

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 by Mayor Karen Mischel with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Gregory Splinter, Terry Noble, Tanja Birke, Mike Koppa, Cyndy Hubbard, Sondra Naxi, John Thompson and Jeff Gohlke present. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Attorney Stephanie Hopkins, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Public Works Director/Engineer Sarah Grainger, Utility Clerk Cheryl Purvis, Fire Chief Chad Buros, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Drew Shonka, Evan Blattner and several members of the Viroqua Fire & Police Departments

2. Approval of the October 30, 2018 Regular Council minutes – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as presented. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – none

4. Update and recognition of Police/Fire Departments on Linton Village Apartment fire call- Fire Chief Buros stated on 10/19/18 there was a fire at the 16-unit complex and he wanted to recognize the superior job that both the fire and police officers did to save the structure with minimal damages. Each member of the departments introduced themselves and received a round of applause for their service.

5. Presentation on Viroqua Chamber Main Street program – Nora Roughen-Schmidt- this item will be put on the December 11th City Council meeting.

6. Approval of Wapasha Construction Pay Request #28 – WWTF Contract A (Public Works)- Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve pay request #28 for \$34,000.00. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Ordinance regarding owning, keeping or harboring chickens – Second Reading (Public Safety)- Alderperson Koppa asked about a grandfathering clause for those that currently have chickens. It was stated that we cannot grandfather something that wasn't allowed to begin with but just wasn't enforced. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Noble to approve the second reading of ordinance 18OR003. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried. The Council will have reasonable discretion when looking at coops that are frozen to the ground in January when the permitting process starts. Citations would go to municipal court and any revocations would go to Public Safety & then Council.

8. Ordinance revising 6.04.140(a) Certain Animals Prohibited – First Reading (Public Safety)- this item was sent back to the Public Safety Committee for a rewrite. Horses and bees were also mentioned to be discussed in the ordinance.

9. Payment of bills (Finance) – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Birke to approve the payment of bills on report date 11/08/18 in the amount of \$50,849.47 and additional bills on report date 11/13/2018 in the amount of \$56,553.43. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Second Period for Public Comment – none

11. Adjournment - Motion made by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Gohlke to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk