

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 27, 2018**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Marc Polsean, Terry Noble, Mike Bankes, Mike Koppa, Cyndy Hubbard, John Thompson, Sondra Naxi and Jeff Gohlke present. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Attorney Stephanie Hopkins, Public Works Director/Engineer Sarah Grainger, Utility Clerk Cheryl Purvis, Fire Chief Chad Buros, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Library Director Trina Erickson, Angie Cina, Tanja Birke, Evan Blattner, Kathy Hanson, Karen Mischel, Nathan Randall, Alicia Leinberger, Scott Langel, Toby Grotz and Gregory Splinter.

2. Approval of the March 13, 2018 Regular Council minutes – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as presented. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – Alicia Leinberger invited the Council to a meeting on April 4th with Mary Dougherty from Bayfield, Wisconsin regarding industrial agriculture. Toby Grotz presented the City with an open records request for information on the water utility.

4. Requests for land purchases off Arena Drive (Public Property)- the certified survey map has been complete for this area and these are non-buildable undersized lots which the committee recommended adding on to the adjacent neighbor's current lots. They recommended a purchase price of five cents per square foot with the purchaser paying the transfer fees. Motion by Alderperson Bankes/second by Alderperson Koppa to approve the sales of property to the adjacent landowners at five cents per square foot and the purchaser paying the transfer fees. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Operator license approvals (Public Safety)- Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to approve an operator license for Emily Dahl. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Fire Department 2017 Annual Report – Chad Buros- Chief Buros gave a slide presentation for the Council and answered questions regarding operations of the Fire Department in 2017.

7. Approval of vehicle use policy (Finance)- the Council reviewed the policy that was prepared to add to the personnel handbook regarding the personal use of vehicles. This affects both the Park & Rec Director and the Street Superintendent. The Fire Chief and Police Chief are exempt. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the vehicle use policy. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Approval of Wapasha Construction Co. Pay Request #19 – Wastewater Treatment Facility project (Public Works)- Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Gohlke to approve pay request #19 for \$98,741.74. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Resolution in support of home rule- this resolution was recommended after the last Council meeting and the Bug Tussel Tower issue. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Koppa to approve resolution 018RS007 in support of home rule. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Payment of bills (Finance) – Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Gohlke to approve the payment of bills on report date 03/22/18 in the amount of \$46,601.72 and additional bills on report date 03/27/2018 in the amount of \$40,437.06. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Second Period for Public Comment – none

12. Adjournment - Motion made by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Naxi to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk