

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 2015**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Marc Polsean, Mike Bankes, Mike Koppa, John Montemurno, Jeff Clifton, Cyndy Hubbard and Todd Sanwick present. Terry Noble was excused. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Attorney David Jenkins, Fire Chief Chad Buros, Asst Police Chief Todd Simonson, Utility Clerk Nancy Bekkedal, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Library Director Trina Erickson, Nathan Randall, Christopher Turner and George & Stephanie Hopkins.

2. Approval of the September 29, 2015 Regular Council minutes – Alderperson Koppa questioned the three seconds referenced for the sign permit in item #5 and asked who is monitoring the signs to make sure they are complying. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Koppa to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2015 meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – none

4. Certified survey map approval – Jim Delap (Plan Commission) – There was a question regarding the street name on the map for Broadway versus Railroad and the surveyor was contacted and stated it should be fine based on the information he used. Alderperson Hubbard stated the street name should be corrected prior to approval. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Clifton to approve the certified survey map. Voice vote seven in favor, one against. Motion carried. Alderperson Hubbard voted no.

5. Mayoral appointment of City attorney – Hopkins & Hopkins LLP has agreed to work as attorneys with the same conditions that Dave Jenkins had for an indeterminate term. The wages for October will be split evenly between both Jenkins and Hopkins & Hopkins LLP during the transition. Motion by Alderperson Clifton/second by Alderperson Montemurno to approve the appointment of Hopkins & Hopkins LLP as City attorney. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Temporary relocation of Main Street Chamber office (Finance) – For at least three months during the construction at WTC, the Viroqua Chamber will not have an office location. They have discussed renting the former Pro-Line printing building across from City Hall and are asking the city to contribute \$250/month towards the \$500 rent. It is important that they stay visible in the community and they need to move by Thursday. Alderperson Clifton asked about using the Senior Center building but the location will be left up to the Chamber. Motion by Alderperson Koppa/second by Alderperson Polsean to pay \$250 towards the rent of a temporary office for the Viroqua Chamber until their location is available at WTC. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Resolution authorizing establishment of bike & pedestrian path with W. Jefferson Street Reconstruction project (Public Works) Grainger stated every two years LRIP money is available between the County and the State and they alternate who gets it. We have received money two years in a row so it is likely we will not get any but we are going to apply anyway. The West Jefferson Street project from Rock to Park View Manor resurfacing is a good project for the application because the bike path project would coincide with this and is a requirement if any federal money is received. Part of the application is the requirement for this resolution. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Montemurno to approve resolution 15RS023 authorizing establishment of bike & pedestrian path with West Jefferson Street reconstruction project. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Authorization for additional panic buttons for new library security system – Council previously approved the security system, however these are the silent alarms hooked up with the police department. The current library has four and they only installed one in the new library. They would like three fixed buttons plus a mobile unit. The cost would be \$2090. Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Clifton to investigate further having just the one mobile panic button to lower costs. Voice vote seven in favor, one against. Motion carried. Alderperson Hubbard voting no.

9. Resolution regarding special assessment of property – Dustin Giess (Public Works) Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve resolution 15RS024 for \$650 special assessment for installation of driveway curb and sidewalk for 709 S. Washington. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Payment of bills. – Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Clifton to approve the payment of bills on report date 10/08/15 in the amount of \$128,700.01 and additional bills report date 10/13/15 in the amount of \$4,626.72. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Second Period for Public Comment – none

12. Adjournment - Motion made by Alderperson Sanwick/second by Alderperson Polsean to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk