

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
October 29, 2013**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, John Thompson, Cyndy Hubbard, Marc Polsean, Mark Rahr, Terry Noble and Jeff Clifton present. Alderpersons Gary Krause and Tom Wilson were excused. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Public Works Director Steve Clark, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, City Attorney David Jenkins, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Engineer Sarah Grainger, Eric Sherry, Matt Johnson, Derek Johnson and the members of Viroqua Boy Scout Troup #75.

2. Approval of the October 8, 2013 Regular Council Minutes - Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2013 Council meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – Eric Sherry, VFW Quartermaster addressed the Council and stated that the City of Viroqua has been selected to have the Loyalty Day Parade on April 26, 2014 and will be asking for a proclamation from the Mayor in recognition of Loyalty Day on May 1st. Derek Johnson introduced Boy Scout Troop #75 of Viroqua to the Council and they are attending a municipal meeting for their Eagle Scout merit badge for citizenship.

4. Appointment to Cemetery Board – Steve Bekkedal – Motion by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Clifton to appoint Steve Bekkedal to the Cemetery Board. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Operator licenses (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to approve operator licenses for Jessica Inman, Desiree Bender, Marci Lau, and Heather Scott. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Review of 2014 budget – Severson reviewed the proposed 2014 operating budget of \$5,133,083 with the Council and also capital expenditures. Alderperson Rahr stated the aerial for the fire department should be added into capital expenditures this year. Alderperson Noble stated he would like to see a commitment to long range planning regarding capital expenditures and projects which will be added to a future agenda. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Rahr to add the fire department aerial into the budget under capital expenditures for \$850,000. Roll call vote six yes and one abstention. Alderperson Thompson abstained. Motion carries.

7. Authorize publication of proposed 2014 General Fund Budget and set date for public hearing (Finance) – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Rahr to authorize publication of the proposed 2014 budget and set the date for the public hearing for November 26, 2013 at the regular City Council meeting. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Payment of bills. – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the payment of bills on report date 10/25/13 in the amount of \$1,085,061.91 and additional bills report date 10/29/13 in the amount of \$110,824.69. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Second Period for Public Comment – none

10. Adjournment -

Motion made by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk