

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
February 11, 2020**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 by Mayor Karen Mischel at City Hall with Alderpersons David Tryggestad, Gregory Splinter, Terry Noble, Tanja Birke, Mike Koppa, Cyndy Hubbard and Sondra Naxi present. Alderpersons John Thompson and Peter Bergquist were excused. Also present were City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Administrator Nate Torres, Public Works Director Sarah Grainger, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg and Ashley Keenan.

2. Approval of the January 28, 2020 Regular Council minutes – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Naxi 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 for Washington and South Rusk Avenues Reconstruction project – the public hearing was opened at 7:31pm. The entire project is budgeted at \$3.3 million. The project area for Washington is Court to Oak Street and South Rusk is Decker to Jefferson and Terhune to Hwy 14. The area from Jefferson to Terhune was already done previously. Some areas of the project will be fully replaced with eight-inch sewer and storm sewer will be added in areas where it doesn't already exist off Rusk Avenue. They will be bidding out to start in 2020 and finishing in 2021. The public hearing was closed at 7:28pm.

5. CDBG housing loan subordination request for refinancing of loan – Loma Huh – She currently has a loan with the City in the amount of \$10,959.00 that is repayable upon sale of the home. We are currently in the third mortgage position and she would like to refinance for a better interest rate and will not be taking out other debt. Couleecap also recommends the approval of the refinance as she will still have 10% equity in the property. Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Hubbard to subordinate this loan and remain in the third position upon the refinance for Loma Huh. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Discussion and approval of Vierbicher proposal for Railroad Avenue sewer project (Public Works) – There are thirteen properties along Railroad that currently are not served by our sewer system and with Tid funding we would like to install sewer in this area and ordinance amendments will come later regarding the timing for hooking up to the system. Motion by Alderperson Splinter/second by Alderperson Birke to approve the Vierbicher proposal for engineering consulting services for \$31,400. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Discussion and approval of bid for Park Bowl concession stand renovation project (Park & Rec) - tabled

8. Payment of bills (Finance) - Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Naxi to approve the payment of bills on report date 02/07/2020 in the amount of \$48,869.87 additional bills on report date 02/11/2020 for \$1,622,328.39. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Second Period for Public Comment – none

10. Adjournment - Motion made by Alderperson Naxi/second by Alderperson Koppa to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk