

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 24, 2009**

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, Roger Hatlem, John Thompson, and Terry Noble present. Alderpersons David Tryggestad and Jeff Clifton were absent. Also present were Administrator Matt Giese. Clerk John Severson, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Public Works Superintendent Steve Clark, Parks and Recreation Director Dan Stalsberg, City Attorney David Jenkins, Gary and Jenifer Nundahl, Anna Giese, Bob Giese and Dean Olson.

2. Approval of the November 10, 2009 Regular Council Minutes

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the November 10, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment

None.

4. Public Hearing regarding proposed application for Community Block Grant Funds for the reconstruction of West Broadway street between Hillyer Avenue and Rock Avenue.

Mayor Fanta called the public meeting to order. Dean Olson of CWE Inc. reviewed the CDBG program. CDBG funds are available for housing, public facilities and economic development. The City has been approved for a \$650,000 housing grant to be used for housing rehab and first time home buyers assistance. The City's capital improvement plan identifies various projects, of which the West Broadway reconstruction is of highest priority. The estimated cost for the project is \$750,000 which includes replacement of water and sewer mains, construction of retaining walls and resurfacing of the roadway. The Public Facilities grant application request is for \$375,000. No residential displacement is anticipated as a result of the West Broadway Reconstruction. Mr. Olson answered questions for the Council specific to the reconstruction. Mayor Fanta asked for comments from the public. No citizen comments were heard. Mayor Fanta closed the public hearing.

5. Resolution adopting citizen participation plan for CDBG funds for reconstruction of West Broadway Street Between Hillyer Avenue and Rock Avenue

Resolution No.09RS017 Adopting a Citizen Participation Plan was introduced to the Council. Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve Resolution No.09RS017. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

6. Resolution authorizing application for Community Block Grant Funds

Matt Giese introduced Resolution No.09RS018 Authorizing Submission of a CDBG-PF Application. Motion by Alderperson Polsean to approve Resolution No.09RS018. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

7. Public Hearing regarding proposed application for Community Block Grant – Emergency Assistance Funds for Willow Street drainage way improvement project.

Mayor Fanta called the public hearing to order. Dean Olson of CWE Inc. reviewed the CDBG Emergency Assistance program. An additional \$75,000,000 of CDBG funds are being made available for housing, public facilities and economic development for the 31 counties affected by recent significant flooding events. Mr. Olson noted the CDBG Housing grant that has been awarded to the City of Viroqua, and also the City's capital improvements plan. Mr. Olson reviewed the joint application with Vernon County for CDBG – EAP Funds in the amount of \$180,094 for the Willow Street drainage way improvement project. Matt Giese commented that continued erosion of the drainage way will soon impact private properties. Jennifer and Gary Nundahl own

property adjacent to the waterway and expressed their support for the project. Hearing no other comments, Mayor Fanta closed the public hearing.

8. Resolution adopting citizen participation plan for CDBG Emergency Assistance Funds for the Willow St. waterway improvement project.

Matt Giese introduced Resolution No.09RS019 Adopting a Citizen Participation Plan. Motion by Alderperson Noble to approve Resolution No. 09RS019. Seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

9. Resolution authorizing application for Community Block Grant – Emergency Assistance Funds

Motion by Alderperson Noble to approve Resolution No.09RS020 Authorizing Submission of the Application for CDBG Emergency Assistance Funds. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

10. Public Hearing on the 2010 proposed General Fund Budget

Mayor Fanta called the public hearing to order. Matt Giese reviewed the 2010 proposed budget with the Council. Revenues and expenses for the 2010 budget are \$4,488,027, down 13.3% from 2009 with a proposed tax levy of \$1,763,254. No public comment was heard. Mayor Fanta closed the public.

11. Approval of the 2010 General Fund Budget and 2009 tax levy collectable in 2010

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve the 2010 General Fund budget and levy a tax in the amount of \$1,763,254. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

12. Operator license

Motion by Alderperson Mack to approve an operator license for Christine Feldmen. Seconded by Alderperson Thompson. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

13. Payment of bills.

Motion by Alderperson Krause to approve payment of the bills as presented on payment reports dated November 20, 2009 and November 24, 2009 in the amounts of \$110,385.12 and \$37,183.89. Seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

14. Second period for public comment

None.

15. Adjournment.

Motion by Alderperson Hatlem to adjourn the meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 8, 2009. Seconded by Alderperson Steinhoff. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson, Clerk