

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 29, 2017**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 29, 2017 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Marc Polsean, Steve Bekkedal, Mike Bankes, Mike Koppa, Cyndy Hubbard, Terry Noble, John Thompson, Sondra Nazi and Jeff Gohlke present. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Attorney Stephanie Hopkins, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Fire Chief Chad Buros, Utilities Superintendent Greg Marsh, Street Superintendent Todd Kirking, Chuck Steinhoff, Lila Cina, Debra Stout-Tewalt, Sean Bohan, Carolyn Eness, Bill Ludovice, Marv Hansen and Roger Tollefson.

2. Approval of the August 8, 2017 Regular Council minutes – Clerk Polhamus stated under item #5 the closing time of the public hearing should be 7:54 p.m. instead of 8:54 p.m. Motion by Alderperson Gohlke/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2017 meeting as corrected. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – none

4. Update on Wild West Days – Roger Tollefson – the weekend went well. The horse pull and hog wrestling was standing room only. They are already planning the 23rd annual for next year and plan on building a school building on the site. Native Americans will be returning with possibly some re-enactors as well.

5. Certified Survey Map – Crossing Meadows Subdivision – Marv Hansen (Plan Commission) – Motion by Alderperson Gohlke/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the certified survey map for the zero lot lines on the condos. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Presentation of general development plan and specific implementation plan for Bethel Home & Services for a planned unit development per chapter 17.09 of Viroqua municipal zoning code for a Birchwood duplex development consisting of approximately ten units located north of Maple Street and directly west of the Bethel Oaks Memory Care Unit at 620 Garfield Avenue Suite A - Sean Bohan and Deb Tewalt presented the various plans for the Council regarding elevations, utilities, existing facilities, site plan, drainage patterns and the roadway and answered questions. They would have ten duplexes or 20 units with access off Maple Street with no through traffic. There would be two car garages with 1300 square feet per unit. There is a 60-foot right-of-way with room for parking on one side of the street if necessary. There will be 20-40-foot setback in back, 15 feet between buildings with a 12-foot allowance in the front with the building being 26 feet from the roadway. There will be a storm-water pond to the north-east with utilities coming off Meadowood Court. The water main will hook up with Maple Street with an 8” watermain and two fire hydrants. Sanitary sewer will end at the last duplex before Maple Street. The electric will run along the western edge of the property. Each unit will have a crawl space with no basement to be used for storage only for their maintenance staff. They currently have sixteen people on a waiting list and the average age is 70-90. The City will receive a payment in lieu of taxes for these units. The homeowner will put down the up-front equity with 80% returned to them when they leave and 20% retained by Bethel Home via contractual agreement. They hope to start with excavation this fall on the utilities and the street. When complete the street will be a dedicated City street.

7. Consideration of general development plan and specific implementation plan for Bethel Home & Services Birchwood duplex development consisting of approximately ten units located north of Maple Street and directly west of the Bethel Oaks Memory Care Unit at 620 Garfield Avenue Suite A (Plan Commission) – Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve the plans as presented. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Appointment of three Council members to Police Union Bargaining Committee – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Bankes to appoint John Thompson, Steve Bekkedal and Terry Noble to the Police Union Bargaining Committee along with the Mayor, Administrator and Police Chief Daron Jefson. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried. The first meeting will be September 27th at 6:00 p.m.

9. Resolution accepting deed of property from N. David Guetzke and Constance A. Guetzke (Park & Rec) – Motion by Alderperson Gohlke/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve Resolution 17RS011 accepting the deed of property. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried. Alderperson Koppa asked if the park should be named after them.

10. Ordinance regarding races on City Streets – First Reading (Public Safety) – Council reviewed the document and made some minor wording changes. Motion by Alderperson Gohlke/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the first reading of Ordinance 17OR008. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Payment of bills (Finance) – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve the payment of bills on report date 08/24/17 in the amount of \$283,300.11 and additional bills on report date 8/29/2017 in the amount of \$98,246.92. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Second Period for Public Comment – none

13. Adjournment - Motion made by Alderperson Gohlke/second by Alderperson Naxi to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk