

MARCH 9, 2004

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Roger Hatlem, David Tryggestad, Gail Frie, John Bjerke, Robert Suhr, Steve Zastrow, Vernie Smith, Terry Noble, and Weston Mack present. Also present were City Clerk Jodi Garibaldi, City Attorney David Jenkins, City Consultant Jeff Gohlke, Director of Public Works Tom Henry, Bill Moffit, Steve Apfelbacher of Ehler's and Associates, and Clark Nordberg of Bethel Home and Services, Inc.

2. Approval of the minutes of the February 24th Regular Meeting of the Common Council:

Motion made by Alderman Hatlem to approve the minutes of the February 24th Regular Meeting of the Common Council with stated corrections, seconded by Alderman Zastrow. All ayes, motion carries.

***Changed the order to Agenda Item #8 and Item #9.**

8. Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of \$2,645,000.00 Housing Facility Revenue Bonds, Series 2004 (Bethel Home and Services, Inc. Project):

Mr. Gohlke addresses the council to highlight the bond issuance. Motion made by Alderperson Frie to accept Resolution 842, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carries.

9. Agreement between Bethel Home and Services, Inc., and the City of Viroqua regarding payment in lieu of taxes for Maplewood Terrace:

Mr. Gohlke explains the concept of payments in lieu of taxes for Maplewood Terrace. The payment is completely voluntary and is used to offset expenses. Motion made by Alderperson Noble to approve Resolution 843 and the agreement between Bethel Home and Services, Inc. and the City of Viroqua, seconded by Alderperson Frie. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carries.

***Changed the order back to Agenda Item #3.**

3. Acceptance of resignation from Rick Lotz from the Public Works Department:

Motion made by Alderperson Suhr to accept the resignation from Rick Lotz from the Public Works Department, seconded by Alderperson Zastrow. All ayes. Motion carries.

4. Public Works Committee recommendation on awarding of bids for sidewalk, curb & gutter, and hotmix paving:

Alderperson Zastrow states that two (2) bids were received for the concrete work and the bids were opened at 3:00 p.m. on 3/9/04 by the Public Works Committee. Motion made by Alderperson Zastrow to accept the hotmix bid from Mathy Construction and to accept the concrete bid from Concrete Concepts, seconded by Alderperson Mack. All ayes. Motion carries.

5. Public Works Committee recommendation on manhole rehabilitation:

Motion made by Alderperson Zastrow to accept the bid of \$15,450.00 from Infratech for manhole rehabilitation with a total not to exceed \$20,000.00 for added manholes, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. Roll call. 8 ayes, 1 nay votes cast by Alderpersons Smith. Motion carries.

6. Public Works Committee recommendation on development ordinance and agreement:

Motion made by Alderperson Zastrow to accept the development ordinance and agreement, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. All ayes. Motion carries.

7. Preliminary Resolution on special assessment for curb & gutter on Bekkedal Court:

Alderperson Hatlem outlined a wording issue in the last paragraph of the Preliminary Resolution regarding the word “may” and “unless paid in full”. Motion made by Alderperson Frie to approve Resolution 844 with stated wording change, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carries.

10. New members for the Viroqua Historical Preservation Commission:

Mayor Fanta recommends Gail Frie and Carol Gohlke as new members to the Viroqua Historical Preservation Commission. Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to accept Gail Frie and Carol Gohlke as new members to the Viroqua Historical Preservation Commission, seconded by Alderperson Zastrow. All ayes. Motion carries.

11. Amendment in the Rules and Procedure of the Common Council regarding Order of Business:

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to add another public comment as agenda item #3, seconded by Alderperson Smith. All ayes. Motion carries.

Motion made by Alderperson Noble to add an agenda item ahead of second public comment called “reports and comments by Alderpersons, Mayor, or City Officers (including Department Heads), seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All ayes. Motion carries.

Motion made by Alderperson Noble to amend the placement of the order of business of the Rules and Procedure of the Common Council, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All ayes. Motion carries.

Motion made by Alderperson Zastrow to suspend the rules and pay bills, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carries.

12. Alderperson Smith to provide handouts on council organization:

Alderperson Smith provided handouts on council organization for review by the Common Council.

13. Public Comment:

No public comment.

14. Adjournment:

Motion made by Alderman Frie to adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 30th, 2004, seconded by Alderman Mach. All ayes. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Jodi L. Garibaldi
City Clerk