

NOVEMBER 25, 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, David Tryggstad, 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, Jeff Gohlke, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Director of Public Works Tom Henry, Ed Peterson, Jack Vig, Paula Grenier, Nancy Rhodes, Kim Chotzen, Bill Moffit, and the Broadcaster.

2. Approval of the minutes of the November 11th regular Council meeting:

Aldersperson Smith notified Clerk Garibaldi of corrections to the November 11th minutes. A motion was made by Alderman Smith to approve the minutes of the November 11th Council meeting with the said corrections, seconded by Alderman Mack. All ayes, motion carries.

3. Discussion and possible action concerning parking on Sands Road:

Reverend Sindorf requested that parking be prohibited on Sands Road. Motion made by Aldersperson Frie to prohibit parking on the South side of Sands Road, seconded by Aldersperson Zastrow. All ayes. Motion carries.

4. Jack Vig to address council regarding the city administrator position:

Jack Vig opened discussion regarding the timeline for the city administrator position. He mentioned the budget implication of vacancy of the position. He also suggested reexamining the position and the ordinance governing the position.

5. Discussion and possible action on consultant position:

Aldersperson Frie stated that the Finance and Personnel Committee voted unanimously to extend the consultant position to review revenue and economic development and to help establish goals and guidelines. Motion made by Aldersperson Frie to continue the consultant position as recommended by the Finance and Personnel Committee, seconded by Aldersperson Mack. All ayes. Motion carries.

6. Public hearing on proposed 2004 budget:

Public hearing on the proposed 2004 budget was opened at 8:25 p.m. Objections to closing the municipal pool were made by various city citizens. The public hearing was closed at 8:25 p.m.

7. Possible action on approval of the 2004 budget:

Aldersperson Smith stated that the proposed 2004 budget is a responsible budget. Motion made by Aldersperson Mack to approve the 2004 budget as published in the Vernon County Broadcaster, seconded by Aldersperson Suhr. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carries. Motion made by Aldersperson Frie to indicate the tax levy as \$1,153,257.00, seconded by Aldersperson Suhr. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carries.

8. Discussion and action on water rate application:

Jack Vig handed out an overview of the water rate increase. The application needs to be in to the Department of Natural Resources by the end of December. Motion made by Aldersperson Hatlem to get the water rate application signed and in the mail to the DNR, seconded by Aldersperson Suhr. Roll call vote with 7 ayes and 2 nay votes cast by Alderspersons Smith and Frie. Motion carries.

9. Discussion and possible action on 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 Class “B” / “Class B” Retailer’s Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Pleasant Ridge School, seconded by Alderperson Bjerke. Roll call vote, 7 ayes, 2 nay votes cast by Alderpersons Zastrow and Hatlem. Motion carries.

Motion made by Alderperson Mack to approve the Alcoholic Beverage Operator’s License application for Ron Frank, seconded by Alderperson Bjerke. All ayes. Motion carries.

10. Consider and act on whether the Council, or a committee authorized by the Council, should hear complaints about alcohol sales to underage persons and decide whether to revoke or suspend an alcohol beverage license:

Motion made by Alderperson Noble for the Council, not a committee, to authorize a hearing concerning alcohol sales to underage persons and decide whether to revoke or suspend an alcohol beverage license, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. All ayes. Motion carries.

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

Motion made by Alderman Hatlem to pay the bills, seconded by Alderman Mack. Roll call vote, 9 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carries.

12. Period for public comment:

No public comment.

13. Possible closed session under section 19.85 (1) (g), Wisconsin Statutes "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": advice and possible action regarding City of Viroqua equal employment case:

Motion made by Alderperson Smith to go into closed session under section 19.85 (1) (g), Wisconsin Statutes "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": advice and possible action regarding City of Viroqua equal employment case, seconded by Alderperson Frie. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carries. Council moved into closed session at 9:14 p.m.

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to accept the unanimous recommendation by the Finance and Personnel Committee to reject the settlement offer regarding the City of Viroqua equal employment case, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. All ayes. Motion carries.

13. Adjournment:

Motion made by Alderman Smith to move from closed session to open session and adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 9th, 2003, seconded by Alderman Zastrow. All ayes. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Jodi L. Garibaldi
City Clerk