

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 30, 2021**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 by Mayor Karen Mischel via online zoom meeting #81268130063 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, Police Chief Rick Niedfeldt, Library Director Trina Erickson, Laci Sheldon, Sean Lentz, Tom Wilson, Angie Cina, Randy Skinner and Ben Wilson

2. Approval of the March 9, 2021 Regular Council minutes – Motion by Alderperson Welter/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the minutes from the previous Council meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – None

4. Reappointment of Laura Meeks and Jan Rasikas to Viroqua Redevelopment Authority for a one-year term expiring 4/13/2022 – Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Splinter to approve the reappointments of Laura Meeks and Jan Rasikas to Viroqua Redevelopment Authority. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Reappointment of Bill Brooke to Board of Review for a five-year term expiring 4/1/2026 – Motion by Alderperson Welter/second by Alderperson Birke to reappoint Bill Brooke to Board of Review. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Reappointment of Terry O'Connor to Library Board for a three-year term expiring 4/30/2024 (Library Board) – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Birke to reappoint Terry O'Connor to the Library Board. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Operator license approvals (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Tryggestad to approve operator licenses for Susan Wrobel, Larry Wrobel and Justin Miller. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Application approval for Temporary Class B beer license for Viroqua Legion Baseball at Park Bowl (Public Safety) - Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Tryggestad to approve the Temporary Class B beer license for the Viroqua Legion Baseball. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of a \$1,347,000 water system revenue bond anticipation note, Series 2021C- Only one bid was received from Citizens First Bank at 1.150% interest. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Welter to approve resolution 021RS004 authorizing the issuance and sale of \$1,347,000 water revenue bond anticipation notes. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of a \$1,676,000 sewerage system revenue bond anticipation note, Series 2021D – Only one bid was received from Citizens First Bank at 1.150% interest. Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Welter to approve resolution 021RS005 authorizing the issuance and sale of \$1,676,000 sewerage revenue bond anticipation notes. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Approval of scope of engagement for Bond Counsel for water and sewer bond anticipation notes series 2021C and 2021D – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the scope of engagement for Bond Counsel with Quarles & Brady. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Resolution for Support of Strong State and Local Partnership with Shared Revenue- Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve resolution 021RS006. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

13. Update on Library grant award for garden plots at old pool site- Laci Sheldon updated the Council on the educational garden that will be put in on the south end of the old pool site. There will be no permanent features but with four raised beds. The library received a Growing Together WI grant which includes \$2500 per year for years one and two and \$1500 per year for years three-five. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on 4/21/2021.

14. Ordinance creating Chapter 2.50 Diversity Advisory Board – Second Reading – Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Welter to approve the second reading of Ordinance 21OR002 creating the Diversity Advisory Board. Roll call vote eight in favor. One against. Motion passed. Alderperson Tryggestad voting no.

15. Discussion with possible action on process for nominating community members to Diversity Board – The Mayor will appoint the Council members at the 4/20 Council meeting with Community members possibly by the end of May. The Council would prefer nominations/applications in writing if possible but would still allow oral statements if not able to provide a written notice of interest. Council would like to advertise on Facebook, press release in the newspaper, reach out to stakeholder groups and the radio. The consensus was that they would need to be a Vernon County resident. Motion by Alderperson Welter/second by Alderperson Sandbeck to have nominations for community members in writing preferred by 5/4/2021 to the City Clerk and then Council will review submissions at the 5/11/2021 Council along with the Mayor's nominations with final approvals at the 5/25/2021 Council meeting. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

16. Approval of pay request #1 – Fowler & Hammer Police Dept project (Bldg Committee) – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Birke to approve pay request #1 for \$170,814.75. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

17. Approval of sealcoat contract for Railroad Avenue (Public Works) – Motion by Alderperson Splinter/second by Alderperson Welter to approve the Fahrner sealcoat contract for \$11,897. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

18. Payment of bills (Finance) - Motion by Alderperson Welter/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the payment of bills on report date 03/26/2021 in the amount of \$237,187.09 and additional bills on report date 3/30/2021 for \$144,833.37. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

19. Second Period for Public Comment – Tom Wilson stated the Library presentation map included the Eagles property and was happy with the program.

20. Adjournment - Motion made by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Birke to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk