

**CITY OF VIROQUA  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 22, 2022**

**1. Roll call:**

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 by Mayor Karen Mischel via online zoom meeting #89313846235 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, Police Chief Rick Niedfeldt, Tim Hundt, Steve Thompson and Amanda Clements.

**2. Approval of the February 8, 2022 Regular Council minutes** – Motion by Alderperson Wilson/second by Alderperson Birke 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. Operator license approvals (Public Safety)** – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Tryggestad to approve an operator license for Bret Doll. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**5. Approval of certified survey map – Dave Halverson (Plan Commission)**- Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Birke to approve the certified survey map. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**6. Approval of pay request #8 for Brickl Bros. – City Hall project**- Motion by Alderperson Splinter/second by Alderperson Thompson to approve pay request #8 for \$134,028.45. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Approval of fire inspection services agreement with possible budget amendment (Public Safety)** – we do about 400 fire inspections annually and we have been doing them in-house. These are required and we receive state funding for this of \$26,000. We are behind on these inspections and by working with an outside company we could get caught up and start updating our information into online software. The semi-annual inspections would stay in-house with hopefully the ability to take them all back in-house but we need to commit to a year with Fire Inspection Services. The additional cost would be split with the towns as well. It would be approximately \$5966 additional for the city and \$862 for the towns. The cost will be allocated from budget categories for firefighter wages and repairs & maintenance on both the city and town side of the budget. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Thompson to approve the fire inspection services agreement with the 2022 budget amendment of \$5500 each from fire fighter wages and repairs and maintenance (City) and \$750 and \$850 respectively from fire fighter wages and repairs and maintenance (Towns). Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**8. Payment of bills (Finance)** - Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Hubbard to approve the payment of bills on report date 02/17/2022 in the amount of \$2,070,518.66 and additional bills on report date 02/22/2022 for \$19,985.71. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

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

**10. Adjournment** - Motion made by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Welter to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk