

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

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Marc Polsean, Mike Bankes, Mike Koppa, John Montemurno, Sondra Naxi, Todd Sanwick and Cyndy Hubbard present. Alderperson Terry Noble was absent. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Attorney Stephanie Hopkins, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Engineer/DPW Sarah Grainger, Utility Clerk Nancy Bekkedal, Sarah Caldwell, Taryn Greendeer, Vicki Ramsay and Karen Innis

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

3. First period for public comment – Sarah Caldwell expressed concerns regarding the 42 unit housing development on Rock Street and would like to see more elder housing with commons areas, a traffic impact study completed and the use of solar and other more children friendly eco-friendly materials. Karen Innes stated they listed the Fortney Hotel for sale and is looking for input from the City regarding the building. Vicki Ramsay representing Citizens for a Pollinator-Friendly City presented the Council members with a letter regarding their committee and their intention to present updates to the weed ordinance for consideration at a future meeting.

4. Approval to list former library building with Coldwell Banker – Garrick Olerud gave us a broker's opinion regarding the building and used nine comparables in Richland, Monroe and Crawford counties to suggest a selling price of \$299,000 for the building. They would charge 6% commission for a year listing with all ads paid by them and we only pay if it sells. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Bankes to list the former library building with Coldwell Banker for one year. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approval of certified survey map – City of Viroqua (former Nuzum lot in the 100 block of South Rock Avenue between Jefferson Street and Court Street) (Plan Commission) – This is for the former Nuzum lot and once Rock Avenue LLC takes ownership they will do quit claim deeds to the three neighboring properties that are encroaching on the back lot. Motion by Alderperson Montemurno/second by Alderperson Koppa to approve the certified survey map. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Approval of Badger Environmental Pay Request #11 – Rock/NorthEast Avenue Project (Public Works) – Motion by Alderperson Montemurno/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve pay request #11 for \$112,042.22. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Preliminary resolution to vacate part of Sherwood Drive (Public Property) – this resolution starts the process for the vacation of the portion of Sherwood Drive lying west of Dionne Lane and the City would retain an easement for utilities. The adjoining landowners would receive the land equally. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Naxi to approve preliminary resolution 16RS015 to vacate part of Sherwood Drive. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Resolution authorizing the redemption of water system revenue bonds, series 2007C, dated August 16, 2007 – as part of the USDA project we are refinancing the 2007 water revenue bond for a better interest rate with the original terms remaining the same. Motion by Alderperson Koppa/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve resolution 16RS016 authorizing the redemption of the water system revenue bonds, series 2007C. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Resolution authorizing development agreement with Rock Avenue LLC for development project in Tid #6 (Finance) – this item was tabled.

10. Ordinance revising section 13.20.050 of Viroqua Municipal Code – sewer system charges (Public Works) –the revisions are for septic hauler rates to implement a graduated rate system for the waste brought into the system from holding and septic tanks. The DNR is encouraging the haulers to stop land application so there will be an increase in usage which actually helps our system. The costs will be 6 ½ cents/gallon in 2016, 8cents/gallon in

2017 and 10 cents/gallon in 2018. Motion by Alderperson Sanwick/second by Alderperson Montemurno to approve ordinance 16OR008 revising section 13.20.050 of the municipal code and waive the second reading. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Payment of bills. – Motion by Alderperson Montemurno/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve the payment of bills on report date 07/21/16 in the amount of \$190,473.48 and additional bills report date 07/26/16 in the amount of \$6668.89. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Second Period for Public Comment – none

13. Adjournment - Motion made by Alderperson Sanwick/second by Alderperson Naxi to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk