

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 28, 2024**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 by Council President Steve Willis at City Hall and via Zoom with Alderpersons David Tryggestad, Andrew Bergum, Todd Spaeth, Cyndy Hubbard, John Thompson, Emma Hood present and Kristal Welter online. Also present were City Administrator Nate Torres, Deputy Clerk Joy Conley, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Sarah Grainger, Police Chief Rick Niedfeldt, George Hopkins, and Carson La Belle

2. Approval of the May 14, 2024 Regular Council minutes – Motion by Alderperson Welter/second by Alderperson Kirking to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. Council Announcements – Alderperson Willis gave a reminder that No Mow May was coming to a close.

4. First period for public comment – none

5. Operator license approvals (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Spaeth/second by Alderperson Welter to approve all operator licenses pending background checks. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Review/approval of temporary beer license for Viroqua Chamber Beer Walk on June 15, 2024 (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Bergum to approve the temporary beer license for Viroqua Chamber Beer Walk on June 15, 2024. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Review/approval on temporary beer license for Viroqua Legion Baseball for games during June, July, and August 2024 (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Kirking to approve the temporary beer license for Viroqua Legion Baseball for games in June, July, and August. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Review/approval of amendment to temporary beer license for Viroqua Legion Softball to add dates June 14, 24 & 28 and July 3, 11 & 18 (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Tryggestad to approve the amendment to temporary beer license for Viroqua Legion Softball to include the additional dates. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Review/approval of liquor license renewals for 2024-2025 license year (Public Safety) – Motion by Alderperson Tryggestad/second by Alderperson Spaeth to approve the liquor license renewals pending background checks. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Discussion with possible action on ordinance amendment for the qualifications for Municipal Court judge and options for the court – First Reading (Municipal Court Committee) – George said he and Stephanie have contacted the District Administrator and have a meeting Friday to get something temporarily in place. Need answers to see if the ordinance can be changed since there is nothing spelled out for our situation. Alderperson Kirking asked George his thoughts and he said he felt the judge should

be an attorney. Discussion was had to inquire if state training was available to someone down the road. Also, if the municipal court was abolished, could the county take on the additional load. George said yes and that he believed the fee was \$5.00 per case. Nate added that the fee costs paid to the county compared to what we pay now through municipal court was not a big difference. **Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Tryggestad to NOT amend the ordinance for the qualifications for Municipal Court judge. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.**

11. Payment of Bills (Finance) – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Kirking to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$73,638.84 and additional bills of \$46,385.63. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Second Period for Public Comment – none

13. Adjournment - Motion made by Alderperson Spaeth/second by Alderperson Hood to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Joy E. Conley, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer