

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 2021**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 by Mayor Karen Mischel via online zoom meeting #81227551739 with Alderpersons David Tryggestad, Gregory Splinter, Terry Noble, Mike Koppa, Cyndy Hubbard, John Thompson, Kristal Welter, Tanja Birke and Allison Sandbeck present. Also present were Deputy Clerk Jodie Oliver, Administrator Nate Torres, Public Works Director/City Engineer Sarah Grainger, Police Chief Rick Niedfeldt., Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Randy Skinner, Mike Maas, Josh Straka and Ben Wilson.

2. Approval of the January 12, 2021 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. Approval of chicken permit application (419 W Gillette)– Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the chicken permit application. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Discussion and possible action on land leases. A motion was made by Alderperson Hubbard/seconded by Alderperson Koppa to approve the new lease agreements go out for bids. Roll call vote was taken with Alderpersons Splinter, Noble, Birke, Koppa, Hubbard, Thompson, Welter, and Sandbeck voting aye, Alderperson Tryggestad voting no. Motion carried.

6. Appointment of Rachel Olson to Historic Preservation for three- year term expiring 10/1/2014 to finish term for Michael Corr whose term expires 10/1/2021. A motion was made by Alderperson Hubbard/seconded by Alderperson Splinter to approve the appointment of Rachel Olson to Historic Preservation. Roll call vote was taken all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Appointment of Theresa Washburn and Nora Roughen-Schmidt to a one-year term on Tourism Commission expiring 4/30/2022 to finish term for Alycann Taylor and Michael Corr whose term expires 4/30/2021 Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Sandbeck to approve the appointment of Theresa Washburn and Nora Roughen-Schmidt to a one-year term on Tourism Committee. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Appointment of Alderpersons Mike Koppa and Kristal Welter as the Diversity Board working group. – Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the appointment of Alderpersons Koppa and Welter to the Diversity Board working group. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Approval of City Hall project final design and budget (Building Committee) Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Birke to approve the City Hall final design and budget. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Discussion with possible action on Main Street consultant selection process. Josh Straka from Strand spoke, explaining that what we are asking people to do are TAP improvements and a comprehensive plan. The scope of the work is parking needs, traffic volume, the destination of foot traffic and future development. Professional services do not require public bids. We have received one proposal, but could request proposals from others listing their qualifications. The council would look at proposals.

11. Ordinance rescinding Chapter 9.08 of Viroqua Code regarding immoral conduct. A motion was made by Alderperson Thompson to rescind Chapter 9.08 regarding immoral conduct and waive the second reading. Alderperson Hubbard seconded. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Payment of bills (Finance) – Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Welter to approve the payment of bills. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

13. Second Period for Public Comment –None

14. Adjournment - Motion made by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Welter to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Jodie Oliver, Deputy Clerk