

**CITY OF VIROQUA  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
OCTOBER 30, 2018**

**1. Roll call:**

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 by Mayor Karen Mischel with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Gregory Splinter, Terry Noble, Tanja Birke, Cyndy Hubbard, Sondra Naxi, John Thompson and Jeff Gohlke present. Alderperson Mike Koppa 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, Library Director Trina Erickson, Fire Chief Chad Buros, Sarah Mayer, Drew Shonka, Charles Zander, Terry O'Connor, Tim Hundt, AJ Morgan and Dennis O'Loughlin.

**2. Approval of the October 9, 2018 Regular Council minutes** – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/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. Approval of extra-territorial certified survey map – Charles Zander (Plan Commission)**- Motion by Alderperson Bekkedal/second by Alderperson Thompson to approve the certified survey map. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**5. Approval of certified survey map – Allison Sandbeck (Plan Commission)**- Motion by Alderperson Gohlke/second by Alderperson Naxi to approve the certified survey map for Allison Sandbeck. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried. Gohlke noted that she has a revolving loan with the City and to check what property was used as collateral.

**6. Fair Housing Proclamation**- as part of our CDBG grant we are required to do three things to promote fair housing. This is one of the three items. This proclamation is to proclaim the month of November as Fair Housing Month. Motion by Alderperson Gohlke/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the fair housing proclamation. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Approval of Temporary Class B wine license for Viroqua Chamber Main Street on 11/16/2018 wine walk (Public Safety)** – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Birke to approve the temporary Class B wine license for the Viroqua Chamber Main Street for the wine walk on 11/16/2018. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**8. Approval of Temporary Class B beer license for Temple Theatre on 10/31/2018 (Public Safety)** – Motion by Alderperson Naxi/second by Alderperson Splinter to approve the temporary Class B beer license for the Temple Theatre. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**9. Operator license approval (Public Safety)**- Motion by Alderperson Splinter/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to approve an operator license for Jess Reed. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**10. Approval of Badger Environmental final change order for Hwy 14 lift station project (Public Works)**- Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Gohlke to approve the final change order for a credit of (\$28,430.26). Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**11. Approval of Badger Environmental Final Hwy 14 lift station pay request (Public Works)**- Motion by Alderperson Gohlke/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the final pay request for \$40,725.04. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**12. Approval of Wapasha Construction final change order for WWTF Contract A (Public Works)**- this item was tabled.

**13. Approval of Wapasha Construction Pay Request #27 – WWTF Contract A (Public Works)-** Motion by Alderperson Splinter/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to conditionally approve pay request #27 for \$38,659.06 on the condition that the contractor sign off and approve the \$70,000 retainage amount. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**14. Contract for services for proposed Tid 7 industrial park – Vierbicher-** With the proposed north industrial park expansion and the joint application with EDA for the project we are required by EDA to have a contract with Vierbicher for the professional engineering services that were previously approved. The not to exceed amount for consulting services is a not to exceed amount of \$17,000. Motion by Alderperson Gohlke/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the contract for services with Vierbicher. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**15. 2019 General Fund budget-** the budget was reviewed during the Committee of the Whole meeting earlier in the evening and any remaining questions were answered.

**16. Set public hearing date and authorize budget publication –** Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Noble to authorize budget publication and set the public hearing date for November 27<sup>th</sup> at the regular Council meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**17. Ordinance regarding owning, keeping or harboring chickens – First Reading (Public Safety)-** AJ Morgan stated the 50-foot setback is a concern and that La Crosse has a 25-foot setback. Terry O'Connor stated we could accommodate more people if we were more flexible and to just keep in your yard instead of setbacks. Dennis O'Loughlin stated neighborly agreements should be allowed also. Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Hubbard to strike 6.09.020 (f) and move 50 ft from adjacent dwelling to 25 feet from lot line under 6.09.050 (a). After further discussion this motion and second were withdrawn. Motion by Alderperson Noble to strike 50 feet from 6.09.050 (a). After further discussion this motion was withdrawn. Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Hubbard to have 15 feet from lot line and 25 feet from residence under 6.09.050 (a). Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Hubbard to strike 6.09.020 (f) from ordinance. Voice vote most in favor with one no vote heard. Motion carried. Alderperson Bekkedal voted no. Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the first reading of the ordinance with the above amendments. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**18. Payment of bills (Finance) –** Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Birke to approve the payment of bills on report date 10/25/18 in the amount of \$631,116.96 and additional bills on report date 10/30/2018 in the amount of \$559,359.70. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

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

**20. Adjournment -** Motion made by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Naxi to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk