

**CITY OF VIROQUA
COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 9, 2024**

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 by Mayor Justin Running at City Hall and via Zoom with Alderpersons Andrew Bergum, Todd Spaeth, Cyndy Hubbard, Kristal Welter, Steve Willis, John Thompson, and Emma Hood present. Todd Kirking was excused. Also present were City Administrator Nate Torres, Deputy Clerk Joy Conley, Police Chief Rick Niedfeldt, Fire Chief Chad Buros, Park & Rec Director Kale Proksch, Molly Bohn, Seth & Lacie McClurg, and Carson La Belle

2. Approval of the June 25, 2024 Regular Council minutes – Motion by Alderperson Welter/second by Alderperson Bergum to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

3. Council Announcements – Alderperson Welter said thank you to the city for paving done on South Lincoln Street

4. First period for public comment – none

5. Appointment of Seth McClurg as Ward 1 Alderperson – Seth spoke briefly to greet the council and to share a little about himself. Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Welter to approve the appointment of Seth McClurg as Ward 1 Alderperson. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Legislative update from Congressman Derrick Van Orden's office– Molly Bohn from Derrick's office was present and provided information on services they may be able to provide assistance for to constituents and an update on programs they are working on.

7. Reappointment of Gloriane Noble to Police & Fire Commission for five-year term expiring 5/2/2029 – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Welter to approve the reappointment of Gloriane Noble to Police & Fire Commission for five-year term expiring 5/2/2029. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Reappointment of Jonah Curley, Carrie Tunks, Jennifer Corbusier, and Kim Littel to Board of Appeals for three-year terms – Motion by Alderperson Welter/second by Alderperson Bergum to approve the reappointment of Jonah Curley, Carrie Tunks, Jennifer Corbusier, and Kim Littel to Board of Appeals. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Review and approval of special event application for Wild West Days band addition on August 16-17, 2024 – WWD has requested an extension of time to midnight for a band at their event. It was decided that noise should not be an issue in that location. Motion by Alderperson Spaeth/second by Alderperson Welter to approve the special event application for WWD band addition. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding Premise Use Agreement with Wild West Days for parking at new Fire Station location – Nate provided a map on the screen of the land to be discussed and Chad Buros provided a copy of the Premise Use Agreement. Chad explained what little use the fire department would need the green space for. The agreement would be that WWD will maintain the space by mowing and fixing any damage that may occur. The space would be used for horse and trailer parking.

There is a back entrance from Arena Drive so access from the fire department would not be used. WWD or the city can cancel the agreement at any time. Motion by Alderperson Thompson/second by Alderperson Welter to approve the written agreement with the city's address updated pending acceptance by WWD.

11. Payment of Bills (Finance) – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Spaeth to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$794,191.36 and additional bills of \$20,455.00. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

12. Second Period for Public Comment – none

13. Adjournment - Motion made by Alderperson Bergum/second by Alderperson Welter to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

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