

**CITY OF VIROQUA  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
January 28, 2014**

**1. Roll call:**

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Marc Polsean, Gary Krause, Mark Rahr, Cyndy Hubbard, John Thompson, and Jeff Clifton present. Alderpersons Terry Noble and Tom Wilson were excused. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, Public Works Director Steve Clark, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Engineer Sarah Grainger, Utility Clerk Nancy Bekkedal, Nathan Randall, Sarah Caldwell, Irving Leif and Ann Morrison

**2. Approval of the December 10, 2013 Regular Council Minutes** – Motion by Alderperson Krause/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2013 Council meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**3. First period for public comment** – none

**4. Presentation/update from Friends of the Viroqua Bathhouse & Pool** – Ann Morrison updated the Council on what the group has been doing in regards to the outdoor pool. They would like to work with the Council with the idea of a downtown activity center and tourist destination. They have several petitions and have been doing surveys of other municipalities for ideas.

**5. Resolution regarding SB349 and AB476 preempting municipal authority to regulate air & water quality and quantity (Public Works)** – this resolution was presented to the Public Works Committee by Alderperson Wilson. With the new well and the wellhead protection zones it is important to keep local control and this was a sample resolution from the League of Municipalities. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Clifton to approve resolution 014RS001. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**6. Resolution – canceling void checks (Finance)** – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Krause to approve resolution 014RS002 to cancel checks totaling \$197.66. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Resolution for special assessment for sanitary sewer system hookup – S917 State Hwy 14 (Public Works/Finance)** Motion by Alderperson Clifton/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to table this resolution until the next meeting as the interest rate needs to be looked at along with a draft ordinance amendment. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**8. Operator licenses (Public Safety)** – Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve operator licenses for Justine Anderson, Gloria Gibson, Christina Myhre, Janet Kellum and Karen Mischel. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**9. Agreement for professional services for capital improvement plan – Vierbicher (Finance)** Severson stated this was reviewed by the Finance Committee and they recommended adding the swimming pool into the contract language so he will contact Kurt Muchow regarding this. Motion by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Krause to approve the agreement with Vierbicher with the amendment added for the swimming pool. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**10. Department report – Public Works – Steve Clark & Sarah Grainger** – Grainger presented the 2013 Public Works Annual report slide presentation to the Council and answered questions.

**11. Department report – Police Department – Daron Jefson** – Jefson presented the 2013 Police Department annual report slide presentation to the Council and answered questions.

**12. Well head Protection Ordinance amendments (Public Works) – First Reading** – Grainger stated we needed to add Well #6 to the ordinance along with other amendments and drawings. After all changes were reviewed a motion was made by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Clifton to approve Ordinance 14OR001 and waive the second reading. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**13. Payment of bills.** – Motion by Alderperson Krause/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the payment of bills on report date 01/23/14 in the amount of \$59,619.42 and additional bills report date 01/28/14 in the amounts of \$17,898.08 and \$16,653.92. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**14. Second Period for Public Comment** – none

**15. Adjournment -**

Motion made by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk