

**CITY OF VIROQUA  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
JUNE 12, 2018**

**1. Roll call:**

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 by Mayor Karen Mischel with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Terry Noble, Tanja Birke, Cyndy Hubbard, Sondra Naxi, John Thompson and Jeff Gohlke present. Alderpersons Gregory Splinter and Mike Koppa were excused. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Attorney Stephanie Hopkins, Public Works Director/Engineer Sarah Grainger, Utility Clerk Cheryl Purvis, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Angie Cina, Tim Hundt and Craig Matthews.

**2. Approval of the May 29, 2018 Regular Council minutes** – Motion by Alderperson Gohlke/second by Alderperson Birke to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as presented. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

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

**4. 2018-2019 Alcohol license renewals (Public Safety)**- Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Noble to approve renewals for Viroqua Food Cooperative and Dave's Pizza & Sweet Shop. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**5. Operator license approvals (Public Safety)**- Motion by Alderperson Gohlke/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve operator licenses as presented. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**6. Application for temporary Class B beer license for Viroqua Legion Baseball at Viroqua Chamber Night Markets in Eckhart Park (Public Safety)**- Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Gohlke to approve the temporary Class B beer license for the Chamber Night Market dates of June 20, July 18, August 15 and September 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm for Viroqua Legion Baseball in Eckhart Park. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried. Fifty percent of the proceeds will be used for downtown revitalization in Viroqua.

The Council moved to item eight on the agenda.

**8. Approval for proposal for engineering services for commercial & industrial development (Public Works)** Last week Public Works listened to presentations from two firms – MSA & Vierbicher regarding an EDA project proposed as a joint project with Vernon County for commercial and light industrial areas on the north edge of Viroqua on County land. Vierbicher was recommended unanimously by the committee and three representatives from the County. Grainger & Severson also met with the Building & Facilities committee at the County. They will help with the application process and development of the master project plan. Motion by Alderperson Gohlke/second by Alderperson Thompson to approve the proposal from Vierbicher for engineering services for commercial & industrial development. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

The Council returned to item seven on the agenda.

**7. City Hall 2017 Department Report – Lori Polhamus**- Polhamus showed a power-point presentation and answered questions from Council.

**9. Possible closed session per Wis. Stats 19.85 (1)(e) – Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session – Wapasha Construction proposal for liquidated damages on WWTF project**- Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Gohlke to enter closed session at 8:12 p.m. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**10. Reconvene in open session with possible action on items discussed during closed session**- Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Hubbard to reconvene in open session at 8:19 p.m. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Alderperson Gohlke/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the

proposal from Wapasha Construction of \$25,000 for liquidated damages on the Wastewater Treatment Facility project. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**11. Payment of bills (Finance)** – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Noble to approve the payment of bills on report date 06/07/18 in the amount of \$71,630.36 and additional bills on report date 06/12/2018 in the amount of \$58,132.85. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

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

**13. Adjournment** - Motion made by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Naxi to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk