

## SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

### **1. Roll call:**

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Mayor Fanta with Alderpersons 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, Jeff Gohlke, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Assistant Police Chief Daron Jefson, Director of Public Works Tom Henry, Utilities Clerk Nancy Bekkedal, Library Director Lisa Solverson, Bill Moffit, WVRQ, and the Broadcaster.

### **2. Approval of the minutes of the September 9<sup>th</sup> regular Council meeting:**

Alderperson Smith notified Clerk Garibaldi of corrections to the September 9<sup>th</sup> minutes. A motion was made by Alderman Smith to approve the minutes of the September 9<sup>th</sup> Council meeting with the said corrections, seconded by Alderman Frie. All ayes, motion carries.

### **3. Discussion and possible action on request to use City easement for ingress and egress:**

Tom Henry opened discussion regarding Howard Johnson, Inc. using a city easement ingress and egress purposes. Motion made by Alderperson Mack to give permission for Howard Johnson, Inc. and agents to use the City easement for ingress and egress purposes with the possibility of revoking privilege upon a thirty day notice, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. All ayes. Motion carries.

### **4. Discussion and possible action on lighting for the Highway 14/BB project:**

Tom Henry states that the DOT is looking into placing lights on the existing poles for the Highway 14/BB project. The poles are only on the west side. Motion made by Alderperson Frie to approve a lower priced option on lighting for the Highway 14/BB project, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. Roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carries.

### **5. Discussion and possible action on Public Works Committee recommendation on purchasing a tar kettle:**

Alderperson Zastrow stated that the Public Works Committee gave Tom Henry permission to purchase a used tar kettle for a lower price before the Council had time to approve the purchase due to the time constraint. The Public Works Committee recommends that the tar kettle be approved for purchase. Motion made by Alderperson Zastrow to purchase the used tar kettle for \$4,000.00, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. Roll call vote, 6 ayes, 1 nay vote by Alderperson Smith. Motion carries.

### **6. Discussion and possible action regarding Highway 56 agreement:**

Tom Henry updates the Council on the Highway 56 agreement. Motion made by Alderperson Mack to approve the agreement for Phase 1 of the Highway 56 agreement for the year 2006, seconded by Alderperson Noble. Roll call vote, 6 ayes, 1 nay vote by Alderperson Smith. Motion carries.

### **7. Discussion and possible action regarding requiring deposits for dumpsters and extra garbage pick-up for mobile home park residents and rental units:**

Clerk Garibaldi explains that if the tax payors of Viroqua do not pay for the dumpsters they rent from the City or extra garbage that is tipped and weighed, the amount charged would be special assessed onto their tax roll. Renters and mobile home park residents can not be special assessed since they are not property owners. A request is made to require a deposit for dumpsters and extra garbage pick-up for renters and mobile home park residents.

Motion made by Alderperson Noble to require a \$50.00 deposit on dumpsters for renters and mobile home park residents, seconded by Alderperson Bjerke. All ayes. Motion carries.

Motion made by Alderperson Noble to require a \$20.00 deposit on extra garbage pick-up for renters and mobile home park residents, seconded by Alderperson Bjerke. All ayes. Motion carries.

**8. Discussion and possible action on changing the October 14th Council meeting to be held on Monday, October 13th, 2003:**

Mayor Fanta requests the October 14<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to be changed to October 13<sup>th</sup> due to the mayor being out of town during October 14<sup>th</sup>. Motion made by Alderperson Frie to change the Council date from October 14<sup>th</sup> to October 13<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. Motion was voted on after additional discussion about changing the council dates. Roll call vote, 1 aye by Alderperson Frie, 6 nays. Motion dismissed.

**9. Consideration and possible action regarding interim City Administrator position:**

Alderperson Frie explains that a decision needed to be made regarding the possible interim City Administrator Jeffrey Gohlke. Frie requests that the City hire Mr. Gohlke part-time for a trial period. Alderperson Mack explains that a wage rate was never set to pay an interim City Administrator. Alderperson Zastrow requests that the position title be Consultant rather than interim City Administrator. Motion made by Alderperson Noble to hire Jeff Gohlke as a consultant to assist in compiling the City of Viroqua 2004 budget at a wage rate of \$35.00 per hour, not to exceed 2 months in duration and half-time hours during the week, and to take direction from the Finance Committee and the Common Council, seconded by Alderperson Mack. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carries.

**10. Mayor to appoint a new trustee to the Library Board:**

Mayor Fanta recommends that Donald Long be appointed to the Library Board. Alderperson Smith states that the issue be postponed until the next council meeting due to improper notice because the trustee was not named on the agenda. Motion made by Alderperson Smith to postpone the appointment of a new trustee to the Library Board to be properly noticed on the agenda, no second. Attorney Jenkins states that there is no legal standpoint on the issue. Proper notice will be given in the future. Motion made by Alderperson Zastrow to accept Donald Long as a new trustee to the Library Board, seconded by Alderperson Mack. Roll call vote, 5 ayes, 2 nays by Alderpersons Smith and Suhr. Motion carries.

**11. Mayor to appoint a Ward 1 Alderperson to the Common Council for remainder of term:**

Mayor Fanta states that he requests the appointment of David Tryggestad as Ward 1 Alderperson for the remainder of the term until April 2004. Motion made by Alderperson Zastrow to appoint David Tryggestad as the Ward 1 Alderperson until April 2004, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. Roll call vote, 6 ayes, 1 nay vote by Alderperson Smith. Motion carries.

**12. Alderperson Suhr to provide an update on library:**

Alderperson Suhr provides an update to the Council regarding the library.

**13. Update on 2004 budget:**

Council chooses to pass on the update.

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

Motion made by Alderman Mack to pay the bills as audited by the Finance Committee, seconded by Alderman Frie. Roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carries.

**15. Period for public comment:**

David Tryggestad thanks the Council for the appointment to Ward 1 Alderperson. A patron stated that the consultant fees for Mr. Gohlke are very reasonable.

**16. Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Alderman Frie to adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2003, seconded by Alderman Smith. All ayes. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Jodi L. Garibaldi  
City Clerk