

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2015**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Mark Rahr, Cyndy Hubbard, Jeff Clifton, Terry Noble, John Thompson and Mike Bankes present. Tom Wilson attended via speakerphone and Marc Polsean was excused. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Attorney David Jenkins, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Park and Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, John Montemurno, Chad Buros, Mike Brendel and Robert Knadle.

2. Approval of the February 10, 2015 Regular Council Minutes – Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2015 meeting as presented. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – none

4. Update/discussion on Viroqua Schools April 2015 Referendum – Viroqua Schools Representative – District Administrator Dr. Robert Knadle and Director of Business Services Mike Brendel addressed the Council with information on the upcoming Viroqua School District referendum. The referendum will be asking for authorization to exceed the revenue limit by \$350,000 a year for five years beginning with the 2015-2016 school year for non-recurring operation and maintenance expenses. Any questions related to the referendum can be referred to either Knadle or Brendel.

5. Fire Department 2014 Annual report – Fire Chief Steve Skrede and Assistant Chief Chad Buros gave a slide presentation of the Fire Department's 2014 Annual report to the Council and answered questions.

The Council took a ten minute recess at 8:35 p.m. and reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

6. Approval of extraterritorial certified survey map – Robert Starks (Plan Commission) – Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve the extraterritorial certified survey map for Robert Starks. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Resolution accepting a dedication of Addie Avenue segment (Plan Commission) – a small section of Addie Avenue was not included on the original description that came before Council earlier and this is a correction to include it. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve resolution 15RS005 accepting a dedication of Addie Avenue segment. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Approval of temporary Class B picnic license for St. Mary's Catholic Church on March 14, 2015 – St. Patrick's Day Dinner (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve a temporary Class B beer and wine license for St. Mary's Catholic Church on March 14, 2015. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Approval of temporary Class B picnic license for Friends of the Viroqua Library Chair Affair Auction on April 11, 2015 (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve a temporary Class B beer and wine license for the Friends of the Viroqua Library on April 11, 2015 at the Expo Center building at the Fairgrounds. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Operator license approvals (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve operator licenses for Isaiah Abt, Michael Corr, Lance Eitland, Cory Molland and Melissa Iverson. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Approval of Geotechnical Services for Northeast and Rock Avenue projects (Public Works) – this is a proposal for soil borings and was included in the original project financing. Motion by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the proposal from Chosen Valley Testing Inc. for \$3498 for geotechnical services. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Approval of Change Order #5 for Well #6 project (Public Works) – this change order is a decrease of \$17,882 on the Town & Country contract for unused allowances and supplemental bid items. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve change order #5 for Well #6. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

13. Appointment of Dani Lind to Tourism Committee to fill two year term of Dave Peterson (Tourism) – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Bankes to appoint Dani Lind to the Tourism Committee to fill the term of Dave Peterson expiring on 12/1/2015. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

14. Appointment of Todd Kirking as City Co-Forester and Eric Bankes to fill Kirking three year term expiring 6/1/2016 (Tree Board) – Motion by Alderperson Clifton/second by Alderperson Thompson to appoint Todd Kirking as City Co-Forester replacing Steve Clark and Eric Bankes to fill Todd Kirking's term on the Tree Board expiring 6/1/2016. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

15. Approval of sale of Engine #1 – Fire Department (Public Safety) – The 1983 Ford old engine that has been kept as a reserve will no longer pass a pump test. It has been advertised nationwide since last fall. We had one local offer for \$2200. They considered using it for the Public Works Department but it wouldn't work. Recently we received an offer of \$3000 from a fire truck collector. Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve the sale of Engine #1 for \$3000. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

16. Approval of Library project direct purchase invoices (Finance) - Polhamus stated we have \$118,608.78 in direct purchase invoices to save sales tax on the library project. We currently have approximately \$160,000 in the Library Construction account after a Library deposit. All of the invoices have been reviewed by the Construction Manager and are ready for payment. These will come back as change orders on the next pay request. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve direct purchase invoices in the amount of \$118,608.78. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

17. Approval of Library project change order #3 (Finance) This change order is for the reduction of \$56,580.15 for previous direct purchases and sales tax savings. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Rahr to approve Library project change order #3 for a reduction of \$56,580.15. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

18. Ordinance regarding obstructing streets – Boulevard Flower Gardens – First Reading (Public Property) Severson stated that the Public Property Committee met prior to Council and recommended tabling this ordinance so they can have more discussion. Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Bankes to table the ordinance. Voice vote with six yes votes and one no vote heard. Alderperson Bekkedal voting no. Motion carried.

19. Payment of bills. – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the payment of bills on report date 03/06/15 in the amount of \$209,830.25 and additional bills report date 03/10/15 in the amount of \$22,734.26. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

20. Second Period for Public Comment – none

21. Adjournment -

Motion made by Alderperson Rahr/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk