

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
September 9, 2014**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Marc Polsean, Mark Rahr, Terry Noble, John Thompson, Cyndy Hubbard, Jeff Clifton and Mike Bankes present. Alderperson Tom Wilson was excused. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, Attorney David Jenkins, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Public Works Director Steve Clark, Engineer Sarah Grainger, Library Director Trina Erickson, Youth Services Director Mary Mulvaney-Kemp and Nathan Randall.

2. Approval of the August 26, 2014 Regular Council Minutes – Hubbard stated “to a three year term expiring 10/1/2017” under item 14 should be removed as it was not in the original motion. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2014 Council meeting as corrected. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – Nathan Randall commented on the weed notice he received. Jeff Clifton and Terry Noble commented on the nice job done on Washington Park and the volleyball court.

4. Announcement regarding public information session on Emerald Ash Borer on September 17th – Grainger stated there will be an information session on September 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the Viroqua Area Medical Office Building downstairs conference rooms regarding the Emerald Ash Borer and Urban Forestry updates.

5. Update on Library summer reading program (Trina Erickson) – Erickson stated the adult programs started four years ago. These ran for thirteen weeks with 25 events all about being frugal with around a hundred participants, which is their best year ever. Mary Mulvaney-Kemp reviewed the children’s programs that ran for nine weeks with an average increase in participants of 153% from the 2013 program.

6. Interior Design fee proposal for new library (Finance) – tabled by Finance Committee

7. Approval of obligation documents for USDA loan & grant funding for Rock and NE Avenue project (Finance) Grainger stated on the water side we received a \$1,472,000 loan and a \$491,640 grant. On the sewer side we received a loan only for \$1,145,622.80. Of the 2.7 million in project costs, approximately one million will come from outside sources with the remaining being a water/sewer expense. The USDA requires us to obligate the funds by 9/23/14 in order to keep the funds. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to authorize the Mayor to sign and obligate the funds for the Rock and NE Avenue projects with USDA. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Approval of sale of City property – 2 taxi cabs – Polhamus stated we opened bids on September 5th for two damaged taxi cabs that were involved in accidents. Both cabs are 2010 Dodge Caravans which we received \$15,736.76 in insurance payments for. We received one bid from Chicago Autoplex in the amount of \$2211 for both vehicles. The proceeds would be used to purchase two new vehicles. There is a small cost share to the City with the shared ride taxi program. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the sale of the two taxi cabs for \$2211. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Payment of bills. – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Noble to approve the payment of bills on report date 09/05/14 in the amount of \$182,528.73 and additional bills report date 09/09/14 in the amount of \$34,778.84. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Second Period for Public Comment – There is a fundraiser for the library on the 16th at Nelson Ag Center from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

11. Adjournment -

Motion made by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk