

**CITY OF VIROQUA  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
JULY 10, 2018**

**1. Roll call:**

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 by Mayor Karen Mischel with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Gregory Splinter, Tanja Birke, Mike Koppa, Cyndy Hubbard, Sondra Naxi, John Thompson and Jeff Gohlke present. Alderperson Terry Noble was excused. Also present were City Administrator John Severson, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Attorney Stephanie Hopkins, Public Works Director/Engineer Sarah Grainger, Police Chief Daron Jefson, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Jess Johnson, Sonya Newenhouse, Evan Blatner and Angie Cina.

**2. Approval of the June 26, 2018 Regular Council minutes** – Motion by Alderperson Gohlke/second by Alderperson Thompson 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. Approval of Mayoral Committee Appointments:**

**a. Board of Appeals**

**Jess Johnson to fill three-year term of Don Long that expired 5/1/2017**

**Bill Mapp – reappointment of three-year term that expired 5/1/2017**

Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Splinter to approve appointment of Jess Johnson and re-appointment of Bill Mapp to Board of Appeals. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**b. Board of Review**

**Jess Johnson to fill five-year term of Don Long that expired 4/1/2017**

**Valdo Gilman – reappointment of five-year term expiring 4/1/2023**

Motion by Alderperson Gohlke/second by Alderperson Birke to approve the appointment of Jess Johnson and reappointment of Valdo Gilman to Board of Review. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**c. Plan Commission**

**Valdo Gilman – reappointment of three-year term expiring 5/1/2021**

**Sonya Newenhouse to three-year term expiring 5/1/2021**

**Terry Noble to three-year term expiring 5/1/2021**

Motion by Alderperson Koppa/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the appointment of Sonya Newenhouse and Terry Noble and reappointment of Valdo Gilman to Plan Commission. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**d. Tree Board**

**Rebecca Wainscott to three-year term expiring 6/1/2021**

Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Koppa to approve the appointment of Rebecca Wainscott to Tree Board. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**e. Police & Fire Commission**

**Barb McNeal – reappointment of five-year term expiring 5/1/2023**

Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Gohlke to reappoint Barb McNeal to Police & Fire Commission. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**f. Historic Preservation**

**Gregory Splinter, Michael Corr, Tom Wilson – reappointment of three-year terms expiring 10/1/2021**

Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Birke to approve the reappointment of Gregory Splinter, Michael Corr and Tom Wilson to Historic Preservation. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**5. Appointment of steering committee for Rock Avenue project and Master Plan** – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Gohlke to appoint a Committee of the Whole of City Council as the steering committee for the Rock Avenue project and Master Plan. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**6. Operator license approvals (Public Safety)** – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Birke to approve licenses for Timothy Grindle, Andrew Dahl, Rebecca Grimsled, Brianna Abt and Amber Keenan. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Temporary picnic license application – Viroqua Area Pullers (Public Safety)** – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Naxi to approve the temporary Class B beer license for Viroqua Area Pullers for July 20-21 at the Vernon County Fairgrounds grandstands area and north of the grandstands. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**8. Possible closed session per Wis. Stats 19.85 (1) (c) – Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility – Utilities Auxiliary Worker position offer of employment (Public Works recommendation)** – Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Koppa to enter closed session at 7:58 p.m. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**9. Reconvene in open session with possible action on items discussed in closed session** - Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Hubbard to reconvene in open session at 8:05 p.m. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to hire Scott Peterson as Utilities Auxiliary Worker at a rate of pay of \$17.54 per hour. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**10. Payment of bills (Finance)** – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Birke to approve the payment of bills on report date 07/05/18 in the amount of \$167,879.26 and additional bills on report date 07/10/2018 in the amount of \$122,730.52. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

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

**12. Adjournment** - Motion made by Alderperson Naxi/second by Alderperson Splinter to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk