

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 27, 2016**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Marc Polsean, Terry Noble, Mike Bankes, Mike Koppa, Sondra Naxi, Todd Sanwick and Cyndy Hubbard present. Alderperson John Montemurno was absent. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Attorney George Hopkins, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Utility Clerk Nancy Bekkedal, Fire Chief Chad Buros, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Sonja Fortney, Bruce Swenick and Kevin Schlicht.

2. Approval of the September 13, 2016 Regular Council and September 6, 2016 Committee of the Whole minutes – Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Sanwick to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2016 Council and September 6, 2016 Committee of the Whole meetings. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – none

4. Golf utility borrowing request – The utility was created in 1995 and run independently from the City. They had an original note through Citizens First Bank for \$775,000 that was to help develop the back nine of the golf course and the balance remaining after the October payment is \$332,000. This is not debt service to the City but is noted in our audit report because we have guaranteed \$300,000 against the debt. The utility is looking to update and do some repairs to their upper irrigation pond, fix the leaking lower pond and rebuild the reservoir and fix the fairway paths by adding an additional \$150,000 back on the note for repairs which would extend the note out four years. This would be maintenance and not new construction. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Noble to approve resolution 16RS021 authorizing the officers of the Municipal Golf Course Utility to re-write or renew an obligation to Citizens First Bank and adding up to \$150,000 on the note. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Operator license approvals (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Sanwick/second by Alderperson Naxi to approve operator licenses for Donald Cooper, Heather Schaffer, Dakotah Warden and Gracee Ott. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Approval of certified survey map – Felton Enterprises, LLC – 1225 North Main Street (Plan Commission) Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Koppa to approve the certified survey map. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Approval of Badger Environmental Pay Request #13 – Rock/North East Avenue project (Public Works) – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Naxi to approve pay request #13 for \$14,562.11. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Approval of Badger Environmental Pay Request #2 – Rusk Avenue project (Public Works) – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Koppa to approve pay request #2 for \$97,063.82. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Approval to apply for Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) for air packs (Public Safety) – Buros stated there is a federal grant available that opens next month and we need approval from all municipalities with the Viroqua Fire Department District to move forward. The total grant would be approximately \$225,000 with a 5% match divided between the City and Towns at approximately \$6000 each. This would be for approximately 23 air packs, storage tanks and compressor. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Koppa to approve the application for the Assistance to Firefighter Grant and matching funds. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Approval of sander purchase in 2017 budget (Public Works) – it takes fourteen weeks to receive the sander once ordered and once received they would rotate the current sanders on various equipment for the best usage so approval is needed to pre-order the equipment. Motion by Alderperson Sanwick/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to approve the preorder of the sander at a cost of \$15,000 and add this to the 2017 capital expenditures. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Resolution on vacation of portion of Sherwood Drive lying west of Dionne Lane – this is the last step in the vacation process after the approval at the last Council meeting. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve resolution 16RS022 to discontinue and vacate part of Sherwood Drive. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Payment of bills. – Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Sanwick to approve the payment of bills on report date 09/22/16 in the amount of \$34,663.33 and additional bills on report date 9/27/2016 for \$30,849.36. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

13. Second Period for Public Comment – none

14. Adjournment - Motion made by Alderperson Naxi/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk