

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
April 10, 2012**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on April 10, 2012 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Marc Polsean, Jeff Clifton, Chuck Steinhoff, Gary Krause, Wes Mack, Cyndy Hubbard, John Thompson, and Terry Noble present. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Police Chief Daron Jefson, City Attorney David Jenkins, Joel Gordon-WVRQ, and Jennifer Wieman-Broadcaster.

2. Approval of the March 27, 2012 Regular Council Minutes.

Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Steinhoff to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2012 regular council meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment - none

4. Announcement of April 3rd Election results – Polhamus stated that on Election Day we had 811 voters but one late absentee vote came back that was able to be counted making a total voter count of 812 voters. Larry Fanta received 575 votes and Irving Leif received 189 votes for Mayor; Marc Polsean received 53 votes for Alderperson Ward 2; Gary Krause received 67 votes for Alderperson Ward 4; Cyndy Hubbard received 76 votes for Alderperson Ward 6; and Jeff Clifton received 73 votes for Alderperson Ward 8. The remaining elections for 2012 will be held on May 8th, June 5th, August 14th, and November 6th.

5. Appointment to Board of Review – Don Long – Polhamus stated that Don Long was on the Board of Review and his term expired on 4/1/2012. He is willing to serve another five year term until 4/1/2017. Other members of the Board of Review are Valdo Gilman, Roger Hatlem, James Delap, and Roland Hill. Motion by Alderperson Krause/second by Alderperson Hubbard to appoint Don Long to the Board of Review for a five year term expiring 4/1/2017. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Informational items on Police Department activities (Police Chief Daron Jefson) – Police Chief Jefson stated that they have installed a push button at the hospital crossing location which is working better to get motorist attention to stop for the crosswalk. We received a donation from Vernon Memorial for a speed board that will be put up to flash your speed as you pass. Jefson stated that there has been a lot of vandalism in the parks and about 75% have been captured and he is suggesting installing cameras in the parks. Westby and Coon Valley have done this and have had success. Alderperson Mack suggested that Jefson look at locations and prices and bring the information back to Council for approval.

7. City Wide Rummage Sales and Annual Cleanup Day – Polhamus stated that City wide rummage sales will be on April 19 – 21st. The annual cleanup day will be on April 21st from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. This will be held at Southwest Sanitation at 950 Nelson Parkway rather than at the City garage as in the past. This will be published in this week's Broadcaster and has been sent to the radio stations for announcement.

8. Ordinance – Prohibiting Certain Electronic Messages – Second Reading - Polhamus stated that the only change that was made since the first reading was the words “are paid” were added at the end of Section 1 due to the typing error. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Mack to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 12OR001 on Prohibiting Certain Electronic Messages. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried. Police Chief Jefson stated that this ordinance will be complaint driven and not through monitoring of emails, etc.

9. Payment of bills.

A motion was made by Alderperson Krause to approve the payment of bills on report date 4/05/12 in the amount of \$149,054.19 and additional bills report date 4/10/12 in the amount of \$6,576.42/second by Alderperson Thompson. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Second Period for Public Comment – Public Works Director Steve Clark reminded the Council of the DOT meeting at WTC from 5:00-7:30 p.m. this evening. Administrator Severson stated that there will be a special Council meeting on April 17th for the swearing in of new officers.

11. Adjournment -

Motion made by Alderperson Steinhoff/second by Alderperson Hubbard to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Lori Polhamus, City Clerk