

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 2019**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 by Mayor Karen Mischel with Alderpersons Steve Bekkedal, Gregory Splinter, Terry Noble, Tanja Birke, Mike Koppa, Sondra Naxi and Jeff Gohlke present. Alderpersons John Thompson and Cyndy Hubbard were excused. Also present were City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Attorney George Hopkins, Assistant Police Chief Todd Simonson, Public Works Director/Engineer Sarah Grainger, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Utility Clerk Cheryl Purvis, Tim Hundt, Debra Tewalt, Carolyn Ennis, Allison Sandbeck and Angie Cina.

2. Approval of the January 8th Regular, January 15th Special and January 22nd Special Council minutes – Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Gohlke to approve the minutes from the previous meetings as presented. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – none

4. Street dedication – Prairie Lane/Bethel Home (Plan Commission) – the new street will be named Prairie Lane and meets the street standards as proposed on the certified survey map. Motion by Alderperson Gohlke/second by Alderperson Noble to approve the street dedication. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Certified Survey Map – Birchwood Prairie/Bethel Home (Plan Commission) – Motion by Alderperson Gohlke/second by Alderperson Noble to approve the certified survey map. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Approval of Certified Survey Map – Allison Sandbeck (Plan Commission) – Motion by Alderperson Gohlke/second by Alderperson Noble to approve the certified survey map. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Approval of Crop Land Bids – there are four parcels of city owned land that went out for bids and we received four bids. Joe Vesbach bid \$175/acre for parcels #1-3 and \$230/acre for parcel #4. Alan Christianson bid \$165/acre for parcel #1 and Tom Selin bid \$160/acre for parcel #2. Both have first right of refusal so they would have to pay \$175/acre if they want to receive those parcels. The final bid was for parcel #4 from Tim Solverson and was \$226/acre. Therefore, if the first rights are exercised – Christianson would receive Parcel #1 at \$175/acre, Selin would receive Parcel #2 at \$175/acre and Joe Vesbach would receive parcels #3 and #4. Motion by Alderperson Koppa/second by Alderperson Naxi to approve the bids as presented and the first right of refusal will be offered. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried. When the farm bids come back up for discussion the Council would like to discuss organic farming practices on these parcels prior to bids going out in the future.

8. Operator license approvals (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Bekkedal to approve an operator license for Alyssa Selend. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Ordinance revising 6.04.140 certain animals prohibited – second reading – Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Gohlke to approve the second reading of Ordinance 19OR001. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Ordinance amending Section 13.020.070 (A) of municipal code regarding sewer penalties (Public Works) – first reading – the changes make the charges consistent with the current water rate case and allow changes to be made without updates to the ordinance each time. Motion by Alderperson Koppa/second by Alderperson Splinter to approve the first reading of Ordinance 19OR002 and waive the second reading. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Ordinance amending Section 13.04.130 (A) of municipal code regarding water shutoff fees (Public Works) – first reading - the changes make the fees consistent with the current water rate case filed with the Public Service Commission and allow changes to be made without updates to the ordinance each time. Motion by

Aldersperson Bekkedal/second by Aldersperson Splinter to approve the first reading of Ordinance 19OR003 and waive the second reading. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Payment of bills (Finance) – Motion by Aldersperson Bekkedal/second by Aldersperson Noble to approve the payment of bills on report date 01/24/19 in the amount of \$278,102.79 and additional bills on report date 1/31/2019 for \$106,613.48. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

13. Second Period for Public Comment – none

14. Adjournment - Motion made by Aldersperson Birke/second by Aldersperson Gohlke to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk