

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

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 by Mayor Karen Mischel via online zoom meeting #86450386128 with Alderpersons David Tryggestad, Gregory Splinter, Terry Noble, Tanja Birke, Mike Koppa, Cyndy Hubbard, John Thompson, Kristal Welter and Allison Sandbeck present. Also present were City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Administrator Nate Torres, Public Works Director Sarah Grainger, Police Chief Rick Niedfeldt, Fire Chief Chad Buros, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Library Director Trina Erickson, Randy Skinner, Tim Hundt and Lisa Henner

2. Approval of the October 27, 2020 Regular Council minutes – Motion by Alderperson Welter/second by Alderperson Birke to approve the minutes from the previous Council meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – None

4. Public hearing on proposed 2021 General Fund budget – the public hearing was opened at 7:03 pm. Torres reviewed the budget presentation for the Council and public and answered questions. The public hearing closed at 7:38 pm.

5. Approval of the 2021 General Fund budget and 2020 tax levy collectible in 2021 – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Birke to approve the 2020 tax levy collectible in 2021 of \$2,365,762. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Review of Draft Lease Agreement for new City Hall project – Torres explained the relationship between the Redevelopment Authority and the City. The RDA will own the debt and the building; however, the City will pay the debt over the 40-year loan period with USDA. The final lease agreement will be done after the loan closes and the construction is complete.

7. Resolution designating officials authorized to declare official intent under reimbursement bond regulations – this resolution allows the City to reimburse itself from bond proceeds for items paid for prior to the borrowing as long as we declare official intent to do so by IRS guidelines. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Birke to approve resolution #020RS021. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Possible closed session per Wis. Stats 19.85 (1)(c) – considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governing body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility – Assistant Street Superintendent – Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Hubbard to enter closed session at 7:55 pm. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Reconvene in open session with possible action on items discussed during closed session – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Splinter to reconvene in open session at 8:17 pm. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the offer of employment as discussed in closed session per Sarah Grainger's recommendation. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Payment of bills (Finance) - Motion by Alderperson Welter/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the payment of bills on report date 11/05/2020 in the amount of \$183,687.14 and additional bills on report date 11/10/2020 for \$747,380.54. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Second Period for Public Comment – none

12. Adjournment - Motion made by Alderperson Tryggestad/second by Alderperson Splinter to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk