

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
July 29, 2014**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Marc Polsean, Mark Rahr, Terry Noble, Jeff Clifton, John Thompson, Cyndy Hubbard, Tom Wilson and Mike Bankes present. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, Attorney David Jenkins, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Engineer Sarah Grainger, Library Director Trina Erickson, Kathy Hanson, John Doll, Nancy Rhodes, Ann Morrison, David Romary, Nathan Randall, Matt Shortridge, David Moon, Carole Moon, Paula Grenier, Loren Davis, David Iverson, Sarah Caldwell, Joan O'Connor, Kelly Whited-Ford, David Whited-Ford, John Tully, Pete Hodapp, KJ Jakobson, Lamont McPheron, Irving Leif, Marly Lager, Laura Amenda, Matt Amenda, Beth Walker-Stephenson, Becca Lewis-Clifton, Terry O'Connor, Kathleen Kroska, Amy Crofts, Amy Petrozzini, Maggie Petrozzini, Ronald Schirmer, Lynn Kronschnabel, Matt Johnson, Jim Luhnig, Colleen Kansier, Jenny Cain and Evan Blattner

2. Approval of the July 8, 2014 Regular Council Minutes – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2014 Council meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. Mayor's announcement that issues regarding boulevard gardens will be discussed at a future meeting – Mayor Fanta stated there will be a Special Council meeting held August 5th at 6:00 p.m. to address public comments on the boulevard garden issue.

4. First period for public comment – Ann Morrison stated she would like to see a study done for a pool downtown. Nancy Rhodes shared the concept design and bathhouse renovation with the Council along with statistics on the number of petition signatures obtained regarding support of the outdoor pool. David Moon commented on saving the history of the pool.

5. Public Hearing – CDBG Library project update – Mayor Fanta opened the public hearing at 7:48 p.m. John Doll of Tricon Construction stated the site excavation is 70% complete with the mains installed, footings 80% complete, walls 4% complete. Underground utilities are being completed to allow the steel to be delivered. They have made up 5-7 days and appear to be on schedule now. The overall project is going well. There were excavation and compaction issues in the beginning but those were addressed. The public hearing was closed at 7:55 p.m.

6. Memorandum of Understanding between City and McIntosh Memorial Library for new Public Library – this was suggested by the Department of Administration for the CDBG grant file. This will explain the process and sequence of events for the library project for the CDBG file for a future audit. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Resolution authorizing checking account for library project (Finance) – Motion by Alderperson Bankes/second by Alderperson Wilson to approve Resolution 14RS016 authorizing a separate checking account for the library project. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Pool basin demolition – in March the Committee of the Whole received a report from Burbach Aquatics regarding the outdoor pool and the cost estimate of \$2.67 million for restoration. Their recommendation was not to rehab the pool. Alderperson Wilson would like to see some long range planning to make it constructive for downtown and not have it cost more later. Alderperson Bekkedal stated that the Eagles Club needs to be included in the discussions because we do not own the entire property. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Rahr to have staff start a spreadsheet of demolition costs, report to Public Property committee and include the other entities (Eagle's Club) in meeting discussions. This will also be included in the long range

planning for the viability of the site. Roll call vote seven in favor, two opposed. Alderperson Wilson and Hubbard voting no. Motion carries.

9. Resolution designating public depository and authorizing withdrawal of City Moneys (Finance) – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve resolution 14RS017 designating public depository and authorizing withdrawal of City Moneys. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Approval of Temporary Class B license – Viroqua Fire Dept – Wild West Days (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Clifton to approve the Temporary Class B license for the Viroqua Fire Department for August 15-17, 2014 at Wild West Days. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Approval of Temporary Class B license – Associates of the Restored Temple Theatre (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Thompson to approve the Temporary Class B license for the Associates of the Restored Temple Theatre on September 6, 2014 at the Encore building 114 S. Main Street. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Operator licenses (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Clifton to approve operator licenses for Marci Lau and Nathena Nelson. Voice vote all in favor.

13. Consent for assessment – 633 S Washington Avenue (Public Works) - withdrawn

14. Consent for assessment – 523 S Rusk Avenue (Public Works) – this is for the cost of disconnecting water service at the main, replacing driveway approach, two sections of curb and sidewalk damaged during fire cleanup. The cost would be between \$2000-\$2500. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Clifton to approve the special assessment for 523 S. Rusk Avenue for a five year period at 4% interest. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

15. Approval of bid for paving of Nelson Parkway (Public Works) – the bid is for grinding and paving only as the City will be hauling gravel. The city cost estimate is \$40,000 with a projection of \$430,000 for the project. Only one bid was received from Mathy Construction for \$374,301. This is a TIF eligible expense and there is approximately \$175,000 cash available in Tid 5 with remainder paid by TID over time at approximately \$43,000 per year. We are also receiving \$32,000 in LRIP money for the project. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve the bid from Mathy Construction for \$374,301. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

16. Stormwater control/additional paving at Park Bowl (Park & Rec) currently they have concrete blocks diverting water at the park & rec building going up. They will need to resurface and reshape the area to fix the washout issues at an approximate cost of \$15,000. City workers will haul the additional gravel. Motion by Alderperson Bankes/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve the additional paving and storm water control at the Park Bowl. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

17. Ordinance regarding open hours for “Class B” intoxicating liquor licensees–First Reading (Public Safety) The Class B liquor licenses are restricted quota licenses and this is to help ensure that the licenses will be used and not remain idle. Alderperson Hubbard stated the owner of the Rooted Spoon would be affected by this re-write and Alderperson Wilson stated other private organizations could be affected as well. Motion by Alderperson Clifton/second by Alderperson Bankes to table the ordinance and send it back to the Public Safety Committee for further review. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

18. Pay Request #1 – Top Notch Construction – Park & Rec Building (Finance) Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to approve Pay Request #1 to Top Notch Construction for \$70,990.08 for the Park & Rec building. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

19. Update to Council on effluent discharge requirement by DNR (Public Works) Grainger stated they had a meeting with the DNR, consultants, and engineers regarding addressing the losing stream. The most probable

solution was discussed to pipe the effluent to Springville at an approximate cost of \$1.5 million. By doing this we would no longer have potential impact to groundwater. It does push our phosphorus limit lower. The pipe would be a 6-8" force main. The project would be in 2016 with a June 2017 deadline. We are ranked #8 on the DNR list for a potential \$500,000 grant in 2015 and also some CDBG funds would potentially be available.

20. Payment of bills. – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to approve the payment of bills on report date 07/25/14 in the amount of \$179,390.89 and additional bills report date 07/29/14 in the amount of \$95,593.19. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

21. Second Period for Public Comment – it was suggested by a member of the public to have name tags for Council members. It was noted that no activity will be taken on the boulevard issue before the next special meeting of the Council. The process for community involvement and capital campaigns for a pool committee was discussed with the long range planning. Matt Johnson stated the Park & Rec Department has a great program for the local youth.

22. Adjournment -

Motion made by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk