

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 2010**

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 David Tryggestad, Marc Polsean, Charles Steinhoff, Gary Krause, Weston Mack, Cyndy Hubbard, John Thompson and Terry Noble present. Alderperson Jeff Clifton was absent. Also present were Administrator Matt Giese, Clerk John Severson, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Public Works Director Steve Clark and City Attorney David Jenkins, Peter Flecher, Todd Shea and Mike Callan.

2. Approval of the November 30, 2010 Regular Council Minutes

Motion by Alderperson Krause to approve the November 30, 2010 Council minutes. Seconded by Alderperson Hubbard. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

3. First period for public comment

None

4. Renewal of Vernon County E-911 Dispatch

Motion by Alderperson Noble to approve the Vernon County E-911 Dispatch Agreement which authorizes calling out the Viroqua Fire Department for all traffic accidents in the City of Viroqua. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

5. Safe Routes to School Grant update – Peter Fletcher

Peter Fletcher of the Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission reported that the joint grant application of Viroqua and Westby, for the planning of the Safe Route to School project, had been approved in the amount of \$34,000. The funds will be used by MRRPC to develop the implementation plan which will be eligible for 100% funding. Mr. Fletcher reviewed the tasks and timetable for completion of the final application.

6. Proposed Southwest Commuter Bus System – Peter Fletcher

Mr. Fletcher discussed the proposed Southwest Wisconsin Commuter Bus program with the Council. The fixed route public transportation service would serve Crawford County, southern La Crosse County and middle/western Vernon County. Three 12 passenger buses would make four round trips on each route per day. Total cost for one year of operation is estimated at \$362,000. After fare revenues and 80% first year D.O.T funding the entire local match would be \$45,000 to \$65,000. Local matching fund commitments by local governments and businesses would be necessary by February, 2011 for the service to begin in May, 2011.

7. National Weather Service Storm Ready Certification

Todd Shea, Warning Coordination Officer for the National Weather Service in La Crosse, presented the Council with a Storm Ready Certificate. Mr. Shea thanked Police Chief Mark Rahr for his efforts in securing the certification.

8. Vernon County Historical Society request for donation

Mike Callan asked the Council to consider a \$3,881.00 donation in support of the Vernon County Historical Society. Motion by Alderperson Polsean to approve the donation of \$3,881.00. Seconded by Alderperson Hubbard. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

9. Operator licenses

Motion by Alderperson Steinhoff to approve operator licenses for Terrance Bullock, Tracy Dempsey, Robert Hanson, Rebekah Simonson and Fawn Johnson as recommended by Public Safety. Seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

10. Appointment to the Library Board – Jennifer Wieman

Motion by Alderperson Tryggestad to approve the appointment of Jennifer Wieman to the Library Board. Seconded by Alderperson Hubbard. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

11. Payment of bills

Motion by Alderperson Krause to approve payment of bills as presented on payment reports dated December 10, 2010 and December 14, 2010 in the amounts of \$107,682.24 and \$195,053.22. Seconded by Alderperson Thompson. All voted aye on roll call vote. Motion carries.

12. Second period for public comment

Mayor Fanta presented a Proclamation proclaiming the 15th day of December, 2010 as Heritage Day in the City of Viroqua and honoring the designation of the former Vernon County Normal School as a State of Wisconsin and National Historic Site.

13. Adjournment

Motion by Alderperson Hubbard to adjourn the meeting until December 28, 2010. Seconded by Alderperson Krause. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

John Severson, Clerk