

NOVEMBER 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 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, Assistant Police Chief Daron Jefson, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, Bill Moffitt, and Broadcaster.

2. Approval of the minutes of the October 26th Regular Meeting of the Common Council:

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to approve the minutes of the October 26th Regular Meeting of the Common Council as submitted by the City Clerk, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All ayes; motion carries.

3. First period for public comment:

No public comment.

4. Public Hearing on vacating a platted Alley in Butt's Addition:

Public hearing opens at 7:34 p.m. Mr. Gohlke explains the location of the alley and mentions that no one has opposed or disputed the alley vacation. Public hearing closes at 7:36 p.m.

5. Council action on vacating Alley in Butt's Addition:

Motion made by Alderperson Polsean to vacate the alley in Butt's Addition, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. 8 ayes, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith; motion carries.

6. Viroqua Veterinary Center's animal control proposal:

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to table the animal control proposal item, no second. Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to refer the animal control proposal matter to the Public Safety Committee, seconded by Alderperson Frie. All ayes; motion carries.

7. Discussion on the proposed 2005 budget, authorizing publication and setting date of public hearing:

Alderperson Frie explains the handout, "November 9th Highlights of Proposed 2005 Budget." A fifteen-day waiting period is mandatory starting the date of publication, meaning a Special Meeting of the Common Council will be set for December 2, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. Motion made by Alderperson Polsean to authorize the publication of the Proposed 2005 Budget of the City of Viroqua, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. 8 ayes, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith; motion carries.

8. Update on the annexation of Vernon County Jail site and adoption of ordinance annexing same:

Mr. Gohlke explains that the Vernon County Board met earlier today and the Board approved the Certified Survey Map of the annexation to the City of Viroqua. Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to adopt Ordinance 04OR008 annexing Vernon County property to the City of Viroqua, seconded by Alderperson Mack. All ayes; motion carries.

9. Permission for Vig and Associates to perform 2004 audit:

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to grant permission to Vig and Associates to perform the 2004 Financial Audit for the City of Viroqua, seconded by Alderperson Noble. Roll call, all ayes; motion carries.

10. Council wages:

Motion made by Alderperson Noble to forego the pay for 7:00 p.m. Finance meetings prior to the Council meetings effective January 1, 2005, seconded by Alderperson Mack. Roll call, 8 ayes, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Suhr; motion carries.

11. Payment of Bills:

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

12. Second Period for public comment:

No public comment.

13. Adjourn:

Motion made by Alderman Suhr to adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 30, 2004, seconded by Alderman Tryggestad. All ayes; motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Jodi L. Garibaldi
City Clerk