

SEPTEMBER 9, 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, 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, Bill Moffit, Lavon Felton, 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 26th minutes. A motion was made by Alderman Smith to approve the minutes of the August 26th Council meeting with the said corrections, seconded by Alderman Suhr. All ayes, motion carries.

3. Discussion and possible action on Hwy 14/BB project:

Tom Henry states that the Department of Transportation needs a letter regarding the City's decision on whether to proceed with the Highway 14/BB project or not. The City already has engineering costs dedicated to the project. Motion made by Aldersperson Suhr to proceed with the Highway 14/BB project in 2004 as scheduled, seconded by Aldersperson Mack. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carries.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding a program administrator for CDL drug and alcohol testing:

Tom Henry opens discussion by stating that the Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center is interested in being the program administrator for the City of Viroqua's drug and alcohol testing. Motion made by Aldersperson Frie to approve Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center as the CDL drug and alcohol program administrator, seconded by Aldersperson Hatlem. All ayes. Motion carries.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding Ordinance 552, an ordinance imposing a moratorium on certain signs:

Aldersperson Smith discusses the reason for renewing an ordinance imposing a moratorium on certain off-premise signs within the city limits. Motion made by Aldersperson Smith to enact Ordinance 552, seconded by Aldersperson Zastrow. All ayes. Motion carries.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding Shared Ride Taxi Program:

Aldersperson Frie states that the Finance Committee agreed to purchase a taxi in 2004. Motion made by Aldersperson Frie to approve the purchase of a taxi in the 2004 budget, seconded by Aldersperson Mack. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carries.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding Tax Incremental District payments:

Aldersperson Smith mentions that the TID payments do not come out of the City's general fund. Motion made by Aldersperson Frie to pay the TID developers, seconded by Aldersperson Smith. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carries.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding Christmas decorations:

The item has been tabled for another date. Mayor Fanta suggests setting a meeting to look through the catalogs. The decorations need to be ordered in the next couple of weeks.

9. Consideration and possible action regarding Building Inspector cell phone usage and building-related administrative codebooks:

Aldersperson Frie explains that the Finance Committee met with the Building Inspector and recommends the ordering of 2 sets of building-related administrative codebooks and to furnish a

cell phone to the Building Inspector. Motion made by Alderperson Frie to furnish a cell phone to the building inspector and order 2 sets of building-related administrative codebooks, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carries.

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

Mark Rahr explains that the Bureau of Aeronautics will give the City the money for the airport beacon and that the City will have to pay for the labor to assemble the beacon. Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the resolution petitioning the secretary of transportation for airport improvement aid, seconded by Alderperson Mack. All ayes. Motion carries.

11. Discussion and possible action on Class “B” Beer, Class “B” Liquor, and “Class C” Wine for former Ricky’s restaurant, Temporary Class “B” / “Class B” Retailer’s Alcoholic Beverage License Applications, and Alcoholic Beverage Operator’s License applications:

Motion made by Alderperson Mack to approve the Alcohol Beverage Operator’s Licenses, seconded by Alderperson Bjerke. All ayes. Motion carries.

Motion made by Alderperson Mack to approve the Class “B” Beer, Class “B” Liquor, and “Class C” Wine Alcohol Beverage License for the former Rickey’s Restaurant (Firehouse Restaurant and Lounge), seconded by Alderperson Frie. All ayes. Motion carries.

Attorney Jenkins states that the license for the Firehouse Restaurant and Lounge is not a reserve license and the cost is the same as the renewals.

12. Mayor to appoint chairperson to the Finance/Personnel Committee for the remainder of the term:

Mayor Fanta suggests the appointment of Alderperson Frie to the Finance/Personnel Committee chair. Motion made by Alderperson Smith to accept Mayor Fanta’s recommendation to appoint Alderperson Gail Frie to the Finance/Personnel Committee chair, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All ayes. Motion carries.

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

Motion made by Alderman Zastrow to pay the bills as audited by the Finance Committee, seconded by Alderman Suhr. Roll call vote, 9 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carries.

14. Period for public comment:

Bill Moffit updates the Council on the closing of the industrial land sale to VARC being Thursday, September 11, 2003 at 11:00 am.

Lisa Solverson says that the library is fully back in operation. Alderperson Frie states that the library looks beautiful.

15. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Alderman Suhr to adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 30th, 2003, seconded by Alderman Frie. All ayes. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.