis. Stats 19.85 (1) (e) – deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session – Negotiation strategy for Wastewater Treatment Facility

easement – Wheeler property – Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Hubbard to go into closed session. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried. The Council, Mayor, Administrator, Clerk, Utility Clerk, Engineer/DPW, City Attorney, Gene Laschinger and Sondra Nazi entered closed session at 8:22 p.m.

11. Reconvene in open session with possible action on items discussed during closed session – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Noble to reconvene in open session at 9:34 p.m. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Noble to proceed with negotiations on the easement as discussed in closed session. Roll call vote seven in favor, one against. Motion carried. Alderperson Bekkedal voted no.

12. Second Period for Public Comment – none

13. Adjournment - Motion made by Alderperson Montemurno/second by Alderperson Hubbard to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk