

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 25, 2022**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 by Mayor Karen Mischel via online zoom meeting #82797431446 with Alderpersons David Tryggestad, 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, Fire Chief Chad Buros, Public Works Director Sarah Grainger, Park & Rec Director Dan Stalsberg, Attorney Stephanie Hopkins, Library Director Trina Erickson, Utility Clerk Cheryl Purvis, Randy Skinner, Tim Hundt, Steve Thompson, Bridgette Keating, Greg Marsh, Tom Wilson, Matthew A and Mike Brudos.

2. Approval of the January 11, 2022 Regular Council minutes – Motion by Alderperson Welter/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the minutes from the previous Council meeting. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. First period for public comment – None

4. Resolution authorizing and providing for the incurrence of \$1,347,000 debt for providing a portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing, enlarging and improving its water facilities- Motion by Alderperson Welter/second by Alderperson Thompson to approve resolution 022RS001. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Resolution authorizing and providing for the incurrence of \$1,606,000 debt for providing a portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing, enlarging and improving its sewer facilities- Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Splinter to approve resolution 022RS002. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of \$1,347,000 water system mortgage revenue bonds of the City of Viroqua, Vernon County, Wisconsin and providing for the payment of the bonds and other details with respect to the bonds- Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Welter to approve resolution 022RS003. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of \$1,606,000 sewerage system mortgage revenue bonds of the City of Viroqua, Vernon County, Wisconsin and providing for the payment of the bonds and other details with respect to the bonds- Motion by Alderperson Splinter/second by Alderperson Welter to approve resolution 022RS004. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Approval of ADCI proposal for review of the public works building (Public Works) – tabled from November 9, 2021- this is for information gathering for our capital planning of our buildings and the cost would be split between building maintenance and street maintenance other budgets. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Welter to approve the ADCI proposal for the \$4000 base bid plus \$2700 for the HVAC review. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Approval of ADCI proposal for review of bathhouse facility (Park & Rec) – there have been several reviews of the building done but none to evaluate the building if it was repurposed for something else. This would be information gathering and Historic Preservation has been involved throughout the process as a supporting role. Some of the information from the Rock Avenue project can be reviewed in this process as well and the Park & Rec committee stated the proposal could be less if ADCI is able to use other information available. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Splinter to approve the ADCI proposal for the bathhouse facility for \$4500 or less with the removal of items as determined in discussions with ADCI as proposed by the Park & Rec committee. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Discussion with possible action on lead service lateral ordinance – first reading (Public Works) Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Welter to approve ordinance 22OR001 and waive the second reading. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Possible closed session per Wis. Stats 19.85 (1)(c) – considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governing body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility – Operator in Training Review (Public Works) – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Welter to enter closed session at 8:04pm. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Reconvene in open session with possible action on items discussed during closed session- Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Welter to reconvene in open session at 8:38pm. Motion by Alderperson Welter/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve what was discussed in closed session. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

13. Possible closed session per Wis. Stats 19.85 (1)(c) – considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governing body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility – Approval of new hire in utility auxiliary worker position (Public Works) – Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Hubbard to enter closed session at 8:41pm. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

14. Reconvene in open session with possible action on items discussed during closed session- Motion by Alderperson Tryggstad/second by Alderperson Splinter to reconvene in open session at 8:50pm. Motion by Alderperson Wilson/second by Alderperson Birke to approve what was discussed in closed session. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

15. Payment of bills (Finance) - Motion by Alderperson Welter/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the payment of bills on report date 01/20/2022 in the amount of \$206,252.32 and additional bills on report date 01/25/2022 for \$86,438.09. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

16. Second Period for Public Comment – None

17. Adjournment - Motion made by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Welter to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk