

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 8, 2017**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Marc Polsean, Steve Bekkedal, Mike Bankes, Mike Koppa, Cyndy Hubbard, Terry Noble, Sondra Naxi and Jeff Gohlke present. John Thompson 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, Utility Clerk Cheryl Purvis, Utilities Superintendent Greg Marsh, Street Superintendent Todd Kirking, Mark Maederer, Sean Lentz, Chuck Steinhoff, Mike Brendel, Kyle Bakkum, Kehl Arnson, Stephanie Ivey, Brandon Lee, Lara Roberts, Richard Endicott, David McIntosh, Jackson Reels, Cy Staflien, Dan Colten, Arwyn Wildhack, Lila Cina, Sue Moran and KJ Jakobson.

2. Approval of the July 25, 2017 Regular Council minutes – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2017 meeting as presented. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – KJ Jakobson stated the weed spraying is not being managed correctly. The flags are being put up about ½-1 hour before spraying in contrast to the posted information. She does not believe the boulevards are City property and there needs to be uniform enforcement on the boulevards.

4. Viroqua Area School District & VMH – information on indoor pool – Kehl Arnson and Mike Brendel gave a background of the Bigley pool funding sources since it was constructed in 2002 by the Bigley Foundation. They have been receiving \$35,000 from VMH the last two years and the funding will be stopping soon so they are looking at a plan for the future. A way to enhance their program and sustain it is the goal and they would like a representative from the City in the discussions regarding budgeting and funding. Alderpersons Noble and Naxi expressed interest in attending the meeting along with the Mayor and Administrator.

5. Public hearing – conditional use of property at 1130-1132 Nelson Parkway for a fitness/wellness center – the public hearing was opened at 7:50 p.m. Kyle Bakkum stated they are moving the fitness/wellness offsite to make room for cardiac rehab and looking at leasing the building for a minimum of three years. This will give people better access and more equipment. The zoning ordinance was changed to allow this as a conditional use in the industrial zone. The public hearing was closed at 7:54 p.m.

6. Consideration of conditional use of property at 1130-1132 Nelson Parkway for a fitness/wellness center (Plan Commission) – Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve the conditional use application for 1130-1132 Nelson Parkway for a fitness/wellness center. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Proposal for utility installation and private driveway at 905 County Road B – Brett Janzen (Public Works) – this item was skipped at this time.

8. Approval of Temporary Class B beer license – Viroqua Legion Baseball – WBA State Baseball Tournament (Public Safety) – Due to flooding the Coon Valley field is unplayable so the tournament has been moved to Viroqua. Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve a temporary Class B beer license for the Viroqua Legion Baseball WBA State tournament August 18-20, 2017. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Approval of Wapasha Construction Company Pay Request #11 – Wastewater Treatment Facility project (Public Works) – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Gohlke to approve pay request #11 for \$774,569.20. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of \$4,996,000 sewerage system mortgage revenue bonds of the City of Viroqua, Vernon County, Wisconsin and providing for the payment of the bonds and other details with respect to the bonds – Sean Lentz and Cheryl Purvis explained these bonds will be closing on

9/13/2017 to pay off the 2016 bond anticipation loan for the Wastewater Treatment Facility upgrade and lock in a 2% interest rate for forty years. This is not a General Fund obligation and the utility will set up a debt service reserve. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve resolution 17RS010 authorizing the issuance and sale of \$4,996,000 sewerage system mortgage revenue bonds. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Resolution accepting deed of property from N. David Guetzke and Constance A. Guetzke (Park & Rec) – this item was skipped at this time.

12. Public Property recommendation to send City rezoning request for rezoning of properties adjacent to Lewison Lane from Conservation to Residential to Plan Commission (Public Property) – Severson has been approached by realtors with questions on the properties in this area such as if the homes burned down could they rebuild and the Public Property Committee felt the process should be started to look into rezoning. Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Gohlke to refer this issue to Plan Commission. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

13. Ordinance updates concerning enforcement options in boulevard flower garden ordinance – first reading (Public Property) – the City has control of the right of way including the boulevards so the police department will either personally serve or mail the ten-day notice to comply with the ordinance. It was suggested to do a bunch at once and schedule a meeting of Public Property so there isn't a delay in enforcement. Currently the street department has been relaying addresses out of compliance to the police department. Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve Ordinance 17OR007 amending Chapter 12.12 obstructing streets, sidewalks and other public ways. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried. Alderperson Bekkedal would like to see us revisit this after the growing season with a report from staff on how it went.

14. Payment of bills (Finance) – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Noble to approve the payment of bills on report date 08/03/17 in the amount of \$132,642.72 and additional bills on report date 8/08/2017 in the amount of \$84,728.72. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

15. Second Period for Public Comment – Stephanie Ivey stated she hopes the City can find a way to help fund the indoor pool.

16. Adjournment - Motion made by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Koppa to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk