

**CITY OF VIROQUA  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 9, 2021**

**1. Roll call:**

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 by Mayor Karen Mischel via online zoom meeting #84832275568 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/City Engineer Sarah Grainger, Fire Chief Chad Buros, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Nathaniel Slack, Ben Wilson and Ashley Lacenski.

**2. Approval of the January 26, 2021 Regular Council minutes** – Motion by Alderperson Welter/second by Alderperson Sandbeck to approve the minutes from the previous Council meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**3. First period for public comment** – None

**4. Appointment of Eddy Nix to Historic Preservation for three-year term expiring 10/1/2024 to finish term for Tom Wilson whose term expires 10/1/2021** – Motion by Alderperson Splinter/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the appointment of Eddy Nix to Historic Preservation. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**5. Renewal application for chicken permit at 239 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Bernice Baker** – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Sandbeck to approve the renewal application for Bernice Baker. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**6. Request for CDBG housing loan subordination – Peter Hodapp** – Hodapp is refinancing for a better interest rate and terms along with settling his mother's estate with WCCU. The current loan outstanding with the City is \$19,697.95. The refinancing was reviewed by Couleecap and they recommended the subordination as he still has 25% equity remaining in the property. Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Splinter to approve the loan subordination for Peter Hodapp. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Approval of pay request #10 – A1 Excavating – EDA Business Park project (Public Works)** – This is the final pay request for the EDA project. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Splinter to approve pay request #10 for \$90,863.59 for A1 Excavating. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**8. Approval of bid for asphalt paving (Public Works)** – we only received one bid from Mathy Construction. Motion by Alderperson Splinter/second by Alderperson Welter to approve the bid from Mathy Construction. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**9. Approval of bid for concrete sidewalk replacement (Public Works)** – we received three bids and the low bid was from Fowler & Hammer. They bid \$8.70 for four-inch sidewalk and \$9.55 for six-inch which is normally in the driveway approach areas. Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the bid from Fowler & Hammer. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**10. Approval of Chosen Valley Testing contract for soil boring on Chicago & West Broadway sewer projects (Public Works)** – The cost for seven borings for the sewer utility would be \$3504.00. If eight are required the cost would be \$3724.00. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Welter to approve the Chosen Valley Testing contract. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**11. Payment of bills (Finance)** - Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Welter to approve the payment of bills on report date 02/05/2021 in the amount of \$921,209.09 and additional bills on report date 2/9/2021 for 46,214.19. The payment amount for Hopkins & Hopkins will be increased to \$2999.99 to reflect the contract amount change and a bill to ADCI will be added for \$10,856.21 for the City Hall and Police Station projects. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**12. Second Period for Public Comment** – None

**13. Adjournment** - Motion made by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Welter to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk