

DECEMBER 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 City Clerk Jodi Garibaldi, City Attorney David Jenkins, City Consultant Jeff Gohlke, Police Chief Mark Rahr, Fire Chief Steve Skrede, Dean Sowle, Library Director Lisa Solverson, Director of Public Works Thomas Henry, Doug Bolstad, Bill Moffitt, and WVRQ.

2. Approval of the minutes of the November 30th Regular Meeting of the Common Council:

Motion made by Alderperson Smith to approve the minutes of the November 30th Regular Meeting of the Common Council with the corrections stated by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson Frie. All ayes; motion carries.

3. First period for public comment:

Doug Bolstad, Allen and Joyce Solverson's son-in-law, reads a statement on behalf of the residents opposed to the East South Street project.

4. Dean Sowle to address Council regarding street parking at 709 West Decker Street:

Dean Sowle lives three houses from the school on West Decker. Mr. Sowle is concerned with the snow plowing and parking on his portion of the street. Motion made by Alderperson Frie to refer the matter to Public Safety, seconded by Alderperson Polsean. All ayes; motion carries.

5. Notice of Public Hearing for possible extension of East South Street:

Mr. Gohlke notice the public and affected land owners of the public hearing on Wednesday, January 5, 2005 at WWTC, room 115 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

6. Possible referral of City Hall options to Public Property Committee:

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to refer the matter to the Public Property Committee, seconded by Alderperson Frie. 8 ayes, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith; motion carries.

7. Sidewalk to be cleaned by the City along North STH 14:

Motion made by Alderperson Suhr to approve the City of Viroqua cleaning the sidewalk on the Bennett property, the Vernon County Fairgrounds, Historical marker, and the Hanson property along Main Street/Hwy 14, seconded by Alderperson Mack. Roll call, all ayes; motion carries.

8. Policy regarding recycling disposal for commercial accounts that use private refuse haulers for garbage:

No changes to the policy. Council takes no action.

9. Public Works Committee recommendation regarding changes in brush disposal in 2005:

Mr. Henry explains that the City of Viroqua brush disposal is becoming a problem due to the removal of large trees. Contracted individuals are expecting the City to remove the trees. Motion made by Alderperson Polsean to incorporate the brush into 4-foot bundles and charge the homeowner to remove large trees, no second. Motion made by Alderperson Polsean to send a notification to the homeowner to bundle the brush into 4-foot bundles with a weight limit of 50 pounds, no second. Motion made by Alderperson Polsean to table the issue, seconded by Alderperson Hatlem. All ayes; motion carries.

10. STH 14/61 and STH 56/82 connecting highway limits:

Motion made by Alderperson Hatlem to approve the addendum to the STH 14/61 and STH 56/82 connecting highway limits, seconded by Alderperson Suhr. Roll call, 8 ayes, 1 nay vote cast by Alderperson Smith; motion carries.

11. Library space needs:

Ms. Solverson explains that in order to apply for a CDBG grant, the library needs a community space needs study and a cost figure from a contactor submitted with the grant.

12. Payment of Bills:

Motion made by Alderperson Frie to pay bills as recommended by the Finance Committee (with the correction to the amount on the airport bill on the second page), seconded by Alderperson Noble. Roll call vote, all ayes; motion carries.

13. Second Period for public comment:

Lisa Solverson states that the new renters at the 754 South Main Street property will be using the property as a used furniture store.

Alderperson Mack wants to mention, along with the possibility of the bypass, the City might want to consider attempts to attract new business into Viroqua. Bike trails, new outdoor pool, and annexing land were ideas mentioned.

14. Adjourn:

Motion made by Alderman Suhr to adjourn the council meeting until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 28, 2004, seconded by Alderman Polsean. All ayes; motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Jodi L. Garibaldi
City Clerk