

## SEPTEMBER 14, 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 Deputy City Clerk Jodie Olson, City Attorney David Jenkins, City Consultant Jeff Gohlke, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Library Director Lisa Solverson, Sean Lentz from Ehlers & Associates, Bill Moffit, Christi Reed, Bill Woodman, Wayne Peterson from the Viroqua School Bus Garage

### **2. Approval of the minutes of the August 31<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting of the Common Council:**

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to approve the minutes of the August 31<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting of the Common Council with the following stated corrections, seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All ayes; motion carries.

Corrections to August 31<sup>st</sup> minutes:

1. Section 15, first sentence states, "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." The sentence should read, "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 would need to be approved by the Finance/Personnel Committee and the Common Council."

### **3. First period for public comment:**

No public comment.

### **4. Viroqua Area Schools conditional use request to use 754 South Main Street property as a garage for school buses:**

Motion made by Alderperson Mack to approve the Viroqua Area Schools conditional use request to use 754 Main Street property for school buses as recommended by the Plan Commission with the Library Board and the tenant working on the details, seconded by Alderperson Noble. All ayes; motion carries.

### **5. Vacation of alley at 518 North Rusk Avenue:**

Motion made by Alderperson Polsean to refer the vacation of the alley to the Plan Commission, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All ayes; motion carries.

### **6. Dairyland Power to address Council regarding easement for power transmission line purposes:**

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the execution center line construction easement contingent on the city attorney's approval, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. 8 ayes, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith; motion carries.

### **7. Initial resolution authorizing \$755,000 General Obligation Bonds for street improvements projects:**

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to approve resolution 04RS012 initial resolution authorizing \$755,000 General Obligation Bonds for street improvements projects, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. Roll call, all ayes; motion carries.

### **8. Initial resolution authorizing \$2,455,000 General Obligation Bonds for refunding purposes:**

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to approve resolution 04RS013 initial resolution authorizing \$2,455,000 General Obligation Bonds for refunding purposes, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. Roll call, all ayes; motion carries.

**9. Resolution directing publication of notice to electors:**

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to approve resolution 04RS014 resolution directing publication of notice to electors to start the 30-day process, seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All ayes; motion carries.

**10. Resolution providing for the sale of not to exceed \$3,210,000 General Obligation corporate purpose bonds:**

Motion made by Alderperson Polsean to approve resolution 04RS015 resolution providing for the sale of not to exceed \$3,210,000 General Obligation corporate purpose bonds, seconded by Alderperson Mack. Roll call, all ayes; motion carries.

**11. Tax Incremental District payments:**

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to approve the issuance of the Tax Incremental District payments as per the developers' agreements, seconded by Alderperson Mack. Roll call vote, all ayes; motion carries.

**12. Purchase of fire truck:**

Approval of the purchase of the fire truck was done previously with \$50,000.00 payment to be made with the remainder coming from the lease.

**13. FEMA grant:**

Authorization was pre-approved with no need to action at this time.

**14. Amendment to Ordinance 543 regarding room tax:**

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to instruct Attorney Jenkins to draft an ordinance enforcing a penalty for late payments of the quarterly room tax to the City, seconded by Alderperson Frie. All ayes; motion carries.

**15. Shared Ride Taxi Audit invoice payment:**

No action taken.

**16. Ordinance imposing a moratorium on certain signs:**

Motion made by Alderperson Polsean to extend the ordinance imposing a moratorium on certain signs, seconded by Alderperson Smith. All ayes; motion carries.

**17. Payment of Bills:**

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

**18. Second Period for public comment:**

Alderperson Suhr questions the need for Viroqua Area Schools to have a permit for the buses to be parked at 754 South Main Street, when the repair shop tenant can have semi-tractors parked at the same location.

**19. Adjourn:**

Motion made by Alderman Hatlem to adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 28, 2004, seconded by Alderman Smith. All ayes; motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Jodi L. Garibaldi  
City Clerk