

## APRIL 8, 2003

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Fanta with Alderpersons Hatlem, Molland, Long, Bjerke, Macasaet, Suhr, Zastrow and Smith present. Alderperson Mack was absent. Motion was made by Suhr, seconded by Macasaet to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2003 Council meeting. All aye, motion carried.

Motion made by Smith, seconded by Hatlem to approve the official canvass of the April 1, 2003 Nonpartisan Election. All aye, motion carried.

Administrator Brown addressed the Council regarding the 2003 Comprehensive Planning Grant contract between the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration and the City of Viroqua. Brown explained that this grant would secure the receipt of the grant. Securing the grant does not create a liability for the City unless funds are requested and received but the project was not completed. If the project were not carried through, any funds received would need to be returned to the State. Motion made by Hatlem, seconded by Smith to accept the 2003 Comprehensive Planning Grant between the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration and the City of Viroqua. Alderperson Zastrow pointed out a date that may be listed in error in the contract. There was a roll call vote on the motion starting with Hatlem. All aye, motion carried.

Director of Public Works addressed the Council regarding the progress and problems encountered drilling the new well. At a previous public works meeting, it was explained that problems were encountered with the drilling. For drilling to continue, a plan had to be drawn up and submitted to the DNR showing how the problems would be corrected. A plan previously submitted to the DNR was rejected, but the newest plan had been accepted. If the Council approves moving ahead with the drilling, an additional \$13,275 will be added to the overall cost of the project. Alderperson Hatlem stated he felt the City did not have much choice and should proceed with the drilling. Administrator Brown said the well project is not funded and this additional request will only add to the amount of funds to be borrowed. He felt that since the City has already committed to the drilling of the well, the added expense would probably need to be approved. Alderperson Suhr said without water we have nothing. Motion made by Suhr, seconded by Zastrow to proceed with drilling of the well as proposed by the latest plans approved by the DNR. There was a roll call vote on the motion. 7 ayes and 1 nay with Alderperson Smith voting no. Motion carried.

Mayor Fanta reported that Council consideration and action on the second phase of the sewer rate increase would be acted upon at a later date. Director of Public Works Henry explained that the Waste Water Treatment Plant project should be completed before the second phase of the rate increase is implemented. Administrator Brown reminded everyone to keep in mind that the cost of the project, although not impacting the general fund, impacts water/sewer and, in the end, the ratepayer.

Mayor Fanta read a proclamation declaring April 6-12 as National Library Week. Motion made by Molland, seconded by Hatlem to approve the Mayor's proclamation. All aye, motion carried.

Motion made by Molland, seconded by Long to approve a Class "A" Beer, soda and cigarette license for Viroqua Gas & Food, Inc. at 726 North Main Street. All aye, motion carried.

Motion made by Long, seconded by Bjerke to approve the bills as audited by the Finance Committee. Roll call vote. All aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Molland and seconded by Zastrow at 7:50 p.m. to adjourn until 7:30 p.m., Tuesday April 15, 2003. All aye, motion carried.

Kathleen A. Sime, Clerk