

**CITY OF VIROQUA  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
JANUARY 8, 2019**

**1. Roll call:**

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2019 by Mayor Karen Mischel with Alderpersons Gregory Splinter, Terry Noble, Tanja Birke, Mike Koppa, Cyndy Hubbard, John Thompson, Sondra Naxi and Jeff Gohlke present. Alderperson Steve Bekkedal was excused. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Attorney George Hopkins, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Public Works Director/Engineer Sarah Grainger, Angie Lawrence, Pete Hodapp, Jessica Anderson, Tim Hundt and Angie Cina

**2. Approval of the December 11, 2018 Regular Council minutes** – Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Gohlke 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. Information on Viroqua Mural Project – Angie Lawrence, Susan Campbell & Pete Hodapp** -Lawrence and Hodapp gave a summary of the mural project. This will go along the wall of the Campbell building off Main Street to promote Viroqua. The project cost is \$16,600 and they have raised \$11,000 already and applied for grants. They will be using lifts instead of scaffolding as there was concern about the parking during the project.

**5. Mayoral proclamation commemorating Viroqua School Choice Week** – the Mayor read the proclamation recognizing January 20-26, 2019 as Viroqua School Choice Week.

**6. Discussion with possible action on 3-D cad drafting services for Rock Avenue from Court to Terhune** – Alderman Splinter has worked with someone who can do 3-D cad drafts to help with planning for the Rock Avenue park project. It is estimated to take about 30 hours to draft the existing conditions with any new ideas at another 30 hours. Cost would be \$15.00 per hour for a total of \$900 with payment going directly to the drafter. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Koppa to proceed with the 3-D cad drafts and authorize \$900 to move forward with the project planning process. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Action on land donation from Jessica Anderson (Public Works)** – this is for approximately 1.9 acres of the waterway area adjacent to the cemetery off Southeast Avenue on her property which we already maintain. A certified survey will need to be done which would be paid by the City. Motion by Alderperson Naxi/second by Alderperson Hubbard to accept the land donation and authorize the survey to be completed. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**8. Operator license approvals (Public Safety)** – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Birke to approve operator licenses for Jeanna Eastlick, Rachel Dehnart and Matthew Smith. An operator license for Adam Stanton was conditionally approved. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**9. Resolution adopting Vernon County Multi-Hazards Mitigation Plan 2018-2022-** Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Gohlke to approve resolution 019RS001 adopting the multi-hazards mitigation plan. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**10. Ordinance revising 6.04.140 certain animals prohibited – first reading** – Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Naxi to approve the first reading of ordinance 19OR001. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**11. Possible closed session per WI Stats. 19.85 (1)(g) – conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved – Jakobson claim** – Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Hubbard to enter closed session at 8:30 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**12. Reconvene in open session with possible action on items discussed during closed session** – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Noble to reconvene in open session at 8:55 pm. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Gohlke to deny the claim submitted by KJ Jakobson. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**13. Payment of bills (Finance)** – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Noble to approve the payment of bills on report date 01/03/19 in the amount of \$85,026.75 and additional bills on report date 1/8/2019 for \$1,142,991.66. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**14. Second Period for Public Comment** – Mayor Mischel presented Administrator Severson with a retirement plaque for his thirteen years of service.

**15. Adjournment** - Motion made by Alderperson Splinter/second by Alderperson Hubbard to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk