

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 26, 2019**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 by Mayor Karen Mischel with Alderpersons Gregory Splinter, Terry Noble, Tanja Birke, Mike Koppa, Cyndy Hubbard, John Thompson and Sondra Nazi present. David Tryggestad and Jeff Gohlke were excused. Also present were City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Administrator Nate Torres, Public Works Director Sarah Grainger, Police Chief Rick Niedfeldt, Fire Chief Chad Buros and Evan Blatner.

2. Approval of the November 12, 2019 Regular Council minutes – Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Nazi to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – None

4. Public hearing on proposed 2020 General Fund budget- the public hearing was opened at 7:31pm. Torres reviewed a slide presentation and answered questions. The public hearing was closed at 8:01pm.

5. Approval of the 2020 General Fund budget and 2019 tax levy collectible in 2020 – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Koppa to approve the 2020 General Fund budget and tax levy of \$2,321,664. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Approval of 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan- there were no changes since the last review of the plan other than one deferred project was added for the trail system improvement project for \$600,000. It will help with the grant application if we show it as part of our planning process. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Application for temporary Class B beer license for Vernon County Shrine Club concert on November 30, 2019 (Public Safety)- Motion by Alderperson Koppa/second by Alderperson Birke to approve the Temporary Class B beer license for the Vernon County Shrine Club on November 30th. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Application for temporary Class B beer and wine license for Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School 2019 Holiday Faire on December 6, 2019 (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Splinter to approve the Temporary Class B beer and wine license for Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Approval of Pay Request #4 for Rusk Avenue project (Public Works)- Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Noble to approve pay request #4 for \$97,600.54. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried. We will have a \$5000 retainage yet in 2020 but the project is under budget.

10. Approval of Board of Commissioners of Public Lands General Obligation loan application and borrowing resolution for payoff of unfunded pension liability for \$865,000- Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the loan application and borrowing resolution # 019RS014 for the payoff of the unfunded pension liability. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Approval of GEC 2020 agreement and building inspection fee adjustments (Public Safety)- this is for a renewal contract with some fee increases. Some items were combined but contains a flat increase for all areas. It includes our 10% fee so as their fees go up our revenue does also. The committee recommended the items we administer for fences, small sheds, siding and signs remain the same price as in 2019. Motion by Alderperson

Thompson/second by Alderperson Splinter to approve the GEC 2020 agreement and also keep the prices the same for fences, small sheds, siding and signs as in 2019. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Payment of bills (Finance) - Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Naxi to approve the payment of bills on report date 11/21/19 in the amount of \$278,171.92 additional bills on report date 11/26/2019 for \$4230.38 and 2748.83. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

13. Second Period for Public Comment – none

14. Adjournment - Motion made by Alderperson Koppa/second by Alderperson Splinter to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk