

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 29, 2020**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 by Mayor Karen Mischel via online zoom meeting #88273419464 with Alderpersons David Tryggestad, Gregory Splinter, Terry Noble, Tanja Birke, Mike Koppa, Cyndy Hubbard, John Thompson and Kristal Welter present. Allison Sandbeck was excused. Also present were City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Administrator Nate Torres, Public Works Director/City Engineer Sarah Grainger, Police Chief Rick Niedfeldt, Fire Chief Chad Buros, Utility Clerk Cheryl Purvis, Attorney Stephanie Hopkins, Sean Lentz, Nathaniel Slack, Josh Straka and Ben Wilson.

2. Approval of the December 8, 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. Review of pre-sale report for \$1,375,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes Series 2021B – Sean Lentz reviewed the pre-sale report with the Council for refunding of the 2016A, 2016B and 2020 State Trust Fund loans that will be on the same timeline as the 2021A bonds with bids on January 12th for cost savings on debt service and interest.

5. Operator license approvals (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Tryggestad to approve an operator license for Corey Simonson. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Request for Change of Agent for Class A beer & Class A liquor licenses – Walgreens (Public Safety) – Motion by Cyndy Hubbard/second by Tanja Birke to approve the agent change to Nicholas Anderson for Walgreens. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Rescind resolution 020RS029 terminating tax increment district (TID) #2 – this resolution will be brought back next year instead since we have extended the Tid by one year and should not have been done at this time per the Department of Revenue. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Welter to rescind resolution 020RS029 terminating Tid #2. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Approval of Pay Request #2 – Badger Excavating – Railroad Ave project (Public Works) – Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Thompson to approve pay request #2 for \$537.52. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Approval of Pay Request #5 – Gerke Excavating – North Rusk Ave project (Public Works) – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Welter to approve pay request #5 for \$10,208.69. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Approval of Strand Associates Engineering Services Agreement (Public Works) – this is for the engineering of the TAP grant on Main Street in the downtown section. Josh Straka reviewed the agreement with the Council. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Splinter to approve the Strand Associates agreement for a not to exceed amount of \$115,250. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Acceptance of bid/contract for South Rusk Ave & Washington project (Public Works) – we received four bids for the project ranging from \$2,683,212.10 to \$2,860,235.20 with the low bid being about \$115,000 lower than the original construction estimate. Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Thompson to approve the bid from Badger Environmental for \$2,683,212.10. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Resolution accepting Prairie Lane subdivision street, water, sewer and storm sewer infrastructure (Public Works) – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Welter to approve resolution 020RS030 accepting Prairie Lane subdivision street, water, sewer and storm sewer infrastructure. Roll call vote seven in favor, one against. Motion carried. Alderperson Splinter voting no.

13. Payment of bills (Finance) - Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the payment of bills on report date 12/22/2020 in the amount of \$215,488.10 and additional bills on report date 12/29/2020 for \$121,134.00. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

14. Second Period for Public Comment – none

15. Adjournment - Motion made by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Tryggestad to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk