

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 31, 2022**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 by Mayor Justin Running via online zoom meeting #83411972668 with Alderpersons David Tryggestad, Gregory Splinter, Joseph Ahler, Tanja Birke, Ben Wilson, John Thompson, Kristal Welter and Steve Willis present. Alderperson Cyndy Hubbard was excused. Also present were Administrator Nate Torres, City Clerk Lori Polhamus, Public Works Director Sarah Grainger, Library Director Trina Erickson, Police Chief Rick Niedfeldt, Fire Chief Chad Buros, Angie Cina, Steve Thompson, Amanda Running, Natalie Hinahara, Chris Clemens, Tim Hundt, Michelle Felton, Allison Starn, Jennifer Morales and Louisa.

2. Approval of the May 10, 2022 Regular Council minutes – Motion by Alderperson Welter/second by Alderperson Ahler to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. Council Announcements - None

4. First period for public comment – None

5. Reappointment of Tom Weston to Viroqua Housing Authority for five-year term expiring 6/1/2027 – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Tryggestad to reappoint Tom Weston to the Viroqua Housing Authority. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Review and possible action on mural installation at 304 S Main Street – Natalie Hinahara stated they plan on doing a native plant mural on the building owned by Kathie Wheeler and wanted to make the city aware of the project. They previously did the mural that is on the Maybe Lately's building. They have a budget of \$13,700 and will be doing a fundraising campaign with the Viroqua Foundation and hopefully have it completed by the end of July. The Chamber has also stated their support. Motion by Alderperson Welter/second by Alderperson Birke to support the mural and the fundraising efforts. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Discussion with possible action on temporary class b beer license for Wild West Days 30th annual car show on June 11, 2022 (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Thompson to approve the temporary class b beer license. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Review and approval of Viroqua Pride Event at Eckhart Park on June 18, 2022 – this will be their second family friendly event with music, food, entertainment and education. They had 560 people attend the last event. Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Ahler to approve the Viroqua Pride Event. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Discussion with possible action on temporary class b beer & wine license for Viroqua Pride at Eckhart Park on June 18, 2022 (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Splinter/second by Alderperson Wilson to approve the temporary class b beer and wine license. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Discussion with possible action on fire department to raise funds for purchase and use of LUCAS device for EMR – Chief Buros stated they had an outside organization pay for their education and received grant funds for the equipment but plan to fund raise for this machine that can do chest compressions on cardiac arrest patients. The cost of the machine is \$18,000 and will be added to their state license and Gundersen will train them on it.

11. Approval of Safe Step proposal (Public Works) – they do the surveys of hazards and shaving of sidewalks. They charge \$2200 for survey work only if the amount of cutting is less than \$10,000. This year will be the NE quadrant. Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Welter to approve the Safe Step proposal. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Approval to apply for the WisDot STP local program for Education Avenue reconstruction (Public Works) – this is an 80/20 competitive grant. It would be a DOT project with them doing the construction with full DOT plans and specs. It would be a street expense with no utilities. Total construction is estimated at \$711,966 with a 2025 design and 2027 construction year. The road received a three out of ten passer rating and they did receive a letter of support from the school. Motion by Alderperson Splinter/second by Alderperson Welter to approve applying for the grant. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

13. Approval to apply for the WisDOT TAP planning grant (Public Works) – this is a 80/20 planning grant to possibly look at our pedestrian and bike plans for the City in 2023. Our safe routes to school plan is ten years old and we are always looking at sidewalks and bike paths on our construction projects. We would cap the request at \$50,000. Motion by Alderperson Ahler/second by Alderperson Birke to approve the application submittal. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

14. Discussion with possible action on funding of Arena Drive project – We received an LRIP grant for \$19,000 that is expiring this year and the remainder of the project was to be funded by Tid 5 for the \$166,352 project. The Tid 5 expenditure period closed last year so the options available is to use Tid 6 and Tid 7 for the funding. Only 33% of the project can come from Tid 6 to be within the half mile radius. Tid 7 does not have the cash flow yet but makes the most sense for this location. Motion by Alderperson Ahler/second by Alderperson Thompson to approve the funding of Arena Drive as proposed. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

15. Operator license approvals (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Willis to approve the operator license list as presented. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

16. Action on alcohol license renewals for July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Splinter/second by Alderperson Willis to approve the alcohol license renewals as presented. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

17. Payment of bills (Finance) - Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Welter to approve the payment of bills on report date 05/26/2022 in the amount of \$184,108.34 and additional bills on report date 05/31/2022 for \$25,224.69. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

18. Second Period for Public Comment – None

19. Adjournment - Motion made by Alderperson Welter/second by Alderperson Tryggestad to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk