

AUGUST 31, 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 Tryggstad, Gail Frie, John Bjerke, Robert Suhr, Marc Polsean, Vernie Smith, Wes Mack, and Terry Noble present. Also present were City Clerk Jodi Garibaldi, City Attorney David Jenkins, City Consultant Jeff Gohlke, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Public Works Director Thomas Henry, Library Director Lisa Solverson, Rollie Hill, Dave and Marta Engel, WVRQ, Bill Moffit, Marv McNeal, Jan Rasikas, John Wheeler, Hooshang Zeghamie of CWEA; Mark Volden, David Johnston, and Wayne from the Viroqua School Bus Garage

2. Approval of the minutes of the August 10th Regular Meeting of the Common Council:

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to approve the minutes of the August 10th Regular Meeting of the Common Council “as is”, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All ayes; motion carries.

3. First period for public comment:

No public comment.

4. Hooshang Zeghamie of CWEA to address the Council about creating a storm sewer utility:

Hooshang Zeghamie of CWEA (Central Wisconsin Engineers & Architects) distributes a list “Storm Water Utility Development.” Mr. Zeghamie covered 7 key points in starting a storm water utility: 1. Need for storm development; 2. Chapter NR 216 requirements; 3. Rate structure and customer; 4. Rate study report; 5. Public involvement; 6. Utility ordinance; 7. Administration and implementation. Wisconsin Statute 66.821 has further information on the storm sewer utility.

5. John Wheeler Certified Survey Map for lots on Williams Street in Abby Estates:

Alderperson Frie states the Plan Commission recommends the approval of the Certified Survey Map, part of lot 4 of Chase’s addition to the City of Viroqua, and part of the SE-NW, of Section 31, T13N, R4W, Vernon County, Wisconsin. Motion made by Alderperson Frie to accept the recommendation by the Plan Commission to approve the Certified Survey Map, part of lot 4 of Chase’s addition to the City of Viroqua, and part of the SE-NW, of Section 31, T13N, R4W, Vernon County, Wisconsin, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. All ayes; motion carries.

6. Class “A” beer application for G&F Distributing:

Alderperson Mack explains the Public Safety Committee recommends approval of the Class “A” beer license for G&F Distributing. Motion made by Alderperson Mack to accept the recommendation by the Public Safety Committee to approve the Class “A” beer license for G&F Distributing, seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All ayes; motion carries.

7. Referral to Plan Commission of conditional use application for Viroqua Area Schools’ use of property at 754 South Main Street (formerly Peterson Motors) for school bus garage:

David Johnston from the Viroqua Area Schools presents the Common Council with a 7-minute video outlining the current building conditions of the school and the bus garage. Mr. Johnston states that the school has 24 total buses, with 6 buses leaving the garage at 6:15 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. The garage at 754 South Main Street would not need remodeling to accommodate the purpose of a bus garage. Motion made by Alderperson Frie to refer the conditional use application for Viroqua Area School’s use of property at 754 South Main Street for school bus garage, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All ayes; motion carries.

8. Resolution regarding purchase of Broadway and Main Street site for the Viroqua Food Cooperative development project in TID #4:

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the Resolution regarding purchase of Broadway and Main Street site for the Viroqua Food Cooperative development project in TID#4, seconded by Alderperson Mack. All ayes; motion carries.

9. Ordinance rezoning property from R-1 to R-2 (David and Marta Engel property, part of East 224 STH 56) with Restrictive Covenants:

Motion made by Alderperson Noble to accept the Ordinance rezoning property from R-1 to R-2 (David and Marta Engel property, particular part of East 224 STH 56) with Restrictive Covenants, seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All ayes; motion carries.

10. Resolution regarding conditional use – veterinarian (David and Marta Engel property, part of East 224 STH 56). [Note: this was approved on August 10, without a resolution]:

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the Resolution regarding conditional use – veterinarian (David and Marta Engel property, particular part of East 224 STH 56), seconded by Alderperson Bjerke. All ayes; motion carries.

11. Public Works Committee recommendation on reconstruction of Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF) road:

Alderperson Suhr states the Public Works Committee recommends the approval of reconstructing the road to the WWTF with gravel in 2004 and paving the road in 2005. Estimated cost to gravel the road is \$10-15,000.00. Motion made by Alderperson Mack to gravel the WWTF road in 2004, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. Roll call vote, 8 ayes, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith; motion carries.

12. Public Works Committee recommendation on repairs to the Oak Street well and clarifier at WWTF:

Alderperson explains the Public Works Committee recommends the approval of repairing the Oak Street well and the clarifier at WWTF. The Oak Street well motor (1946) is impaired and the seals in the clarifier need to be replaced. Motion made by Alderperson Suhr to repair the Oak Street well and the WWTF clarifier, seconded by Alderperson Frie. Roll call vote, all ayes; motion carries.

13. Resolution regarding proposed zoning changes (text of zoning ordinance):

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to refer the resolution regarding proposed zoning changes to the Plan Commission, seconded by Alderperson Noble. All ayes; motion carries.

14. Mayoral nominations to the Outdoor Aquatic Facility Committee: Roger Hatlem, Dr. Robert Starr, Terry Noble, Fred Nelson:

Motion made by Alderperson Mack to accept the mayoral nominations of Roger Hatlem, Dr. Robert Starr, Terry Noble, and Fred Nelson to the Outdoor Aquatic Facility Committee, seconded by Alderperson Frie. All ayes; motion carries.

15. Payment of Bills:

Alderperson Frie explains that two invoices submitted by the Viroqua Tourism Committee for the amounts of \$6,300.00 for banners and \$6,000.00 for banner brackets. Motion made by Alderperson Frie to pay bills as recommended by the Finance Committee with the two omissions, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. Roll call vote, all ayes; motion carries.

16. Second Period for public comment:

Rollie Hill states that South Street should be extended to West STH 56 during the Highway 56 project to save on costs later.

Alderperson Suhr would like to see the South Street extension to West STH 56 go to referendum.

Alderperson Tryggestad distributes a letter written by Belva Parker. Belva Parker would like to see Rogers Avenue extended to Broadway Street. The issue is referred to the Public Works Committee.

17. Adjourn:

Motion made by Alderman Frie to adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 14, 2004, seconded by Alderman Polsean. All ayes; motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Jodi L. Garibaldi
City Clerk