

**AUGUST 26, 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 Jodi Garibaldi, City Attorney David Jenkins, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Director of Public Works Tom Henry, Library Director Lisa Solverson, Rollie Hill, Bill Moffit, DOT Representatives (Deb, Jayme, Tony), WVRQ, and the Broadcaster.

**2. Approval of the minutes of the August 12th regular Council meeting:**

Aldersperson Smith notified Clerk Garibaldi of corrections to the August 12<sup>th</sup> minutes (add effective date to Aldersperson Molland's resignation; motion to approve bills was made by Molland, not Smith). A motion was made by Alderman Smith to approve the minutes of the August 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting with the said corrections, seconded by Alderman Zastrow. All ayes, motion carries.

Mayor Fanta presented a plaque to Aldersperson Molland for his years of service on the City of Viroqua Common Council. Aldersperson Molland's last day with the Council is August 30, 2003.

**6. Department of Transportation to discuss Hwy 14/BB and Hwy 56 projects:**

Tom Henry requested that item #6 to be moved into the #3 place. Mr. Henry opened the discussion by explaining the three phases of the Highway 56 project. Phase 1 is to CTH XX to Hillyer Avenue. Phase 2 is Hillyer Avenue to West Highway 56/Main Street. Phase 3 is Main Street to connecting highway limits. The project was changed to a three-phase project due to the financial condition of the City. Highway 14/BB is projected to start next year. Representatives from DOT explained the projects for Highway 14/BB and the Abbey Lane storm sewer credit in detail.

**3. Discussion and possible action regarding City Administrator position:**

Jeff Gohlke addressed the Council regarding his interest in helping the City for an interim period of time during the budget process. Motion made by Aldersperson Hatlem for the Personnel Committee to meet with Mr. Gohlke, seconded by Aldersperson Smith. All ayes. Motion carries

**4. Discussion and possible action regarding Parks and Recreation Director position:**

Mayor Fanta reiterated the Personnel Committee discussion regarding the Parks and Recreation Director position. Aldersperson Hatlem explained that the Parks and Recreation Committee would like to open the position to acquire a professional director that has education and experience in Parks and Recreation.

**5. Consideration and possible action regarding resolution petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for airport improvement aid:**

The item has been tabled for another date.

**7. Discussion and possible action regarding a park for Cedar Meadows Mobile Home Court:**

Majestic Property Management explained that the equipment for the park has already been bought and is being stored awaiting assembly. Aldersperson Hatlem apologized for the delay and stated that the matter will be taken care of.

**8. Consideration and possible action regarding parking on Sand Street:**

Mayor Fanta described the situation regarding the parking of semi-trucks on Sand Street between the Midway Motel and Living Faith Church. Sand Street is becoming broken by the weight of the trucks. The drivers of the truck are also using the church parking lot for a turn around and parking. Mayor Fanta stated that the City will have to find a solution to the problem.

**9. Consideration and possible action regarding cemetery management:**

Mayor Fanta stated that the Finance Committee recommends that the City allocates \$20,000.00 to the Cemetery Association to operate until the end of the year. Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to allocate \$20,000.00 to the Cemetery Association to complete 2003 cemetery operations, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. Roll Call vote, 7 ayes, 2 nay votes by Alderpersons Zastrow and Smith. Motion carries.

**10. Discussion and possible action on Alcoholic Beverage Operator's License applications.**

The Public Safety Committee recommends that the applications for Alcohol Operator's Licenses for Bryce Thom and Geoff Fluegel are approved. Motion made by Alderperson Mack to approve the above Bartender's License, seconded by Alderperson Molland. All ayes. Motion carries

**11. Alderperson Suhr to provide update on library.**

Alderperson Suhr updated the Common Council regarding the library. A grant was used to plan for the library's future. Lisa Solverson stated that there is one planning grant per each two-year cycle which qualifies with the 2000 census.

**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 Bjerke. Roll call vote, 9 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carries.

**13. Period for public comment:**

No public comment.

**14. Possible closed session regarding city union negotiations.**

Council did not move into closed session.

- a.) Alderperson Molland opened discussion involving the City Union negotiations and the latest contract presented to the Personnel Committee. Motion made by Alderperson Molland to accept the most current three-year City Union contract, seconded by Alderperson Mack. Roll call vote, 9 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carries.
- b.) Motion made by Alderperson Molland to move into closed session, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. Alderperson Molland opened discussion involving union employee matters. Motion made by Alderperson Molland to approve the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the union employee, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. Roll call vote, 8 ayes, 1 nay vote by Alderperson Smith. Motion carries.

**15. Possible closed session to confer with legal council with respect to litigation according to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.**

Motion made by Alderperson Molland to move into closed session under Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, seconded by Alderperson Bjerke. All ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion was commenced with no motions made regarding the discussion. Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to move into open session, seconded by Alderperson Molland. All ayes. Motion carries.

**16. Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Alderman Molland to adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2003, seconded by Alderman Hatlem. All ayes. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Jodi L. Garibaldi  
City Clerk