

SEPTEMBER 28, 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, Marc Polsean, Vernie Smith, and Wes Mack present. Alderperson Terry Noble was absent. Also present were City Clerk Jodi Garibaldi, City Attorney David Jenkins, City Consultant Jeff Gohlke, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Director of Public Works Thomas Henry, Bill Moffit, Richard Running, Al Fyksen, Pat Peterson, Bob Gook, Steve and Linda Engh, Brenda Cade, and Rex Hansen.

1. Approval of the minutes of the September 14th Regular Meeting of the Common Council:

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to approve the minutes of the September 14th Regular Meeting of the Common Council with the following stated corrections, seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All ayes; motion carries.

Corrections to September 14th minutes:

1. To be added later.

****AGENDA ITEM #11 WAS MOVED IN FRONT OF ITEM #3****

11. Resolution pertaining to the Al Fyksen lease for a senior citizen center.

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to accept the lease for the senior citizen center with Al Fyksen with the following contingents being added to the resolution and completed by 12/31/2004: remodeling completed; City of Viroqua being added to insurance; and the City to pay \$975.00/month, seconded by Alderperson Mack. Roll call, all ayes; motion carries.

3. First period for public comment:

No public comment.

4. Shared Ride Taxi program:

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the application for the Shared Ride Taxi Cab Program operating assistance grant, seconded by Alderperson Frie. Roll call, all ayes; motion carries.

5. Public hearing regarding Taxi grant for handicapped accessible van:

Public hearing opens at 7:42 p.m. The City of Viroqua could recoup the cost of the van with the sale of the old van. The City share would be approximately \$6,700.00. Public hearing closes at 7:44 p.m.

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to accept the application of the Taxi grant for handicapped accessible van, seconded by Alderperson Polsean. Roll call, all ayes; motion carries.

6. Airport Land Leases:

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to refer the airport land leases to the Public Property Committee, seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All ayes; motion carries.

7. Preliminary resolution vacating alley adjacent to 518 North Rusk:

Attorney Jenkins states the public hearing is set for November 9th, 2004. Motion made by Alderperson Polsean to accept the preliminary resolution vacating alley adjacent to 518 North Rusk, seconded by Alderperson Bjerke. 7 ayes, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith; motion carries.

8. Ordinance regarding room tax penalty:

Motion made by Alderperson Suhr to accept the amendment to the ordinance regarding room tax penalty, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All ayes; motion carries.

9. Ordinance concerning outdoor heating devices:

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to approve the option of approving outdoor heating devices that have been installed prior to October 1, 2004 with the contingency that none of the existing devices be replaced, seconded by Alderperson Mack. 7 ayes, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith; motion carries.

10. Resolution approving David Engel Certified Survey Map (CSM):

Motion made by Alderperson Polsean to approve the resolution and the Certified Survey map, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. All ayes; motion carries.

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12. Public Works Committee recommendation on adding electronic scales to the existing well houses and an electronic PH meter and O₂ meter at the Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF):

Motion made by Alderperson Mack to approve the Public Works Committee recommendation to accept the cost of adding electronic scales to the existing well houses and an electronic PH meter and O₂ meter at the Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF), seconded by Alderperson Suhr. Roll call vote, 7 ayes, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith; motion carries.

13. Public Works Committee recommendation concerning replacing cathodic protection anodes in the sludge storage facility at the WWTF:

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to approve the Public Works Committee recommendation to accept the cost of replacing cathodic protection anodes in the sludge storage facility at the WWTF, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. Roll call vote, 7 ayes, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith; motion carries.

14. Public Works Committee recommendation regarding special assessment for curb and gutter on Bekkedal Court:

Motion made by Alderperson Suhr to approve the resolution regarding the special assessment for curb and gutter on Bekkedal Court, seconded by Alderperson Polsean. Roll call vote, all ayes; motion carries.

15. Public Works Committee recommendation on extending Rogers Avenue to West Broadway:

Motion made by Alderperson Suhr to extend Rogers Avenue to West Broadway, seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. Roll call vote, all ayes; motion carries.

16. Public Safety Committee recommendation concerning alcohol licenses:

Motion made by Alderperson Mack to approve alcohol operator licenses to Stephanie Tollackson, Jennifer Schlicht, Kathryn Oliver, and Aaron Koch, seconded by Alderperson Tryggestad. All ayes; motion carries.

17. Library update from Alderperson Suhr:

Alderperson Suhr updated the Council on library issues.

18. 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.

19. Second Period for public comment:

Bill Moffit projected that the Elegant Stone building will allow occupancy October 15 or November 1 of 2004.

Alderperson Frie questions whether or not the council needs to act on the donating the retaining wall blocks by the hospital to the Pioneer Cemetery. Attorney Jenkins affirms that no action is needed.

20. Adjourn:

Motion made by Alderman Hatlem to adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 12, 2004, seconded by Alderman Smith. All ayes; motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Jodi L. Garibaldi
City Clerk