

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2021**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 by Mayor Karen Mischel via online zoom meeting #84538114894 with Alderpersons David Tryggstad, Gregory Splinter, Joseph Ahler, Tanja Birke, Ben Wilson, Cyndy Hubbard, John Thompson, Kristal Welter and Steve Willis present. Also present were City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Administrator Nate Torres, Police Chief Rick Niedfeldt, Library Director Trina Erickson, Public Works Director Sarah Grainger, Fire Chief Chad Buros, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Randy Skinner, Sue Noble and Jeff Gohlke

2. Approval of the September 14, 2021 Regular Council minutes – Motion by Alderperson Welter/second by Alderperson Ahler 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 extraterritorial certified survey map – David & Cheryl Bean (Plan Commission) - tabled

5. Approval of extraterritorial certified survey map – Bob Starks (Plan Commission) - tabled

6. Approval of extraterritorial plat of survey for Rolling Hills Subdivision – Bruce Hill (Plan Commission)- tabled

7. Approval of pay request #5 – Badger Environmental, S Rusk and Washington project (Public Works)- Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve pay request #5 for \$347,592.21. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Operator license approvals (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Welter to approve operator licenses for Elizabeth Dehlin, Mathew Sweet, Matthew Gotz, Adam Stanton, Sally Brose and Melissa Iverson. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Approval of agent change for Walgreens (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Birke to approve the agent change from Nicholas Anderson to Mathew Sweet for Walgreens. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Approval of premise description change for Walmart to allow for alcohol with online grocery pickup (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Ahler to approve the premise description change to include the sale of alcohol with online grocery pickup at the north side of the Walmart building parking spaces. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Review and approval of 2021 development agreement payment to Southwest Sanitation- Motion by Alderperson Splinter/second by Alderperson Welter to approve the development agreement payment to Southwest Sanitation for \$12,025. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Possible closed session per WI Stats. 19.85 (1)(e) – deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session – Review of Hotel Developer Proposals (Business Park Commission)- Motion by Alderperson Tryggstad/second by Alderperson Welter to enter closed session at 7:17pm. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried. The Council allowed Randy Skinner to also join closed session as she is a member of the Business Park Commission.

13. Reconvene in open session with possible action on items discussed during closed session – Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Welter to reconvene in open session at 7:57pm. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Hubbard to move forward with the Grand Stay proposal as recommended by the Business Park Commission. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

14. Payment of bills (Finance) - Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Welter to approve the payment of bills on report date 09/22/2021 in the amount of \$457,331.39 and additional bills on report date 9/28/2021 for \$27,569.37. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

15. Second Period for Public Comment – None

16. Adjournment - Motion made by Alderperson Wilson/second by Alderperson Birke to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk