

APRIL 15, 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, Mack, Macasaet, Suhr, Zastrow and Smith present.

Mayor Fanta presented plaques to Alderperson Macasaet and Alderperson Long for their years of dedicated service to the City of Viroqua.

Motion made by Hatlem, seconded by Molland to adjourn sine die. All aye, motion carried.

City Clerk Sime administered the Oath of Office to Ward 1 Alderperson Sigurd Molland, Ward 3 Alderperson John Bjerke, Ward 5 Alderperson Wes Mack, Ward 7 Alderperson Gail Frie and Ward 9 Alderperson Terry Noble.

Clerk Sime took roll call with Alderpersons Hatlem, Molland, Frie, Bjerke, Mack, Noble, Suhr, Zastrow and Smith present.

Motion made by Molland, seconded by Zastrow to re-elect Alderperson Hatlem as Council president. All aye, motion carried.

Motion made by Hatlem, seconded by Mack to amend the Council rules to read "Period for public comment" instead of "Any other matters brought before the Council" and approve the rules as amended. Attorney Jenkins informed the Council that the rules could be changed at anytime: not just at this meeting. Alderperson Smith addressed the Council regarding the Council rules concerning standing committees. Smith felt that the committee structure and operation should be better governed by the Council rules. Some suggestions by Smith included clarifying committee duties, scheduling meetings on a regular basis with advance notice, approving the minutes of meetings, and limiting the size of a committee and length of time an Alderperson serves as chairperson. After Smith's comments, a voice vote was taken on the motion to amend and approve the council rules as presented. All aye, motion carried.

Motion made by Molland, seconded by Smith to approve the Vernon County Broadcaster as the official City newspaper. All aye, motion carried.

Motion made by Hatlem, seconded by Suhr to approve Anchor Savings Bank of Viroqua, First Federal Savings Bank of Viroqua, First National Bank of Viroqua, State Bank of Viroqua, Westby Co-op Credit Union of Viroqua and the State of Wisconsin Governmental Investment Pool as depositories for City money. All aye, motion carried.

Motion made by Suhr, seconded by Zastrow to approve the Mayor's appointments to Council committees as presented. Alderperson Smith commented that, according to the Council rules, the committees should not be approved until the 4th Tuesday in April or as soon thereafter as may be. All aye on the motion to approve the Mayor's committee appointments as presented.

Motion made by Mack, seconded by Bjerke to re-appoint Alderperson Smith to serve as the Council representative on the Comprehensive Planning Commission. All aye, motion carried.

Mayor Fanta read an Arbor Day proclamation declaring Friday, April 25th as Arbor Day in the City of Viroqua.

Marjorie "GiGi" Macasaet and Don Long were thanked for their years of service on the Council, and Gail Frie and Terry Noble were welcomed as the newest members of the Council.

At 7:54 p.m., motion was made by Smith, seconded by Suhr to adjourn until 7:30 p.m., Tuesday April 29th. All aye, motion carried.

Kathleen A. Sime, Clerk