

**CITY OF VIROQUA  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES  
JULY 23, 2019**

**1. Roll call:**

The special meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 by Mayor Karen Mischel with Alderpersons David Tryggestad, Gregory Splinter, Terry Noble, Tanja Birke, Mike Koppa, John Thompson, Cyndy Hubbard and Jeff Gohlke present. Alderperson Sondra Naxi was excused. Also present were City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Administrator Nate Torres, Interim Police Chief Todd Simonson, Public Works Director/Engineer Sarah Grainger, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Fire Chief Chad Buros, Jeff Walbrun, Tim Hundt, Franz Funovitz and Evan Blatner.

**2. First period for public comment** – Tim Hundt stated he has taken a job with Congressman’s Kind’s office but encourages the Council to continue working on a plan for livestreaming our meetings.

**3. Discussion with possible action on Capital Improvement Plan project listing and administrative/financial guidelines – future plan for City Hall and Police Station** – Torres showed different scenarios regarding the projects in the capital plan and the impact on the financial guidelines that were given by Council previously. Alderperson Birke stated that having a prioritization matrix or objective guidelines for a rating system would be helpful in the future for this process. The City Hall/Police Station project consumes most of the General Fund borrowing so many other projects will not be able to be completed so a decision will need to be made on this as to whether we renovate our current building or build new. The consensus of the Council was to build a new building rather than spending money on the current one. Alderperson Noble was in favor of doing a referendum, however this would delay the decision until after the April election. After reviewing the data, the Council was in agreement to move forward with a possible levy increase between \$60-\$70 per \$120,000 valuation in taxes and with the ability to add projects as possible with the City Hall/Police Station project. The ad hoc committee will meet again to review the projects further and bring back the different options to the Council when complete.

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

**5. Adjournment** - Motion made by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Tryggestad to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk