

**CITY OF VIROQUA  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
JUNE 27, 2017**

**1. Roll call:**

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Marc Polsean, Steve Bekkedal, Terry Noble, Mike Bankes, Mike Koppa, John Thompson, Sondra Naxi and Jeff Gohlke present. Cyndy Hubbard was excused. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Attorney Stephanie Hopkins, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Fire Chief Chad Buros, Melanie Lendosky, Jan Rasikas, Angie Cina, Evan Blatner, Tanja Birke, Lavon Felton and Jenny Cain

**2. Approval of the June 13, 2017 Regular Council minutes** – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Gohlke to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2017 meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**3. First period for public comment** - none

**4. Public hearing on proposed zoning change to allow fitness/wellness centers in B4 industrial district** – the public hearing was opened at 7:32 p.m. Lavon Felton stated he is working with VMH and they are looking to free up space in the hospital. They would lease the former Toman Tool building. They are looking at a conditional use permit situation by adding this as a conditional use within this zoning district. They would have massage therapy and cross fit with two-hour daycare for members as well as classroom space. Since over 50% usage in the district is industrial this would be allowed as mixed use. Plan Commission recommended approval of the zoning change. The public hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m.

**5. Consideration on zoning amendment to allow fitness/wellness centers in B4 industrial district** – Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve Ordinance17OR006 revising the conditional uses in the B4 Industrial Park District to include fitness and wellness centers as presented and waive the second reading. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**6. 2016 Audit report – Johnson Block & Associates** – Melanie Lendosky reviewed the 2016 audit report with the Council and answered questions.

**7. Update on Roberts Rules of Order from June 13, 2017 Council meeting by Attorney Hopkins** – Attorney Hopkins presented the Council with a written legal opinion regarding the objections that were raised at the last Council meeting. It is up to the members of the Council as to whether they want to strictly follow Roberts Rules and any objections need to be done right away and if not, it is an implied waiver of the rules. A point of order can only be done by a voting member of the group and not a member of the public. Therefore, none of the votes taken at the last meeting are nullified. If any of the votes were to be reconsidered a motion would need to be made to reconsider by someone voting in the majority and notice would have to be given in order to comply with open meetings requirements.

**8. Final resolution to discontinue and vacate part of North Center Avenue** – The construction timeline is now at a point in which the closing of the street is needed. The preliminary resolution had a different amount for the area being vacated but the correct amount is noted in the new resolution of 162 feet. There will be a four way stop at Church Street with no through traffic signs put up. There will not be a circular turnaround as previously discussed. We will be maintaining the easement in the street. Motion by Alderperson Gohlke/second by Alderperson Naxi to approve Resolution 017RS007 discontinuing and vacating part of North Center Avenue. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**9. Approval of Wild West Days lease (Public Property)** – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve the lease for 16.26 acres at \$65.00/acre for five years. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried. Alderperson Gohlke asked that they give a report to Council also.

**10. Update on property at 116 East Broadway** – Previously the Council had directed a raze order on this residence. The Mayor and Stephanie Hopkins attended a meeting at the Courthouse and there is someone that is interested in purchasing this property and fixing it up into a rental. They are aware of the raze order. The County plans on foreclosing and then it would go out for bids. We have not filed the raze order and will wait to see the outcome from the County.

**11. Approval of temporary Class B beer license – Viroqua Area Pullers (Public Safety)** – Motion by Alderperson Gohlke/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve the temporary Class B beer license for the Viroqua Area Pullers at the fairgrounds on July 15, 2017. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**12. Operator license approvals (Public Safety)** – Motion by Alderperson Bankes/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve operator licenses for Melissa Munyon, Mandy Dwyer, Peter Rowe, Lynn Swiggum, Larissa McDowell and Cory Molland. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**13. Approval of Hwy 14 lift station bids (Public Works)** – we received four bids with Badger Environmental being the low bid at \$297,960. Town & Country recommended adding five feet to the depth of the wet well for \$8000. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Thompson to approve the bid from Badger Environmental for \$305,960. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**14. Resolution – 2016 Compliance maintenance annual report** – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Koppa to approve Resolution 017RS008 for the 2016 CMAR report. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**15. 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 – One year performance review – Kyle Hanson Auxiliary Worker** – Motion by Alderperson Gohlke/second by Alderperson Bankes to enter closed session at 8:20 p.m. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**16. Reconvene in open session with possible action on items discussed during closed session** – Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Koppa to reconvene in open session at 8:24 p.m. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve an increase to \$19.01 per hour for Kyle Hanson effective upon his one year anniversary on 7/25/2017. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**17. Payment of bills (Finance)** – Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Gohlke to approve the payment of bills on report date 06/22/17 in the amount of \$26,331.45 and additional bills on report date 6/27/2017 in the amount of \$53,801.88. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**18. Second Period for Public Comment** – none

**19. Adjournment** - Motion made by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Naxi to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk