

**JULY 8, 2003**

**1. Roll call and approval of minutes:**

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Mayor Fanta with Alderpersons Hatlem, Molland, Frie, Bjerke, Noble, Mack, Suhr, Zastrow and Smith present. Alderman Smith pointed out changes in the minutes to the council. The clerk noted the modifications. A motion was made by Alderman Smith to approve the minutes of the June 24<sup>th</sup> Council meeting with the appropriate alterations, seconded by Alderman Frie. All ayes, motion carries. Also present were City Administrator Brown, City Clerk Garibaldi, City Attorney Jenkins, Utilities Clerk Nancy Bekkedal, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Director of Public Works Tom Henry, Bill Moffit, James Delmedico and David Bean of Majestic Property Management, John Wheeler, WVRQ, and The Broadcaster.

**2. Consideration and possible action regarding dedication of streets and green space for Cedar Meadows Addition:**

Mr. Delmedico of Majestic Property Management, Inc. described the property to be dedicated. Attorney Jenkins stated that the dedication issue has been to the Plan Board prior to the council meeting so the matter does not need to go back to the Plan Board. Director of Public Works Henry declared that Majestic Property Management made thru streets in the addition as requested by the City. A motion was made by Alderman Hatlem to accept the dedication of streets and green space in the Cedar Meadows Addition, seconded by Alderman Frie. All ayes, motion carries.

**3. Consideration and possible action on Ordinance 549 regarding sewer rates:**

Mayor Fanta opened discussion by stating that the sewer rate issue has already been discussed at prior meetings and asked if there were any questions. Aldermen Frie and Noble had questions regarding the originality of the ordinance since they were not council members at the time the sewer rates were discussed. Utility Clerk Bekkedal explained the sewer rate increase in detail. Motion made by Alderman Suhr to adopt Ordinance 549, seconded by Alderman Zastrow. All ayes, motion carries.

**4. Consideration and possible action regarding Temporary Class "B" / "Class B" Retailer's License:**

Viroqua Area Hockey Association applied for a Temporary Class "B" / "Class B" Retailer's License to sell beer/wine at the Vernon County Fairgrounds Grandstand area for the Truck and Tractor Pull on July 19, 2003. Motion made by Alderman Molland to approve the Temporary Class "B" / "Class B" Retailer's License to Viroqua Area Hockey Association, seconded by Alderman Mack. All ayes, motion carries.

**5. Consideration and possible action on Resolution 831, resolution regarding library taxes:**

Resolution 831 is a resolution that allows the City to request exemption from a County tax for library services, if the City's tax for library services is more than the County's tax on city property. Attorney Jenkins stated that if Resolution 831 is not adopted by the City Council then the City patrons and businesses would be double-taxed for library services. He also mentioned that the City is not required to adopt the resolution, but the County would be able to tax the City for library services. Administrator Brown posed a question that if the existence of this tax would alter the formula basis of determining County money going to the library. Alderman Suhr stated the approximate amount of money the City patrons were paying for

library taxes. Motion made by Alderman Suhr to adopt Resolution 831, seconded by Alderman Smith. All ayes, motion carries.

**6. Discussion and action on Certified Survey Map (CSM) for John Wheeler:**

Director of Public Works Henry stated that on June 19, 2003, he, City Clerk Garibaldi, and John Wheeler had a meeting regarding the CSM. During this meeting, Mr. Henry and Mr. Wheeler came to an agreement concerning the property issues. Mr. Henry described the agreement and the property issues on the CSM to the Council. Alderman Molland asked what would happen if the outlot on the CSM was not sold. Attorney Jenkins answered that permits for building on the property would not be issued if the outlot was not sold. He also said the CSM issue needs to go to the Plan Board. Alderman Suhr asked John Wheeler to give lot sizes on the property. Mr. Wheeler said that each lot is at least one acre in size. Motion made by Alderman Molland to send the CSM for John Wheeler to the Plan Board, seconded by Alderman Hatlem. All ayes, motion carries.

**7. Review of revenue and expense reports and payment of bills:**

Alderman Mack questioned the return of money to a patron for swimming lessons. City Clerk Garibaldi stated that the patron paid for the lessons, but did not attend and requested a refund. Motion made by Alderman Mack to pay the bills as audited by the Finance Committee, seconded by Alderman Suhr. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carries.

**8. Period for public comment:**

Alderman Frie illustrated disappointment in the lack of a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss personnel issues. City Administrator Brown stated that the issue is being addressed and a meeting, if required, would be scheduled at a later time.

Alderman Mack questioned the sale of the land to VARC not being on the Council agenda. Attorney Jenkins declared responsibility to the oversight and the matter will be on the July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2003 Regular Common Council Agenda.

**9. Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Alderman Molland to adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2003, seconded by Alderman Zastrow. All ayes, motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Jodi L. Garibaldi  
City Clerk