

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 11, 2014**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Marc Polsean, Mark Rahr, Cyndy Hubbard, Jeff Clifton, Tom Wilson, Terry Noble and Mike Bankes present. John Thompson was excused. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, Attorney David Jenkins, Public Works Director Steve Clark, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Nancy Rhodes, Laura Amenda and David Iverson

2. Approval of the October 28, 2014 Regular Council Minutes – Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2014 as presented. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – Laura Amenda stated she would like the historic designation on her property at 322 N. Dunlap removed as she is selling the property and the sale is contingent on this being removed. A public hearing is scheduled for November 25th with the Historic Preservation Commission to address this issue and brought to Council that evening.

4. Operator license approvals (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve operator licenses for Robert Dowd Sr, William Townsley, Desiree Bender and Michelle Strait. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Appointment to Tourism Committee for two year term to replace June Pedretti – Leigh Anders – Motion by Alderperson Wilson/second by Alderperson Bankes to appoint Leigh Anders to the Tourism Committee. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Approval of Johnson Block & Company to perform 2014 audit – The proposal for services is a fee range of \$16,600 - \$17,900 which is in line with previous years. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve Johnson Block & Company to perform the 2014 audit. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Approval of Pay Request #2 for Library project – Tricon General Construction (Finance) – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve pay request #2 for \$430,311.26 for Tricon General Construction. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Resolution providing & confirming the use of city streets, alleys & other public ways by the City water & waste water systems for the purpose of construction operations & maintenance of said utility system (USDA requirement) – This resolution is a USDA requirement granting the utilities an easement to have their systems within the city infrastructure. Since the utilities are a separate entity and the borrowing of funds is done by the City we are essentially granting an easement from the City to the City utilities. Motion by Alderperson Wilson/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve resolution 14RS024 providing and confirming the use of city streets, alleys and other public ways by the City water and waste water systems for the purpose of construction operations and maintenance of said utility system. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Ordinance creating a Code of Ethics – Second reading (USDA requirement) – This is a requirement for the USDA funding. Alderperson Wilson raised questions regarding the administration jurisdiction under section 1.06.070. Attorney Jenkins stated there are penalties which could go to municipal court and appealed to Circuit Court. However, by statute a violation could also be referred to Council. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve the second reading of ordinance 14OR007 creating a code of ethics. Voice vote seven in favor with one no heard. Motion carried. Alderperson Wilson voted no.

10. Ordinance regarding the Viroqua Municipal Code – Second reading (USDA requirement) – Section three was added since the first reading making the code available on line as it is currently. Motion by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve the second reading of ordinance 14OR008 regarding the Viroqua Municipal Code. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Payment of bills. – Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the payment of bills on report date 11/06/14 in the amount of \$834,168.27 and additional bills report date 11/11/14 in the amount of \$30,164.66. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Second Period for Public Comment – Mayor Fanta stated there is an Open House at Conservation Connections on Wednesday, November 19th from 4-8 p.m. and also wished Mr. & Mrs. Polsean a happy 50th wedding anniversary.

13. Adjournment -

Motion made by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk