

**City of Viroqua
Common Council Meeting
March 26, 2019**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Karen Mischel with Alderpersons Sondra Nazi, Cyndy Hubbard, Gregory Splinter, Tanja Birke, Jeff Gohlke and Terry Noble present. Also present were City Administrator Nate Torres, Deputy Clerk Jodie Oliver, Police Chief Daron Jefson, City Attorney Stephanie Hopkins and Utility Clerk Cheryl Purvis, City Engineer Sarah Grainger, Sean Lentz from Ehlers, Devorah Yahn, Stuart Robinson, Rebecca Robinson, Dan Johnson and Tim Hundt. Excused were Alderpersons Bekkedal, Koppa and Thompson.

2. Approval of the 3/12/19 Regular and 3/19/19 Special Council minutes - Motion by Alderperson Gohlke to approve the minutes of the 3/12/19 & 3/19/19 council meetings. Seconded by Alderperson Splinter. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment - None

4. Public hearing on ordinance amendment to chapter 17.08 of municipal code adding brew pubs & distilleries as conditional uses in B-1 Central Business District, B-2 Commercial District and B-3 Industrial District - Dan Johnson spoke regarding the requirements of the State of Wisconsin to open a brew pub and distillery. Rebecca Robinson spoke about other towns that have brew pubs and distilleries and how that can draw people into the area. The Public hearing was closed at 7:40 p.m.

5. Ordinance amendment to Chapter 17.08 of municipal code adding brew pubs & distilleries as conditional uses in B-1 Central Business District, B-2 Commercial District and B-3 Industrial District – second reading (Plan Commission) - The ordinance amendment was forwarded from Plan Commission. A motion was made by Alderperson Noble to approve ordinance 19OR004 to allow brew pubs and distilleries in B-1, B-2, B-3 and wave the second reading. Alderperson Splinter seconded. Voice vote five in favor, one against. Alderperson Gohlke voted no. Motion carried.

6. Consideration of application for chickens at 646 E Decker Street – Devorah Yahn (tabled from 3/12/19 meeting) - Alderperson Birke made a motion to approve the application for 646 E Decker St., Alderperson Noble seconded. Voice vote four in favor, two against. Motion carried. Alderpersons Hubbard and Splinter voted no.

7. Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of \$1,280,000 Sewerage System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2019A of the City of Viroqua, Vernon County, Wisconsin, and providing for the payment of the bonds and other details with respect to the bonds - The refinancing would not change the term of the bond it would just take advantage of the lower interest rates. April 25, 2019 would be the closing date. A motion was made by Alderperson Hubbard, seconded by Alderperson Noble to approve resolution 019RS002 for the issuance and sale of \$1,280,000 sewer bonds. All voted aye in a roll call vote. Motion carried.

8. Approval of Quarles & Brady as Bond Counsel for issuance of Sewerage System Revenue refunding bonds, Series 2019A - A motion was made by Alderperson Gohlke and seconded by Alderperson Nazi to approve Quarles and Brady as Bond Counsel. All aye on a voice vote. Motion carried.

9. Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation - April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Vernon County Health and Human services will be placing 130 blue pinwheels at 4 different sites around the county during the month of April. Mayor Karen Mischel read the proclamation.

10. Operator license approvals (Public Safety) - A motion was made by Alderperson Birke, seconded by Alderperson Noble to approve the operator's application for Jessica Henderson. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carried.

11. Request for budget increase for annual fireworks purchase (Finance) - A motion was made by Alderperson Hubbard, seconded by Alderperson Splinter to approve the budget increase of \$500 for the purchase of annual fireworks. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Ordinance amending Chapter 5.20 Intoxicating liquors & fermented malt beverages and rescinding Chapter 5.22 retail “Class A” intoxicating liquor licenses (Public Safety) - The ordinance amendment adds definitions and sets qualifications. All the changes are from state statute. A motion was made by Alderperson Hubbard, seconded by Alderperson Naxi to approve the first reading of the ordinance amendment to Chapter 5.20 once Attorney Hopkins has made changes to the numbering and underlining issues. All aye on voice vote. Motion carried.

13. Payment of Bills - Motion by Alderperson Hubbard to pay the bills in the amount of \$268,978.73. Seconded by Alderperson Birke. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

14. Second Period for Public Comment - None

15. Adjournment - Motion made by Alderperson Birke, seconded by Alderperson Gohlke to adjourn at 8:47 pm. All voted aye on voice vote. Motion carried.

Jodie Oliver
Deputy Clerk