

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 23, 2016**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Marc Polsean, Mike Bankes, Mike Koppa, John Montemurno, Steve Bekkedal, Jeff Clifton, Todd Sanwick, Terry Noble and Cyndy Hubbard present. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Attorney George Hopkins, Engineer/DPW Sarah Grainger, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Fire Chief Chad Buros and Utility Clerk Nancy Bekkedal.

2. Approval of the February 9, 2016 Regular Council minutes – Motion by Alderperson Sanwick/second by Alderperson Montemurno to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2016 meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – none

4. Operator license approvals (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to approve an operator license for Jason McClelland. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Badger Environmental Change Order #1 – Rock/North East Avenue project (Public Works) – this change order covers items that were not bid out such as the picture frame concrete finishing, tire shop concrete work, driveway approaches at Dairy Queen and ambulance bay, asphalt patching, traffic signal wiring repair, low profile castings, resloping existing banks for ADA compliance, sewer cut ins, manhole setting, hydro seeding, storm sewer changes and intersection designs for a total of \$41,320.72. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Koppa to approve Change Order #1 for Badger Environmental. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Approval of Badger Environmental Pay Request #7 – Rock/North East Avenue project (Public Works) – Motion by Alderperson Sanwick/second by Alderperson Koppa to approve Badger Environmental pay request #7 for \$94,170.90. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Approval of Construction services agreement for WWTF – Town & Country – This agreement is for construction and admin services for the project. Part one is for an on-site person for the entire project at a cost of \$372,250 and part two is for the force main portion for \$71,500. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve the construction services agreement with Town & Country. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Approval of ordinance revising Chapter 2.16.030 of Municipal Code – Organization & Membership of Fire Department – First Reading (Public Safety) – Fire Chief Buros reviewed the changes for the Council which included changing the mileage from three to five miles to be able to get more firefighters and the wording of the number of chiefs, captains and lieutenants for more flexibility. Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Clifton to approve Ordinance 16OR002 revising Chapter 2.16.030 of the Municipal Code and waive the second reading. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Approval of ordinance revising Chapter 13.20 of Municipal Code – Sewer Use & User charges – First Reading (Public Works) – Grainger reviewed the changes with the Council which were specific to the sewer user rate increase for the Waste Water Treatment Facility upgrade. Motion by Alderperson Montemurno/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve Ordinance 16OR003 revising Chapter 13.20 of the municipal code. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Payment of bills. – Motion by Alderperson Koppa/second by Alderperson Noble to approve the payment of bills on report date 02/18/16 in the amount of \$1,597,553.04 and additional bills report date 02/23/16 in the amount of \$15,287.13. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Possible closed session per Wis. Stats 19.85 (1) (e) – deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive

or bargaining reasons require a closed session – Negotiation strategy for possible Tid 6 housing development – Luke Pelton – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Montemurno to enter closed session. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried. The Council, Mayor, Severson, Polhamus and Hopkins entered closed session at 8:00 p.m.

12. Reconvene in open session with possible action on items discussed during closed session – Motion by Alderperson Sanwick/second by Alderperson Hubbard to reconvene in open session at 8:55 p.m. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

13. Second Period for Public Comment – none

14. Adjournment - Motion made by Alderperson Montemurno/second by Alderperson Sanwick to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk