

**CITY OF VIROQUA  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2017**

**1. Roll call:**

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Marc Polsean, Steve Bekkedal, Mike Koppa, Mike Bankes, Cyndy Hubbard, Terry Noble, John Thompson, Sondra Nazi and Jeff Gohlke present. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Attorney George Hopkins, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Utilities Superintendent Greg Marsh, Street Superintendent Todd Kirking, Garrick Olerud, Tanja Birke and Evan Blatner

**2. Approval of the September 12, 2017 Regular Council minutes** – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2017 meeting as presented. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**3. First period for public comment** – none

**4. Review and acceptance of offer to purchase former library building at 118 E. Jefferson Street-** Garrick Olerud reviewed the two offers received of \$140,000 and \$175,000 and the City had counter-offered with \$210,000. One of the individuals accepted the \$210,000 price contingent on the sale of their house in St. Paul by 12/31/17. They did an inspection of the building on Friday, however Olerud did not have any updates from this other than some potential asbestos and a furnace issue. He is not sure if the potential buyers will ask for any contingencies on issues from the inspection. They plan on living in the upstairs area with commercial office space in the lower level with the potential of building a garage on the north side of the building. This will also need to go to Plan Commission for approval. Motion by Alderperson Gohlke/second by Alderperson Hubbard to accept the \$210,000 offer contingent on Plan Commission approval and other contingencies regarding the building that may need to be addressed. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**5. Operator license approvals (Public Safety)** – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve operator licenses for Mary Fancher, Kaleb Eckert, Tabithah Sommerfeldt, Jessie Newlun, Lee Barfield, Allison Sandbeck and Bobbi Griffin. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**6. Approval of Class B beer and Class C wine license for Kickapoo Coffee Café (Public Safety)-** Motion by Alderperson Gohlke/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the Class B beer and Class C wine license for Kickapoo Coffee Café. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Approval of Temporary Class B wine license for Chamber Main Street wine walk (Public Safety)** – this is a fundraiser to be held on November 17, 2017 from 6 pm to 9 pm. They plan on selling 250 tickets at \$25/piece and also \$10 designated driver tickets. There are nineteen stops on the walk that will have measured amounts of wine or other non-alcoholic beverage of ½ oz. each. There will not be any open containers allowed on the street and food and other activities will be at each location. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Koppa to approve the temporary Class B wine license for the Chamber Main Street wine walk. Voice vote eight in favor with one abstention. Motion carried. Alderperson Gohlke abstained.

**8. Resolution petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for airport improvement aid (Airport Commission) (Finance)** Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Polsean to table this resolution for Plan Commission review. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**9. Ordinance revising 17.08.020 of the Viroqua Municipal Code adding solid waste transfer station to B4 conditional uses-** Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to approve Ordinance 17OR009 and waive the second reading adding solid waste transfer station to B4 conditional uses. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**10. Payment of bills (Finance)** – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Noble to approve the payment of bills on report date 09/07/17 in the amount of \$55,797.18 and additional bills on report date 9/12/2017 in the amount of \$54,186.08. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**11. Second Period for Public Comment** – none

**12. Adjournment** - Motion made by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Gohlke to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk