

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 10, 2010**

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 Marc Polsean, Charles Steinhoff, Gary Krause, Weston Mack, Cyndy Hubbard, John Thompson, Jeff Clifton and Terry Noble present. Alderperson Tryggestad was absent Also present were Administrator Matt Giese, Clerk John Severson, Police Chief Mark Rahr, City Attorney David Jenkins and Doug Swenson.

2. Approval of the July 27, 2010 Regular Council Minutes

Motion by Alderperson Polsean to approve the July 27, 2010 Council minutes. Seconded by Alderperson Mack All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment

None

4. Resolution petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for Airport Improvement Aid (Airport Commission)

Doug Swenson, on behalf of the Airport Commission, presented the resolution to the Council. Airport projects listed include runway lighting, path approach indicators, runway end identifier lights, hanger and entrance road reconstruction, equipment building, fencing, land acquisition for runway extension, AWOS update and mowing equipment. The City's share of project cost is 2.5 %. The Commission had previously held a public hearing on the request for Airport improvement aid. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the resolution for airport improvement aid. Seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

5. Fire Department Aerial Truck purchase

Motion by Alderperson Krause to purchase a new aerial fire truck. Seconded by Alderperson Mack. The Council discussed the purchase. Current cost of the new aerial truck is \$840,000 less the estimated value of \$150,000 for the current aerial truck for a net estimated cost of 690,000. The new aerial would have a 101 ft. ladder compared to a 75 ft. ladder on the current truck. The additional reach of the new aerial and high value of the current truck, considering it is 17 years old, were noted as reasons for purchasing the new aerial now. The estimated cost of replacing the truck in 5 years is \$1,029,000 due to annual cost increases and reduced value of current truck. Concern over the increase in debt service at this time and the serviceability of the current aerial were cited as reason to delay the purchase. Annual debt payment for the new truck over a ten year term would be \$85,000 per year. Current City debt service will decrease by \$68,000 in 2017. On roll call vote Alderpersons Steinhoff, Hubbard, Clifton and Noble voted nay. Alderpersons Krause, Mack, and Polsean voted aye. Alderperson Thompson abstained. Motion fails.

6. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Bid Awards – E3 Coalition (Finance)

There were no bid awards to be considered.

7. Approval for expansion of Willow Street Waterway Project – storm sewer extension

Matt Giese informed the Council of two recommended changes to the project. The project originally called for erosion mats to be installed by the check dams only. It is now recommended that an additional 1750 sq. yd. of erosion mats at a cost of \$5,800 be installed in the waterway and that an 18 in. concrete storm water tube be installed from Roosevelt extending south to the waterway at a cost of \$15,400. Since the project is 100% grant funded approval from the Department of Commerce would be needed for the changes. Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve the changes to the project subject to Department of Commerce approval. Seconded by Alderperson Hubbard. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

8. Payment of bills

Motion by Alderperson Krause to approve payment of bills as presented on payment reports dated August 6, 2010 in the amount of \$192,597.34. Seconded by Alderperson Thompson. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

9. Second period for public comment

None

10. Adjournment

Motion by Alderperson Steinhoff to adjourn the meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 31, 2010. Seconded by Alderperson Clifton. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson, Clerk