

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 13, 2021**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 by Mayor Karen Mischel via online zoom meeting #86826171960 with Alderpersons David Tryggestad, Gregory Splinter, Nathaniel Slack, Ben Wilson, John Thompson, Kristal Welter, Tanja Birke and Steve Willis present. Also, present were Deputy Clerk Jodie Olson, Administrator Nate Torres, Public Works Director/City Engineer Sarah Grainger, Police Chief Rick Niedfeldt, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Utility Clerk Cheryl Purvis, Fire Chief Chad Buros and Charles Angell. Excused was Alderperson Hubbard.

2. Oath of Office for Steve Willis Ward 9 Alderperson and committee assignments.

Steve Willis was given the Oath of Office by Deputy Clerk Jodie Olson. He was assigned to Park and Recreation, Finance and Personnel and Public Property committees. Gregory Splinter was assigned to be the Chair of Public Property to replace Allison Sandbeck. A motion was made by Alderperson Birke, seconded by Alderperson Welter to approve the committee assignments. All aye, motion carries.

3. Approval of the June 29, 2021 Regular Council minutes – Motion by Alderperson Splinter/second by Alderperson Welter to approve the minutes from the June 29th Council meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

4. First period for public comment – Charles Angell stated he is opposed to ATV and UTV's because of the noise, disruption and pollution.

5. Council member appointment to Tourism Commission replacing Allison Sandbeck whose term expires 4/30/2022.– Motion by Alderperson Splinter/second by Alderperson Wilson to approve Cyndy Hubbard to the Tourism Commission. All aye, motion carried.

6. Approval of Pay Request #3 – Badger Environmental, S Rusk & Washington project (Public Works)

A motion was made by Alderperson Thompson/seconded by Alderperson Birke to approve Pay Request #3 in the amount of \$936,530.84. Roll call vote was taken all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Approval of Pay Request #4 – Fowler & Hammer, Police Station project.

A motion was made by Alderperson Thompson, seconded by Alderperson Birke to approve pay request #4 for Fowler and Hamer in the amount of \$210,034.06. This is the remainder of the Police Department cost, except for the retainage. A roll call vote was taken, all in favor, motion carries.

8. Discussion with possible action on expanding scope of Building Committee (Building Committee)

Expanding the building committee would be for additional building projects and the remodeling and repair of city buildings. A motion was made by Alderperson Birke, seconded by Alderperson Thompson to continue the building committee in perpetuity. A roll call vote was taken, all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Preliminary discussion on current City Hall building options with possible action.

The city hall project could be used to improve the intersection at Main and Decker. A motion was made by Alderperson Slack, seconded by Alderperson Willis to move forward with the DOT to discuss options for the City Hall building. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Ordinance rescinding Chapter 8.20 Dumpsters and amending Chapter 10.28 Parking of the Viroqua Municipal Code – Second Reading (Public Safety) To get the word out for the amendment to the Municipal code, signs will be put up at the entrances to the city. The ordinance will also be in the newspaper. Motion by Alderperson Wilson/second by Alderperson Welter to approve the second reading of the ordinance rescinding Chapter 8.20 and amending Chapter 10.28. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

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

12. Second Period for Public Comment –

Attorney Teresa Carey would like to encourage the council to have a public hearing on the UTV's and ATVs to find out more information from the community.

13. Adjournment - Motion made by Alderperson Wilson/second by Alderperson Tryggestad to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Jodie Olson, Deputy Clerk