

AUGUST 12, 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 Sigurd Molland, Gail Frie, John Bjerke, Terry Noble, Weston Mack, Robert Suhr, Steve Zastrow and Vernie Smith present, Alderperson Roger Hatlem was absent. Also present were City Clerk Jodi Garibaldi, City Attorney David Jenkins, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Director of Public Works Tom Henry, Bill Moffit, Don Long, Michael Wakefield, Bethel Home Representatives, WVRQ, and the Broadcaster.

Alderperson Molland handed in his resignation from Ward One of the Common Council effective August 30, 2003, because he is moving out of Ward One.

2. Approval of minutes:

A motion was made by Alderman Smith to approve the minutes of the July 29th Council meeting, seconded by Alderman Suhr. All ayes, motion carries.

3. Presentation of award to Michael Wakefield for personal contributions to the City:

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Michael Wakefield by Mayor Fanta. Mr. Wakefield has contributed to the beautification of the City of Viroqua by picking up garbage and loose debris on City streets and parking lots for over 4 years.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding industrial park land sale to VARC:

Council decided to strike item #4 from the agenda. The item was added in error.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding the payment of crops to Joe Vesbach:

Alderperson Bjerke stated that the Public Property Committee recommends a payment of \$2,400.00 to Joe Vesbach for his soybean crop planted on the industrial park land that is to be sold to VARC. Mr. Vesbach mowed the crops August 12, 2003, prior to the meeting. Motion made by Alderperson Bjerke to approve the purchase of Joe Vesbach's soybean crop for \$2,400.00, seconded by Alderperson Molland. Roll call vote, 8 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carries.

6. Consideration and possible action on Certified Survey Map for John Wheeler:

Mayor Fanta stated that the Plan Board recommends that the Certified Survey Map (CSM) for John Wheeler be approved by the Council. The Council reviewed the CSM. Motion made by Alderperson Molland to approve the Certified Survey Map for John Wheeler, seconded by Zastrow. All ayes. Motion carries.

7. Consideration and possible action on Primary Resolution to vacate Lane Court in Country Acres Addition, refer matter to Plan Board and set date for hearing:

Bethel Home Representatives presented the plans to expand in Country Acres Addition and explained the necessity for Lane Court to be vacated by the City. Bethel Home can still use the Garfield Avenue access and eventually would need to change the zoning to a permitted use. Attorney Jenkins stated that Lane Court has already been partially vacated by the City. Alderperson Smith reiterated that the Bethel Home plot would have to be modified through a Certified Survey Map. Motion made by Alderperson Zastrow to refer the vacating of Lane Court to the Plan Board, seconded by Alderperson Mack. All ayes. Motion carries.

8. Consider and refer to Plan Board, a conditional use and/or rezoning for Bethel Home project and set date for public hearing:

Motion made by Alderperson Zastrow to refer to Plan Board for conditional use and/or rezone Bethel Home project, seconded by Alderperson Mack. All ayes. Motion carries.

9. Alderperson Smith to provide update on status on Comprehensive Planning process:

Alderperson Smith explained the Comprehensive Planning process. A meeting was scheduled by Mead & Hundt on August 21, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. to be held at WWTC. The twelve (12) units were divided into clusters of 2. The City of Viroqua and the Township of Viroqua are considered one (1) cluster. The speakers at the meetings are under contract.

10. Review of revenue and expense reports and payment of bills:

Motion made by Alderman Molland to pay the bills as audited by the Finance Committee, seconded by Alderman Zastrow. Roll call vote, 8 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carries.

11. Period for public comment:

No public comment.

12. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Alderman Mack to adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 26th, 2003, seconded by Alderman Suhr. All ayes. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Jodi L. Garibaldi
City Clerk
City of Viroqua