

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
March 10, 2020**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 by Mayor Karen Mischel at City Hall with Alderpersons David Tryggestad, Gregory Splinter, Terry Noble, Tanja Birke, Mike Koppa, Cyndy Hubbard, John Thompson, Sondra Naxi and Peter Bergquist present. Also present were City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Administrator Nate Torres, Public Works Director Sarah Grainger, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Police Chief Rick Niedfeldt, Fire Chief Chad Buros, Tim Hundt, Jeff Gohlke, Kehl Arnson, Mike Brendel, Jim Olson, Alicia Leinberger, Tyler Gabrielson, Jelora Coman and David Molitor.

2. Approval of the February 25, 2020 Regular Council minutes – Motion by Alderperson Naxi/second by Alderperson Birke to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – None

4. Update/information on April 7th Operational Referendum for Viroqua Area Schools – Dr. Kehl Arnson & Mike Brendel – Arnson and Brendel updated the Council and answered questions on the \$550,000 referendum to exceed revenue limits for the next five years.

5. Discussion with possible action on Department of Military Affairs expansion project & acknowledgement of non-conforming zoning use (Plan Commission) – COL Jelora Coman and David Molitor updated the Council on the project slated for construction in 2023. They are currently located in the R-2 district but are already non-conforming as they were in place when zoning went into place for the City. They are asking to remain non-conforming to allow them to do the project. The original building would not stay, and the new State-owned facility would be built in its place with the standard fencing to conform to City ordinances. The neighbors in attendance had no opposition to the project. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Thompson to approve the non-conforming zoning use and expansion project for the Department of Military Affairs. Voice vote seven in favor, two against. Motion carried. Alderpersons Splinter and Bergquist voting no.

6. Approval of proposal for energy planning services (Public Works)- Jim Olson and Alicia Leinberger explained the proposal to do an energy audit and create a plan to help get grant funding and provide options for energy reduction for the City in the lights, heat and fleet areas. Motion by Alderperson Naxi/second by Alderperson Splinter to approve the Engineering and Consulting Services contract with e3 Lighting for \$4200. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Approval of contract with ADCI for Architect services for City Hall/Police Station project – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Thompson to approve the contract with ADCI. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. City Hall & Police Station Funding Assistance proposal – Vierbicher – Motion by Alderperson Splinter/second by Alderperson Koppa to approve the Vierbicher proposal with total estimated costs of \$6500-\$10,000. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Appointment of Building Committee for City Hall/Police Station project – Motion by Alderperson Naxi/second by Alderperson Noble to appoint Nate Torres, Karen Mischel, Rick Niedfelt, Tanja Birke, John Thompson, Tim Hundt and Paul Woodward to the Building Committee. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Approval of Temporary Class B beer and wine license for Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School Anniversary Celebration on March 28, 2020 (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Koppa/second by Alderperson Naxi to approve the Temporary Class B beer and wine license. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Approval of Temporary Class B beer license for Viroqua Legion Baseball (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Koppa to approve the Temporary Class B beer license. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Approval of Temporary Class B beer and wine license for Viroqua Area Rotary Club at Temple Theatre on March 29, 2020 (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Splinter/second by Alderperson Koppa to approve the Temporary Class B beer and wine license. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

13. Approval of Pay Request #3 – A1 Excavating (Viroqua Business Park Expansion Project-EDA)(Public Works) – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Koppa to approve pay request #3 for \$104,480.53 for A1 Excavating. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

14. Resolution supporting local match for Community Safe Room FEMA grant – Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Naxi to approve Resolution 020RS004 support the local match for the Community Safe Room FEMA grant. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

15. Letter of support of building maintenance for Community Safe Room FEMA grant – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the letter of support. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

16. Ordinance for delayed connection to City Sewer System – Second Reading (Public Works) – Motion by Alderperson Noble/second by Alderperson Birke to approve the second reading of Ordinance 20OR002. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

17. Payment of bills (Finance) - Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Koppa to approve the payment of bills on report date 03/6/2020 in the amount of \$142,818.40 and additional bills on report date 03/10/2020 for \$77,193.73. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

18. Second Period for Public Comment – none

19. Adjournment - Motion made by Alderperson Koppa/second by Alderperson Birke to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk