

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 31, 2017**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Marc Polsean, Mike Koppa, Mike Bankes, Cyndy Hubbard, Terry Noble, John Thompson, Sondra Naxi and Jeff Gohlke present. Alderperson Bekkedal was excused. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Attorney George Hopkins, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Public Works Director/Engineer Sarah Grainger, Utility Clerk Cheryl Purvis, Fire Chief Chad Buros, Alicia Leinberger and Randy Skinner

2. Approval of the October 10, 2017 Regular Council minutes – Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Gohlke to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2017 meeting as presented. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment –Randy Skinner invited the Council to the Facing Forward Vernon forum to be held November 15th at the Viroqua High School.

4. Consideration of designation of historic structure at 225 N. East Avenue (Northern WI Cooperative Tobacco Pool Warehouse No. 2) (Historic Preservation)- a public hearing was held with no public in attendance and the Commission recommended approval of the structure. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Bankes to approve the designation of historic structure at 225 N. East Avenue. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Appointment of Dan Kiedinger to Historic Preservation for a three-year term expiring 10/1/2020- Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Gohlke to appoint Dan Kiedinger to Historic Preservation. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Operator license approvals (Public Safety)- Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Polsean to approve operator licenses for Lydia Turino and Jennifer Young. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Purchase of tractor mower for sewer department (Public Works) the streets department trade in their mower every year and the mower at the sewer plant needs replacing. We would do the normal trade but rather than sending the tractor back to John Deere the sewer department would purchase the trade in for \$11,000 out of sewer reserves and it could be a backup for streets also. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Koppa to approve the purchase of the tractor mower for the sewer department for \$11,000. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Replacement of SCBA/air packs/compressor and possible grant opportunity for fire department (Public Safety) we did not get the grant for the air packs/air compressor/storage bottles and the air packs expire next year. The cost would be around \$226,000 that is split half City and half Towns. The old compressor bottles could be sold. The question was discussed whether to wait and apply for a grant again if it becomes available and allow the packs to expire not knowing if we get a grant or to borrow as a capital expenditure. Motion by Alderperson Koppa/second by Alderperson Naxi to add the half City cost share to the budget for a capital expenditure. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Appointment of Gail Frie as Interim Cemetery Association President- Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Thompson to appoint Gail Frie as Interim Cemetery Association President. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Approval of Quarles & Brady as bond counsel for sewerage system revenue bonds, Series 2017- the \$9000 cost for bond counsel is part of the bond closing costs. Motion by Alderperson Bankes/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve Quarles & Brady as bond counsel. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of up to \$2,373,393 Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2017, and providing for other details and covenants with respect thereto, and approval of related \$3,053,393 financial assistance agreement- Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Naxi to approve resolution 17RS018 authorizing the issuance of sale of the sewerage system revenue bonds. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Resolution for special charges of sidewalk replacement & shaving (Public Works)- Residents were informed that if the sidewalk bills were not paid by November 10th they would go on the tax bills based on the schedule broke down on the resolution at 4% interest. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Gohlke to approve resolution 17RS019 regarding sidewalk shaving/replacement special charges. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

13. Possible closed session per WI stats. 19.85 (1)(g) – conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved – Permitting process claim-Ethos Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Bankes to enter closed session at 8:20 p.m. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

14. Reconvene in open session with possible action on items discussed during closed session – Motion by Alderperson Bankes/second by Alderperson Hubbard to reconvene in open session at 8:45 p.m. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Thompson to table action until next week's special Council meeting. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

15. Payment of bills (Finance) – Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Gohlke to approve the payment of bills on report date 10/26/17 in the amount of \$709,198.65 and additional bills on report date 10/31/2017 in the amount of \$11,400.37. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

16. Second Period for Public Comment – none

17. Adjournment - Motion made by Alderperson Polsean/second by Alderperson Gohlke to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk