

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 25, 2017**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Marc Polsean, Terry Noble, Mike Bankes, Mike Koppa, John Thompson, Cyndy Hubbard, Jeff Gohlke and Sondra Nazi present. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Attorney Stephanie Hopkins, Public Works Director Sarah Grainger, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Evan Blatner, Tom Wilson, Jan Rasikas and Jenny Cain.

2. Approval of the April 11, 2017 Council minutes – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2017 Council meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment –Evan Blatner passed out a flyer regarding a meeting on May 3rd regarding Human Trafficking.

4. Approval for submission of WEDC Community Development Investment Grant for Viroqua Food Coop – Jan Rasikas updated the Council on the potential \$250,000 WEDC grant for their expansion. The City would be a pass through for this grant with the funds being spent first on construction and there is no match. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve resolution 017RS001 authorizing the submission of the WEDC grant. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Review/approval of amendments to Council rules – Council reviewed the updates presented by Attorney Hopkins based on comments from the previous meeting. A public comment period will be added at the beginning and end of each standing committee meeting. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to approve the Council rules as amended and presented. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Approval of Mayor's appointments to Council committees – Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the Mayor's appointments to Council committees as follows:

Finance and Personnel – Steve Bekkedal Chairperson, Cyndy Hubbard, Terry Noble, Jeff Gohlke, Mike Bankes
Public Works – Marc Polsean Chairperson, Steve Bekkedal, John Thompson, Mike Koppa, Jeff Gohlke
Public Safety – John Thompson Chairperson, Sondra Nazi, Marc Polsean, Steve Bekkedal, Jeff Gohlke
Public Property – Mike Bankes Chairperson, Terry Noble, Marc Polsean, Cyndy Hubbard, John Thompson
Park and Recreation - Terry Noble Chairperson, Mike Koppa, Mike Bankes, Cyndy Hubbard, Sondra Nazi
Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Reappointment of Kathy Hanson, Cyndy Hubbard, & Darlene Buhr to Library Board for three year terms expiring 4/30/2020 (Library Board) – Motion by Alderperson Koppa/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve the reappointments of Kathy Hanson, Cyndy Hubbard and Darlene Buhr to the Library Board. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Reappointment of Mike Olson and Dan Everson to Airport Commission for six year terms expiring 9/1/2022 and 9/1/2023 respectively (Airport Commission) – Motion by Alderperson Bankes/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to approve the reappointments of Mike Olson and Dan Everson to the Airport Commission. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Reappointment of Tom Weston to Police & Fire Commission for five year term expiring 5/1/2022 – Motion by Alderperson Gohlke/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve the reappointment of Tom Weston to the Police & Fire Commission. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Operator license approvals (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Nazi to approve operator licenses for Heather Palfrey, Eric Helgeland and Ian Kjos expiring 6/30/2018. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Approval of soil borings for Hwy 14N lift station (Public Works) – Motion by Alderperson Gohlke/second by Alderperson Hubbard to accept the proposal from Chosen Valley Testing for \$2700 for Geotechnical services. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Payment of bills (Finance) – Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the payment of bills on report date 04/20/17 in the amount of \$19,251.87 and additional bills on report date 4/25/2017 in the amount of \$58,671.29. 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 Koppa to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk