

**CITY OF VIROQUA
SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 18, 2017**

Roll call:

The special meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on April 18, 2017 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Sondra Naxi, Mike Bankes, Cyndy Hubbard, Terry Noble, Mike Koppa, John Montemurno and Todd Sanwick present. Alderperson Marc Polsean was absent. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Engineer/DPW Sarah Grainger, Attorney Stephanie Hopkins, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, John Thompson, Jeff Gohlke, Tom Wilson, Jenny Cain, Pati Engelstad, Tanja Birke and Evan Blatner

Adjournment sine die

Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Bankes to adjourn sine die. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Oath of Office for Newly Elected Officers – Clerk Polhamus administered the Oath of Office to Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Terry Noble, Mike Koppa, John Thompson and Jeff Gohlke for the 2017-2019 term.

Roll call – the same list of people were present as above with Alderperson Marc Polsean arriving at 6:15 p.m.

Election of Council President - Motion by Alderperson Bankes to nominate Alderperson Terry Noble for Council President/second by Alderperson Koppa. There were no other nominations. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Council Rules – a set of rules was reviewed by Council with no changes since April 2012. The Council had a discussion regarding public comment and chose to add a public comment period at the beginning and end of every meeting including committee meetings. Attorney Hopkins will bring back some structured rules regarding public comment with a limit per person and procedure outline for Council to review at the next meeting. Any Council member may ask to have something added to an agenda by letting the Clerk know. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Gohlke to bring back the suggested public comment procedures and approve the Council Rules. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Designation of official City newspaper – Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve the Vernon County Broadcaster as the official City newspaper. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried. Alderperson Hubbard expressed concern that they do not come to many of the meetings.

Designation of depositories for City funds – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve the following depositories for City funds: Royal Bank, Peoples State Bank, Citizens First Bank, Associated Bank, Westby Coop Credit Union – Viroqua Branch and the Local Government Investment Fund. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor's appointments to Council Committees - The Mayor postponed the appointments until the next meeting.

Period for Public Comment – Tom Wilson thanked the Council for the consideration of his letter regarding public comment.

Adjournment -

Motion made by Alderperson Bankes/second by Alderperson Naxi to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk