

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES**

June 11, 2013

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Gary Krause, Cyndy Hubbard, Tom Wilson, John Thompson, Mark Rahr, Terry Noble and Jeff Clifton present. Alderperson Marc Polsean was excused. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, DPW Steve Clark, Attorney David Jenkins, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Engineer Sarah Grainger, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Utility Clerk Nancy Bekkedal, Mark Volden, Jean Ellefson, and Paul Roberts.

2. Approval of the May 14, 2013 Regular Council Minutes - Motion by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Krause to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2013 Council meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment - none

4. Public Hearing – Conditional Use Application 834 North Main Street – New Life Community Church (Plan Commission) – Mayor Fanta stated this application went before the Plan Commission and was forwarded to Council with a recommendation to approve. The church would be using the north half of the building and the remaining sections would be rented out. There was a question on what part of the building would be taxable property if any and it was the understanding of the New Life Church that anything for profit such as the rent would be taxable with the church portion being non-taxable.

5. Discussion and action on Conditional Use application 834 North Main Street – Alderperson Bekkedal made a motion to table action on the Conditional use application but withdrew his motion prior to any other action. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the conditional use application for 834 North Main Street. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Certified Survey Map approval – WTC, Dahl bldg, Former Gundersen Clinic (Plan Commission) – Motion by Alderperson Wilson/second by Alderperson Krause to approve the Certified Survey Map. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Appointment to Viroqua Library Board to replace Chris Cox – Julie Falkers – Motion by Alderperson Krause/second by Alderperson Hubbard to appoint Julie Falkers to the Library Board for a term to expire 4/30/2016. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Appointments to Viroqua Tree Board – Motion by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Clifton to appoint Todd Kirking to replace Dave Matheys until 6/1/2016, and re-appoint Dave Runice until 6/1/2016 to the Viroqua Tree Board. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Reappointments to Zoning Board of Appeals – Marion Clark, David Jackson, and Alt. James Larson to terms expiring 5/1/16; Sonja Fortney to term expiring 5/1/15 – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Rahr to re-appoint Marion Clark, David Jackson, and Alternate James Larson to terms expiring 5/1/16 and Sonja Fortney to a term expiring 5/1/15 to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Operator license approvals (Public Safety) - Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Krause to approve all operator licenses that were presented to the Public Safety committee on May 21, 2013. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Alcohol license renewals (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve all alcohol license renewals for the July 2013-June 2014 renewal that were presented to the Public Safety committee on May 21, 2013. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Action on resolution – 2012 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (Public Works) – Sarah Grainger and Nancy Bekkedal explained the 2012 CMAR report to the Council. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Krause to approve resolution RS13007 for the 2012 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

13. Action on preliminary resolution to vacate an alley – Attorney Jenkins stated this is the alley between Washington and N. East Avenue. He was contacted by a property owner regarding this and the alley isn't open currently as there are obstacles in the way. If this were vacated the alley would go to the abutting property owners, however there are utilities in the alley so easements would need to be granted. This resolution would start the process of public hearings and required notices. Motion by Alderperson Wilson/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve resolution 13RS008 to vacate an alley. Voice vote seven in favor with one abstention. Alderperson Noble abstained.

14. Approval for geo-technical services for Rock Avenue & proposed library site – Grainger stated this is for the soil borings for the proposed Rock, Terhune, and Court Street project at a cost of \$2240 and for the proposed library site for \$1955. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Clifton to approve the proposals for geo-technical services. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

15. Roof replacement on police & fire building capital expenditure budget amendment approval (Finance) – Severson stated the roof on the station has been leaking and this item went before Finance with three quotes being received. Finance put forward the estimate from Interstate Roofing in the amount of \$52,650 for consideration by Council. This would have to be added to capital expenditures as a budget amendment. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve the capital expenditure. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

16. Payment of bills. – Motion by Alderperson Krause/second by Alderperson Noble to approve the payment of bills on report date 06/06/13 in the amount of \$247,559.61 and additional bills report date 06/11/13 in the amount of \$26,324.01. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

17. Second Period for Public Comment - none

18. Adjournment -

Motion made by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Clifton to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk