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The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:44 p.m. by Mayor Fanta with Alderpersons Hatlem, Molland, Frie, Bjerke, Mack, Noble, Suhr, Zastrow and Smith present. A correction was made to the April 15, 2003 Council minutes as follows: striking the words "and length of time an Alderperson serves as Chairperson" from a comment made by Alderperson Smith about standing committees. Motion made by Hatlem, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2003 Council meeting as mailed and amended. All aye, motion carried.

Sean Lentz from Ehler's & Associates was present to address the Council regarding City financing. Being presented to the Council for consideration was Resolution 825, a resolution authorizing Ehler's & Associates to solicit bids for General Obligation promissory notes not to exceed \$1,000,000 to replenish the City's fund balance. Lentz said that the "ball park" figure arrived at for borrowing was \$956,000, but felt that having the resolution state "not to exceed \$1,000,000" allows room for amendments to the 2003 budget that can affect the amount to borrow. Alderperson Smith asked for an explanation of the borrowing process. Lentz said that the first step involved issuing a promissory note in May to replenish the fund balance that was spent down on 2001 and 2002 capital projects and to fund 2003 capital projects. The second step would involve soliciting bids in June for a bond issue to refinance the 2003 promissory note, a 2000 State Trust Fund loan and a 2001 promissory note to the State Bank. Attorney Jenkins pointed out that Resolution 825 is a resolution authorizing the solicitation of bids not authorizing the actual borrowing. Alderperson Smith asked what fees will be incurred for this process. Mr. Lentz said that the first step on promissory notes would not incur any charges, but the second step on the bonds would have expenses attached. Motion made by Suhr, seconded by Hatlem to approve Resolution 825, a resolution authorizing Ehler's & Associates to solicit bids not to exceed \$1,000,000 in General Obligation Promissory notes, Series 2003 of the City of Viroqua, Wisconsin. Roll call vote on the motion. All aye, motion carried.

Consideration and action on Resolution 826 was not taken and will be rescheduled.

Motion made by Zastrow, seconded by Mack to approve Ordinance 546, and ordinance regarding temporary water meters to be effective upon passage and publication. Alderperson Zastrow explained that the ordinance repeals section 13.020.050 F of the Viroqua Municipal Code which authorizes the use of temporary meters for water used for lawns, garden and other uses where the water does not enter the municipal sewer system. This action will not allow the use of the temporary meters unless they are permanently installed. Alderperson Smith commented that he felt that he did not have enough time to review this ordinance. Roll call vote on the motion. 8 ayes and 1 nay with Alderperson Smith voting no.

Motion made by Hatlem, seconded by Bjerke to approve a regular bartender's license for Barbara J. Willis. All aye, motion carried.

Mayor Fanta presented several appointments to boards and commissions for Council approval as follows:

1. Police & Fire Commission: Mayor Fanta reported that the term Mons Langhus' term was up and he had declined appointment. Mayor Fanta brought forward an appointment for Barbara McNeal to serve a 5-year term on the Police & Fire Commission. Motion made by Molland, Seconded by Zastrow to approve the appointment of Barbara McNeal to the Police & Fire Commission.
2. Redevelopment Authority: Motion made by Hatlem, seconded by Suhr to approve the Mayor's re-appointment of James Hohlfelder to a 5-year term. All aye, motion carried.
3. Board of Appeals: Motion made by Molland, seconded by Zastrow to approve the Mayor's re-appointment of Sonja Fortney to a 3-year term. All aye, motion carried.
4. Plan Board: Motion made by Molland, seconded by Mack to approve the Mayor's re-appointment of Pete Gilman to a 3-year term. A roll

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call vote was asked for. 8 ayes, and 1 nay with Alderperson Smith voting no. Mayor Fanta reported that there is also a vacancy to fill.

5. Board of Review: Motion made by Mack, seconded by Frie to approve the Mayor's re-appointment of Wayne Gates to a 5-year term. All aye, motion carried. Mayor Fanta reported that there is also a vacancy to fill.
6. Weed Commissioner: Motion made by Hatlem, seconded by Zastrow to approve Director of Public Works Tom Henry as Weed Commissioner. All aye, motion carried.

Motion made by Molland, seconded by Suhr to pay the bills as audited by the Finance Committee. Roll call vote. All aye, motion carried.

At 8:07 p.m. a motion was made by Hatlem, seconded by Smith to adjourn until 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 13, 2003. All aye, motion carried.

Kathleen A. Sime, Clerk