

CITY OF VERONA
MINUTES
COMMON COUNCIL
March 14, 2022

1. Call to order: Mayor Diaz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Kate Cronin, Mara Helmke, Phil Hoechst, Chad Kemp, Rye Kimmett, Heather Reekie, Evan Touchett and Christine Posey. Also present: City Engineer Carla Fischer, City Administrator Adam Sayre, and Public Works Director Theran Jacobson.
4. Public Comments: None
5. Approval of Minutes from the February 14, 2022 Common Council meeting
Motion by Touchett, seconded by Kemp to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2022 Common Council meeting. Motion carried 8-0.
6. Mayor's Business
7. Announcements
 - Alderperson Kimmett stated that the Senior Center is looking for Meals on Wheels volunteers and medical appointment drivers. Anyone interested should contact the Senior Center.
8. Administrator's Report
 - There is an election on April 5th. Absentee ballots will be mailed out by Tuesday the 15th. Voters can double check their polling place online.
9. Engineer's Report: Carla Fischer presented the Engineer's report.
10. Committee Reports
 - A. Finance Committee**
 - (1) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Payment of bills
Motion by Kemp, seconded by Posey, to pay the bills in the amount of \$1,269,384.31.
Motion carried 8-0.
 - B. Plan Commission**
 - (1) Discussion Re: Initial review for a proposed four (4)-story mix-use building with 5,900 square feet of commercial space and sixty-four (64) apartment units located at 1050 North Edge Trail
Reekie stated that it would be appreciate if solar panels were installed upon construction.
Kemp asked what kinds of businesses would be in the retail portion of the building. The representative from GRG management stated that Monk's Bar and Grill will take up about 3,000 square feet of commercial space. He added that as soon as they get approval, they will start marketing the other retail space. He added that rent per square foot of the retail space will be more affordable than in other parts of town. Posey stated that initially she had concerns about the height of the building, but has since discovered that the homes on the opposite side of the street are raised up, so there shouldn't be an issue.
Touchett stated that underground parking is important for residents.
Helmke stated that she is in favor of 2- and 3-bedroom units. She added that she supports affordable commercial space, as small businesses have a hard time finding affordable space in Verona.

Diaz stated he was ok with 4-stories at that location. He stated, while he is not a fan of drive-throughs, he understands that is the way things are moving, and it shouldn't be an issue.

Cronin stated she would like to see more 2- and 3-bedroom apartments. She asked if there would be outdoor seating. Sayre stated there is a potential for it on the west side of the building.

Hoechst asked if the applicant had talked to the dental office about parking. The architect for the project stated they currently are proposing 62 underground parking spots, and 41 surface spots. Hoechst added that they should consider talking to the dental office about using their parking stalls when they are not open.

C. Public Works/ Sewer & Water Committee

- (1) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Awarding Project 2022-101, Verona Asphaltic Street Rehabilitation

Motion by Touchett, seconded by Kemp, to award Project 2022-101, Verona Asphaltic Street Rehabilitation to Wolf Paving in the amount not to exceed \$195,990. Motion carried 8-0.

- (2) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Awarding Contract 2022-102 Verona Pavement Surface Treatment Project

Motion by Touchett, seconded by Hoechst, to award Contract 2022-102 Verona Pavement Surface Treatment Project to Scott Construction, in the amount not to exceed \$173,482.50. Motion carried 7-0.

11. Adjournment: Motion by Touchett, seconded by Cronin to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried 8-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Holly Licht, City Clerk