

**CITY OF VIROQUA
SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 19, 2022**

Roll call:

The special meeting of the Common Council was called to order via zoom meeting #82268457610 at 6:00 p.m. on April 19, 2022 by Mayor Karen Mischel 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 Trina Erickson, Lori Polhamus, Nate Torres, Sarah Grainger, Chad Buros, Dan Stalsberg, Rick Niedfeldt, Justin Running, Tim Hundt, Todd Sanwick, Grace Norby, Angie Cina, Steve Thompson, Annette Olson, Jared Rahr, David Higgins, Troy Sanwick and Amanda Running.

Approval of April 12, 2021 Regular Council minutes – Motion by Alderperson Welter/second by Alderperson Birke to approve the minutes from April 12, 2022. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Temporary Class B beer license for the Temple Theatre for Cloud Cult Show on April 23, 2022 (Public Safety)- Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Splinter to approve the temporary class B beer license. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment sine die

Motion by Alderperson Welter/second by Alderperson Thompson to adjourn sine die. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Oath of Office for Newly Elected Officers – Clerk Polhamus administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Justin Running and Alderpersons Gregory Splinter, Tanja Birke, Cyndy Hubbard and Kristal Welter for the 2022-2024 term. Each member present signed the oath and will return it to the Clerk.

Roll call – Mayor Running called roll with Alderpersons David Tryggestad, Gregory Splinter, Joseph Ahler, Tanja Birke, Ben Wilson, Cyndy Hubbard, John Thompson, Kristal Welter and Steve Willis present.

Election of Council President - Motion by Alderperson Ahler to nominate Alderperson Tanja Birke for Council President/second by Alderperson Wilson. There were no other nominations. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Council Rules and approval of amendments – the current set of rules was reviewed by Council. Alderperson Welter suggested adding a section for council announcements under section 76-2 with no action required. She also suggested adding a rule regarding study sessions regarding topics that allow board members to have meetings with no action, but posted and open to the public. This will be sent to legal counsel for further review. Motion by Alderperson Welter/second by Alderperson Birke to approve adding council announcements under section 76-2 order of business after the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried. Discussion on the virtual participation under section 76-1 (10) will be brought back at the May 10th council meeting. The amendments to the rules as presented tonight will be brought back for final vote by Council.

Designation of official City newspaper – Motion by Alderperson Splinter/second by Alderperson Tryggestad to approve the Vernon Times as the official City newspaper. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Designation of depositories for City funds – Motion by Alderperson Welter/second by Alderperson Birke to approve the following depositories for City funds: Royal Bank, Peoples State Bank, Citizens First Bank, Associated Bank, Westby Coop Credit Union – Viroqua Branch and the Local Government Investment Fund. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor's appointments to Council Committees - The Mayor appointed the following committees:

Finance – Kristal Welter-Chair, John Thompson, Joseph Ahler, Gregory Splinter, Ben Wilson
Public Works – Joseph Ahler-Chair, Tanja Birke, David Tryggestad, Steve Willis, Cyndy Hubbard
Park & Rec – David Tryggestad – Chair, Kristal Welter, Gregory Splinter, Tanja Birke, Cyndy Hubbard
Public Property – Tanja Birke – Chair, John Thompson, Cyndy Hubbard, Gregory Splinter, Ben Wilson

Public Safety – John Thompson – Chair, David Tryggestad, Kristal Welter, Joseph Ahler, Steve Willis

Motion by Alderperson Splinter/second by Alderperson Tryggestad to approve the committees. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Second period for public comment – Tim Hundt asked Council to allow the public to participate and watch meetings afterward by posting the meetings to the website when we move into the new City Hall or broadcast live. He also stated the Russian artifacts from the Sister City may want to be discussed by Council prior to moving them to the new City Hall.

Adjournment -

Motion made by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Welter to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk