

**CITY OF VIROQUA  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
December 27, 2011**

**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, Chuck Steinhoff, Gary Krause, Wes Mack, Cyndy Hubbard, John Thompson, Terry Noble and Jeff Clifton present. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, Deputy Clerk Jodie Oliver, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, DPW Steve Clark, Peter Fletcher Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission and Broadcaster reporter Jennifer Wieman.

**2. Approval of the December 13th, 2011 Regular Council Minutes.**

Motion by Alderperson Noble and seconded by Alderperson Steinhoff to approve the minutes of the December 13th, 2011 regular council meeting. All voted aye on a voice vote, motion carries.

**3. First period for public comment.**

None.

**4. Presentation on Three County Commuter Bus Plan-Peter Fletcher, Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission.**

The commuter bus routes will feature three daily routes with pickups early morning, mid morning, mid afternoon and early evening. There will be one 12-20 passenger handicapped accessible bus equipped with bike racks on each route making 4 round trips per day. The fare will be \$3.00 one way with transfers available to other public transportation services. There is a "Guaranteed Ride Home Service" ensuring access to a ride home in case of an emergency for users. In 2012, 61.5% of total project costs will be funded through the Wisconsin DOT program focusing on rural transit. The remaining 38.5% of funding will come from fare box revenues and local match. Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission needs \$80,000-\$90,000 in matching funds. They would like to know by March or April if the city would like to donate.

**5. Appointment of election workers for 2012-2013**

A motion was made by Alderperson Thompson and seconded by Alderperson Krause to appoint election workers for the 2012-2013 election cycle.(list attached). All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carries.

**6. Operator licenses (Public Safety)**

A motion was made by Alderperson Polsean and seconded by Alderperson Steinhoff to approve beverage servers licenses for Laura Burnham, Dave Goss, Katie McVay, and John NeCollins. All voted aye on a voice vote, motion carries.

**7. Fire Department purchase of infrared camera (Public Safety)**

A motion was made by Alderperson Krause and seconded by Alderperson Mack to approve the Fire Departments purchase of an infrared camera for \$9500.00. Alderpersons Tryggestad, Polsean, Steinhoff, Krause, Mack, Hubbard, Thompson, Clifton and Noble voted aye. All voted aye on a roll call vote, motion carries.

**8. Possible closed session under 19.82 (1), Wis. Stats (collective bargaining purposes: Police Union)**

Motion was made by Alderperson Hubbard and seconded by Alderperson Krause to go into closed session at 7:53 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with Alderpersons Tryggestad, Polsean, Steinhoff, Krause, Mack, Hubbard, Thompson, Clifton and Noble voting aye. Motion carries.

**9. Reconvene in open session for possible action.**

The council reconvened in open session as noted on the agenda. Motion made by Alderperson Thompson, seconded by Alderperson Mack to approve the proposed changes for the three year collective bargaining agreement with the Viroqua Professional Police Association as presented. (Proposal attached)

**10. Payment of bills.**

The postage for Park and Recreation was listed two times and will be corrected. A motion was made by Alderperson Krause to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$69,574.74. Alderperson Mack seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Alderpersons Tryggestad, Polsean, Steinhoff, Krause, Mack, Hubbard, Thompson, Noble and Clifton voting aye. Motion carries.

**10. Second Period for Public Comment.**

The mayor announced that Alderperson Tryggestad has resigned from the city council.

**11. Adjournment**

Motion made by Alderperson Steinhoff to adjourn the meeting until January 10th, 2012. The motion was seconded by Alderperson Mack. All voted aye on a voice vote, motion carries.

Jodie Oliver, Deputy Clerk