

**CITY OF VIROQUA  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 4, 2014**

**1. Roll call:**

The special meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Marc Polsean, Mike Bankes, Mark Rahr, Cyndy Hubbard, John Thompson, Jeff Clifton, Tom Wilson and Terry Noble present. Also present were John Severson, Jodie Oliver, David Jenkins, Daron Jefson, Steve Clark, Sarah Grainger, Nancy Bekkedal and Dan Stalsberg.

**2. Public Works reorganization.**

With Steve Clark retiring in January the city will be reorganizing the Public Works department. The city engineer will have general responsibility for all Public Works which will include oversight and direction to Utility and street work. The Utility and Operations Superintendent will be responsible for all utility works, manage daily operations, and utility employees including timecards and scheduling. The Street Superintendent will be responsible for all street works, manage daily operations of street works and manage street employees including timecards and scheduling. The Assistant Street Superintendent will assist the street superintendent in their duties.

**3. Possible closed session per Wis. Stats 19.85 (1) (c) – considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governing body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility – Utility Foreman/Water Operator (Greg Marsh), Street Operator/Foreman (Todd Kirking), Street Operator (Al Larson), Park & Rec Auxiliary Worker (Nate Noggle), and Park & Rec Director (Dan Stalsberg).**

A motion was made by Alderperson Clifton and seconded by Alderperson Noble to go into closed session at 6:10 p.m. DPW Steve Clark, City Engineer Sarah Grainger, and Deputy Clerk Jodie Oliver were asked to stay. A roll call vote was taken with Alderpersons Bekkedal, Polsean, Bankes, Rahr, Hubbard, Thompson, Clifton, Wilson and Noble voting aye. Voice vote carries.

**4. Closed session per Wis. Stats 19.82 (1) – collective bargaining agreement, Police Union contract.**

At 6:35 p.m. DPW Steve Clark and City Engineer Sarah Grainger were asked to leave and Police Chief Daron Jefson was asked to come in.

**5. Reconvene in open session with possible action on items discussed during closed sessions.**

A motion was made by Alderperson Wilson and seconded by Alderperson Rahr to come out of closed session at 6:55 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with Alderpersons Bekkedal, Polsean, Bankes, Rahr, Hubbard, Thompson, Clifton, Wilson and Noble voting aye. Voice vote carries.

**6. 2015 proposed General Fund budget.**

City Administrator John Severson went over the budget by each line item, explaining changes in line item amounts from 2014 to 2015.

**7. Authorization of publication of proposed General Fund budget and set Public Hearing date.**

Aldersperson Thompson approved for publication the 2015 budget, the reorganization of the Public Works department, the position increases of \$4000 for Greg Marsh as Utility and Operations Superintendent, \$1 per hour increase for Todd Kirking as Street Superintendent, and \$1.50 per hour increase for Al Larson as Assistant Street Superintendent. Also approved was the additional wage increases for Director of Park & Rec Dan Stalsberg of \$1 per hour, Nate Noggle, Park & Rec of \$2 per hour. A 2% raise for all non-union employees and a 2% raise plus a 5 year \$2 per hour step for police dispatching. Aldersperson Rahr seconded. A voice vote was taken with Aldersperson Bekkedal, Polsean, Noble, Bankes, Rahr, Hubbard, Thompson, Clifton, and Wilson voting aye, voice vote carries. The Public Hearing date was set for December 2, 2014. A motion was made by Aldersperson Polsean and seconded by Aldersperson Rahr to approve the 2015-2017 police union contract. A voice vote was taken with Aldersperson Bekkedal, Polsean, Noble, Bankes, Rahr, Hubbard, Thompson, Clifton and Wilson voting aye, voice vote carries.

**8. Period for Public Comment.**

None.

**9. Adjournment**

Motion made by Aldersperson Polsean to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Seconded by Aldersperson Bekkedal. All voted aye motion carries.

Jodie Oliver, Deputy Clerk