

**JULY 29, 2003**

**1. Roll call:**

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Fanta with Alderpersons Roger Hatlem, Sigurd Molland, Gail Frie, John Bjerke, Terry Noble, Weston Mack, Robert Suhr, Steve Zastrow and Vernie Smith present. Also present were City Clerk Garibaldi, City Attorney Jenkins, Utilities Clerk Nancy Bekkedal, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Assistant Police Chief Darrin Jefson, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, Director of Public Works Tom Henry, Bill Moffit, CWE, Kathleen Sime, Kermit Sime, Kelsey Sime, Don Long, Rolland Hill, Lisa Solverson, Carl Zielke, Bill Brooke, WVRQ, and the Broadcaster.

**2. Approval of minutes:**

A motion was made by Alderman Smith to approve the minutes of the July 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, seconded by Alderman Hatlem. All ayes, motion carries.

**3. Discussion and possible action regarding land sale to VARC:**

Bill Moffit stated that the Public Property passed the recommendation to sell the named industrial park land to VARC unanimously. Motion made by Alderperson Molland to approve the land sale to VARC, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carries.

**4. Public hearing on rezoning for libraries:**

Attorney Jenkins stated recommendation from the Plan Board. Public hearing was opened. No public comments were made.

**5. Consideration and possible action on Ordinance 550, rezoning for libraries:**

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to suspend the rules and accept Ordinance 550, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All ayes. Motion carries.

**6. Consideration and possible action regarding Temporary Class "B" / "Class B" Retailer's, Class "B" Beer, "Class C" Wine, and "Class A" Beer Beverage License applications:**

Alderperson Mack states that the Public Safety Committee met and recommends that the licenses in question be accepted. Alderperson Smith requests that the temporary licenses be voted on separately from the annual licenses. Motion made by Alderperson Mack to pass the temporary licenses, seconded by Alderperson Molland. All ayes. Motion carries. Motion made by Alderperson Mack to pass the annual license, seconded by Molland. Roll call vote, 8 ayes, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith. Motion carries.

**7. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of issuance of \$1,000,000.00 General Obligation Promissory Notes to provide interim financing for water utility projects:**

Motion made by Alderperson Molland to accept 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank's bid, seconded by Alderperson Mack. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carries.

**8. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 551, an ordinance regarding volunteer firefighters' fund account for donations:**

Alderperson Mack states that the Public Safety Committee recommends accepting Ordinance 551. Motion made by Alderperson Mack to accept Ordinance 551, seconded by Alderperson Frie. All ayes. Motion carries.

**9. Discussion and possible action regarding the WWTP Clean Water Fund Application – Engineering Budget Amendments:**

Tom Henry discusses the Waste Water Treatment upgrade. Dan Uhl, from Davy Engineering, explains the project by handing out “2002 Modifications Waste Water Treatment Facility” and “Viroqua WWTP Construction Engineering Fees”. The City can possibly recover some of the expenses due to the contractors exceeding time to finish the project. Weather was not a factor to the project delay. Motion made by Alderperson Zastrow to pass the amendment, seconded by Alderperson Mack. Roll call vote, 8 ayes, 1 abstain by Alderperson Smith. Motion carries.

**10. Consideration and possible action on the employment of a Parks and Recreation Director:**

Alderperson Hatlem states that the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee is that the council should open the position to public application and to have a closed session with Terry Sime as soon as possible. Alderperson Mack comments on his personal discussion with Terry Sime. Motion made by Alderperson Mack to move to reinstate Terry Sime as the Director of Parks and Recreation Department with the stipulation that he is on a tight leash. Motion has no second. Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem for the City Council to have a closed session with Terry Sime as soon as possible, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. All ayes. Motion carries.

**11. Resolution 832 accepting resignation of City Clerk/Treasurer:**

Motion made by Alderperson Molland to reject Resolution 832, seconded by Alderperson Frie. Amendment to motion made by Alderperson Molland for the Personnel Committee to review City Clerk/Treasurer Garibaldi’s personnel file, amended motion seconded by Alderperson Frie. Roll call vote, 8 ayes, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Zastrow. Motion carries.

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

Motion made by Alderman Hatlem to pay the bills as audited by the Finance Committee, seconded by Alderman Suhr. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carries.

**13. Period for public comment:**

Carl Zielke comments regarding performance and conduct for personnel in the City of Viroqua. He has tried to get information from the law and the City regarding the issue and it has been hard. The City must comply with State of Wisconsin laws and the State of Wisconsin need to follow Federal laws. People need fairness whether we like them or not.

Kathleen Sime thanks the Council for giving Terry consideration.

Lisa Solverson states that the contractor working on the library will finished on time and the library is up to normal circulation again.

**14. Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Alderman Mack to adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003, seconded by Alderman Suhr. All ayes. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Jodi L. Garibaldi  
City Clerk