

NOVEMBER 30, 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, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, Daniel Stalsberg, Westby Mayor Jefson, Eric Nottestad, Susan Schneeberg, Rollie Hill, Doug Bolstad, Richard Running, Steve and Ann Zastrow, Bill Moffitt, and Broadcaster.

2. Approval of the minutes of the November 9th Regular Meeting of the Common Council:

Motion made by Alderperson Suhr to approve the minutes of the November 9th Regular Meeting of the Common Council as submitted by the City Clerk, seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All ayes; motion carries.

3. First period for public comment:

Rollie Hill states that he is in favor of the extension of East South Street. The state will help pay for it now and if the City waits too long, the City will end up paying for the project later. He also states that the Solversons' are opposed to the project.

Doug Bolstad, Allen and Joyce Solverson's son-in-law, speaks on behalf of the Solversons'. The Solversons own the bulk of the land surrounding the East South Street extension project. The site is not very wide and not good for a thorough fare. The project had strong resistance from the residents of East South Street a few years ago.

Susan Schneeberg states that she is having trouble with the sewer/septic at 807 South Main Street. She is looking for any ideas that would be available as a solution to the problem. This matter will be placed on the Public Works Committee agenda.

4. Public hearing regarding extension of Shared Ride Taxi in Westby:

Public hearing opens at 7:48 p.m. Richard Running explains the process of the City of Viroqua extending the Shared Ride Taxi contract to include the City of Westby with no extra expense to the City of Viroqua. Public hearing closes at 7:57 p.m. Motion made by Alderperson Frie to approve the extension of Shared Ride Taxi in Westby, seconded by Alderperson Mack. 8 ayes, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith; motion carries.

5. Public Safety Committee recommendation for the animal shelter proposal (04RS025):

Motion made by Alderperson Mack accept the Vernon County Humane Society animal proposal for 2005 (04RS025), seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All ayes; motion carries.

6. Addendum to State Highway 56 project agreement regarding right of way acquisition:

Mr. Gohlke explains that the State of Wisconsin owes the City of Viroqua approximately \$33,000 in connecting highway aids. The State of Wisconsin would like to have an agreement in place to acquire the property for the State Highway 56 project in lieu of paying the City the aid. Motion made by Alderperson Frie to approve the addendum to the State Highway 56 project agreement allowing the State of Wisconsin to acquire the property for the State Highway 56 improvement project in lieu of paying the connecting highway aids owed to the City, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. 8 ayes, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith; motion carries.

7. Public Works Committee recommendation on Team Engineering for engineering on Johnson Street project and other 2005 projects:

Alderson Suhr explains Team Engineering had a lower bid than Central Wisconsin Engineers for the Johnson Street project. Team Engineering had done a nice job on Bekkedal Court. Motion made by Alderson Suhr to accept Team Engineering's bid for the Johnson Street project, seconded by Alderson Hatlem. Roll call, 8 ayes, 1 nay vote cast by Alderson Smith; motion carries.

8. Resolution regarding the extension of East South Street to State Highway 56 at Mahoney Road:

Mr. Gohlke describes the extension of East South Street to State Highway 56 at Mahoney Road. The project would improve connectivity within the City, the City share would be \$10,000, and the City would own the right of way. Motion made by Alderson Suhr to recommend the East South Street extension to the Committee of the Whole, seconded by Alderson Polsean. 8 ayes, 1 nay vote cast by Alderson Smith; motion carries.

9. Resolution concerning snow plowing for senior citizen center (04RS026):

Steve and Ann Zastrow, owners of The Zoo, would like to see parking left for The Zoo's customer parking and an insurance rider waiving liability responsibility in the parking lot. Attorney Jenkins states that liability lies in ownership. Motion made by Alderson Mack to approve the resolution concerning snow plowing for senior citizen center (04RS026), seconded by Alderson Suhr. All ayes; motion carries.

10. Crossing guard:

Motion made by Alderson Mack to eliminate the Crossing Guard position at Main and Decker, seconded by Alderson Smith. 8 ayes, 1 nay vote cast by Alderson Hatlem; motion carries.

11. Police and Fire Commission organization:

According to a Public Safety Committee member, Alderson Bjerke, the Police and Fire Commission is going to develop a five-member subcommittee consisting of 2 members from the City of Viroqua Police and Fire Commission and 1 member from Franklin Township, Viroqua Township, and Jefferson Township (a quorum will consist of three members). The final decision will be made by City of Viroqua Police and Fire Commission.

12. Parks and Recreation Committee recommendation to hire Daniel Stalsberg as the Parks and Recreation Director:

Parks and Recreation Committee unanimously recommends Daniel Stalsberg as the Parks and Recreation Director effective immediately. No wage has been determined at this time. Motion made by Alderson Hatlem to approve Daniel Stalsberg as the Parks and Recreation Director position, seconded by Alderson Noble. Roll call, all ayes; motion carries.

13. Alcohol licenses:

Public Safety Committee unanimously recommends the approval of the alcohol operator's licenses for David E. Campton, Mary L. Nedland, and Tonia J. Robson. The committee also recommends the denial of the alcohol operator's license for Reniah Newman. Motion made by Alderson Mack to approve the alcohol operator's license for David E. Campton, Mary L. Nedland, and Tonia J. Robson, seconded by Alderson Noble. All ayes; motion carries.

Public Safety Committee recommends the approval of the Special Class "B" Retailer's License for the sale of fermented malt beverage and wine coolers and a gathering (Temporary Class "B" Picnic License) for the Viroqua Fire Department to serve alcoholic beverages in the common area at the Main Street Station, 217 South Main Street, Viroqua, WI for the Organic Valley Christmas party on December 11, 2004. Motion made by Alderson Mack to approve the temporary picnic license for the Viroqua Fire

Department, seconded by Alderperson Noble. 8 ayes, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith; motion carries.

14. Viroqua Tourism Committee: Reappointment of John Iverson, Ingrid Mahan, Dian Krause, Bea Small, and Dave Busch; Appointment of Terry Noble and David Tryggstad:

Mayor Fanta recommends the reappointment of John Iverson, Ingrid Mahan, Dian Krause, Bea Small, and Dave Busch to the Viroqua Tourism Committee and the appointment of Terry Noble and David Tryggstad to the committee. Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to approve Mayor Fanta's recommendations for reappointment and appointment to the Viroqua Tourism Committee, seconded by Alderperson Frie. All ayes; motion carries. Viroqua Tourism Committee will meet the 1st Tuesday of every month at the Common Ground Café, Main Street, Viroqua, Wisconsin.

15. Appointment of Marty Larson to Comprehensive Planning Commission:

Mayor Fanta recommends appointment of Marty Larson to the Comprehensive Planning Commission. Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to approve Mayor Fanta's recommendation appointment of Marty Larson to the Comprehensive Planning Commission, seconded by Alderperson Smith. All ayes; motion carries.

16. Payment of Bills:

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

17. Second Period for public comment:

Mr. Gohlke reminds the council of the DOT meeting at WWTC on December 7, 2004, regarding the STH 56 project.

18. Adjourn:

Motion made by Alderman Hatlem to adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 14, 2004, seconded by Alderman Polsean. All ayes; motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Jodi L. Garibaldi
City Clerk