

AUGUST 10, 2004

1. Roll call:

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Larry Fanta with Alderpersons Roger Hatlem, David Tryggestad, Gail Frie, John Bjerke, Robert Suhr, Vernie Smith, Wes Mack, and Terry Noble present. Alderperson Marc Polsean was absent. Also present were City Clerk Jodi Garibaldi, City Attorney David Jenkins, City Consultant Jeff Gohlke, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Ron Buros, Mark and Brenda Volden, Pat Peterson of the Unit of Aging, Bob Guck, Rollie Hill, Dave and Marta Engel, WVRQ, and Bill Moffit.

2. Approval of the minutes of the July 27th Regular Meeting of the Common Council:

Motion made by Alderperson Smith to table the minutes until August 31, 2004 Common Council meeting, no second. Motion made by Alderperson Mack to approve the minutes of the July 27th Regular Meeting of the Common Council with the following stated corrections, seconded by Alderperson Frie. 7 ayes, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith; motion carries.

Corrections to July 27th minutes:

1. Section 4, first sentence states that the three desks in the City Hall basement were to be sold for \$350.00 each. The cost is \$350.00 total for all three desks.
2. Section 13, first paragraph, last sentence states the "businesses of 23%", should read the "23 businesses."
3. Section 14, first paragraph, last sentence "detrimental" is replaced with "instrumental."
4. Section 14, fourth paragraph, Alderperson Frie abstains from voting.
5. Section 15, second paragraph, insert the word "possibly" between committee and made-up to state "Mayor Fanta appoint an advisory committee possibly made-up of."

3. First period for public comment:

No public comment.

4. Pat Peterson to address Council regarding senior meal site:

Pat Peterson of the Unit of Aging addresses the council regarding the senior meal site and senior citizens center. The "Viroqua Dairy" building currently being used as the site needs to be vacated by the end of 2004. The Al Fyksen property located by The Zoo is the most compatible site for the senior citizens center and the senior meal site. Motion made by Alderperson Frie to refer the issue to the Finance/Personnel Committee for further research, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All ayes; motion carries.

5. Rezoning from R-1 to R-2 for a portion of Dave Engel property at 224 East Hwy 56 to allow professional office use on a conditional basis:

Mr. Gohlke updates the Council on the current status of the rezoning issue on the property located at 224 East Hwy 56. Motion made by Alderperson Frie to table the rezoning issue at 224 East Hwy 56 until August 31, 2004 with the stipulation that David Engel speak with the immediate neighbors to the property and attempt a compromise, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. All ayes; motion carries.

6. Conditional use for veterinary services on the commercial (B-2) portion of David Engel property at 224 East Hwy 56:

Marta Engel explains that a fence around the barn will be constructed as additional containment for the horses on the 224 East Hwy 56 property and that the animals will be attended by the owner, veterinary, or veterinary assistant at all times. The horses will also be tied and contained in a stall inside the barn during treatment. Motion made by Alderperson Mack to accept the veterinary conditional use with the provisions that the conditional use permit be reviewed in one year to determine if the use should be

continued or if there is any issues which need to be discussed and no dogs be kenneled at the site, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. 7 ayes and 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Frie; motion carries.

7. Update on utility connections and annexation for Vernon County Jail:

Mr. Gohlke updates the Council on the status of the utility connections and annexation for Vernon County Jail. On the August 5, 2004 Vernon County Board meeting, the board unanimously (29-0) voted to authorize the annexation of the Vernon County Jail. Vernon County will pay for 50% of the cost of the water valves with the City of Viroqua paying the other 50%.

8. Update from Alderperson Smith on Comprehensive Planning Process:

Alderperson Smith hands out a review of the Comprehensive Plan working draft outline and updates the Council on the status of the Comprehensive Planning Process. .

9. Payment of Bills:

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to pay bills as recommended by the Finance Committee, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. Roll call vote, all aye; motion carries.

10. Second Period for public comment:

Alderperson Suhr questions a discrepancy in the map with roads leading to the Engel property. Attorney Jenkins explains that platted streets noted on the map are not apparent by the naked eye.

Alderperson Frie announces an appreciation open house at his home on Sunday, August 15, 2004 from noon until 3:00 p.m.

11. Adjourn:

Motion made by Alderman Mack to adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 31, 2004, seconded by Alderman Suhr. All ayes; motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Jodi L. Garibaldi
City Clerk