

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 8, 2019**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 by Mayor Karen Mischel with Alderpersons David Tryggestad, Gregory Splinter, Terry Noble, Tanja Birke, Mike Koppa and Cyndy Hubbard present. Jeff Gohlke, John Thompson and Sondra Naxi were excused. Also present were City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Administrator Nate Torres, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Public Works Director Sarah Grainger, Attorney Stephanie Hopkins, Kurt Muchow, and Tom Wilson.

2. Approval of the September 24, 2019 Regular Council minutes – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Koppa to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – Tom Wilson stated he reviewed the bathhouse engineering report and was hoping for a more structural analysis but recommends the roof come off now to save the rest of the structure.

4. Operator license approvals (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Tryggestad to approve operator licenses for Jessica Inman, Carlton Hexom, Julie Ruef, Morgan Simonson, Elizabeth Fanta, Mark Herrling, Lisa Ashley and Jessica Miller. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approval of agent change for VFW Post 3032 Class B beer/liquor license (Public Safety)- Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Tryggestad to approve the agent change for the VFW to Daniel Everson for their Class B beer/liquor license. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Discussion with possible action on Bathhouse engineering report and capital improvement project- the Council reviewed the report and there was not a definite answer as whether the roof would come down if we waited another 2-3 years. The building has standing water so taking the roof off would allow the building to breathe while we look into grant funding. Alderperson Koppa stated we should also clean up the inside and remove anything that doesn't need to be in there. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Birke to authorize proceeding with looking at strategies and costs associated to address issues identified by GEC for the Bathhouse. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Review of draft 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan- tabled until Special Council next week.

8. Review and approval of B-5 zoning ordinance – First Reading (Plan Commission)- Torres reviewed highlights of the ordinance with the Council and answered questions. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Noble to approve the first reading of the B-5 zoning ordinance. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Approval of survey for waterway property on S. East Avenue (Public Works)- this is to survey property at 411 S. East Avenue to split the waterway property that is being donated to the City as approved by Public Works. Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Koppa to approve the contract with Vierbicher for \$2400 to do the certified survey map. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Ordinance affirming Ordinance 321 Annexing property to the City of Viroqua- the annexation ordinance 321 from 1981 was not sent to the State and cannot be located so the State is requiring Council to affirm the annexation of property again to record it correctly at the State. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Tryggestad to approve ordinance 19OR013 affirming Ordinance 321. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Payment of bills (Finance) - Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Tryggestad to approve the payment of bills on report date 10/4/19 in the amount of \$155,360.42 additional bills on report date 10/08/2019 for \$33,770.29. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Second Period for Public Comment – Tom Wilson thanked the Council on the Bathhouse work and agrees that it should be cleaned out and possibly incorporate renewable energy in the project.

13. Adjournment - Motion made by Alderperson Tryggestad/second by Alderperson Koppa to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk