

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
April 14, 2009**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons David Tryggstad, Marc Polsean, John Bjerke, Gary Krause, Weston Mack, Roger Hatlem, Gail Frie, Jeff Clifton and Terry Noble present. Also present were Administrator Jeff Gohlke, Assistant Administrator Matt Giese, Clerk John Severson, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Parks and Recreation Director Dan Stalesberg, Chuck Steinhoff, Shelly Maston, Laura Meeks and Bill Meeks

2. Approval of the March 31, 2009 Regular Council Minutes.

Motion by Alderperson Krause to approve the March 31, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment.

Shelly Matson addressed the Council concerning the proposed change to a private contractor for solid waste and recycling collection. Shelly said she is a low volume user and her monthly cost would be higher. Shelly asked if the cost will be fairly assessed to residents considering that some houses have been converted to apartments but have only one water service for billing purposes. Shelly also questioned to what extent the City would reduce staff and dispose of equipment to help reduce cost to the taxpayers.

4. Resolution authorizing execution of solid waste and recycling contract with southwest Sanitation.

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve Resolution No. 09RS002 authorizing the execution of solid waste and recycling contract with Southwest Sanitation, LLC. Seconded by Alderperson Frie. Alderperson Frie responded to the concerns raised during public comment and reviewed the summary of the contract. Alderperson Clifton noted that he and others not on the Public Works Committee had not seen a copy of the contract prior to the meeting. Discussion continued. On roll call vote Alderpersons Polsean, Bjerke, Krause, Mack, Hatlem, Frie, Noble and Tryggstad voted aye. Alderperson Clifton voted nay. Motion carries.

5. Ordinance rezoning property on C.T.H. B at Sherwood Dr. (extended) from A-1 To R-1 (Grace Church).

Motion by Alderson Frie to approve Ordinance No. 09OR002 and waive the second reading. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

6. Resolution opposing changes to the Prevailing Wage Law.

Jeff Gohlke informed the Council that the Proposed State budget would cause the prevailing wage limit to apply to governmental contracts down to \$2,000. The League of Municipalities is recommending opposition to the change. Motion by Alderperson Frie to approve Resolution No. 09RS003 opposing proposed changes to the Prevailing Wage Law. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

7. Arbor Day proclamation.

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the Arbor Day proclamation. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

8. Emerald Ash Borer Update.

City Forester Daniel Stalsberg reported to the Council on the discovery of the Emerald Ash Borer in Vernon County.

9. Payment of bills.

Motion by Alderperson Tryggestad to approve the bills as presented on payment reports dated April 9, 2009 and April 14, 2009 in the amounts of \$179,500.98 and \$94,410.77. Seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

10. Second period for public comment.

Shelly Maston thanked the Council for answering most of her concerns about the solid waste and recycling contract, but still was concerned about the billing to houses with apartments and only one water meter.

11. Adjournment.

Motion by Alderperson Tryggestad to adjourn the meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, 2009. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson
Clerk