

CITY OF VERONA
MINUTES
COMMON COUNCIL
April 26, 2021
Verona City Hall

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Verona Common Council held its meeting as a virtual meeting. The Common Council did not meet at City Hall, 111 Lincoln Street. Members of the Common Council and Staff joined the meeting by using Zoom Webinar. Members of the public were able to join the meeting using Zoom Webinar via a computer, tablet, or smartphone, or by calling into the meeting via phone.

1. Mayor Diaz called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call: Alderpersons Kate Cronin, Heather Reekie, Christine Posey, Katie Kohl, Phil Hoechst, Chad Kemp, and Charlie Ryan were present. Also present: City Administrator Adam Sayre and City Engineer Carla Fischer. Evan Touchett was absent and excused.
4. Public Comment: None
5. Approval of minutes from the April 12, 2021 Common Council meeting.
Motion by Kohl, seconded by Kemp, to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021 Common Council meeting. Motion carried 7-0.
6. Mayor's Business:
 - A. Arbor Day Proclamation
The proclamation was read allowed to members.
 - B. Council member committee appointments
 - C. Citizen member committee appointments

Diaz explained that there are appointments to additional boards located in the packet, which include Alder and citizen appointments. The CDA (Community Development Authority) has a vacant seat, which was purposely done to wait until a future project is before this committee.

Motion by Kemp, seconded by Reekie, to move approval of the 2021 standing committee appointments and boards. Motion carried 7-0.
7. Announcements: None
8. Administrator's Report:
 - Plan Commission – May 3rd – 6:30 P.M.
 - Public Hearings
 - Draft House outdoor seating expansion
 - Woods at Cathedral Point apartments

- There are several Board of Review meetings noted in the packet. One person needs to take the Board of Review training that is required and no one has volunteered as of now. Please let Adam Sayre and Kayla Martin know if you are interested otherwise you will be told to take the training.

Reekie explained that she is unable to attend any daytime training options.

Posey did the last training that was done as a recorded webinar, which is a purchased recording.

Kohl volunteered to attend the webinar training with Ryan and Kemp agreeing to do it as a back-up if needed.

- There are some logistical items dealing with notary and signatures that are needed for the last four people who were sworn into office that are being worked through as it has to be before the judge or other arrangements are made.

9. Engineer's Report:

Eastside Interceptor

- Traffic Control
 - Bruce Street closure and detour is planned to begin Monday, April 26th, and last for approximately 4 weeks to complete permanent restoration.
 - Ice Age Trail is detoured to South Main Street to Military Ridge State Trail.
 - The Lincoln Street Bridge and path between Lincoln Street cul-de-sac and Hillcrest Drive is currently closed until the middle or end of May. The path will be temporarily opened once pipe placement is complete with final path paving planned for later in the project.
 - VASD has been notified, and Staff is providing updates to them as necessary.
- Pipe installation
 - Crews are continuing to install gravity sewer and MMSD force main to the east of the Badger Mill Creek horseshoe area (South Main Street) and past the Lincoln Street bridge. Crews anticipate having pipe past the Lincoln Street bridge by the middle to end of May.
 - There is a figure in the packet that shows the force main being placed.
 - Dewatering has been set up to the Lincoln Street channel area.
 - Materials (pipe and bedding stone) are being staged along the entire project from South Main Street to the end of the project just east of Arbor Vitae Place.
- Site Restoration
 - Restoration crews have begun final grading and restoration from Bruce Street to the Badger Mill Creek double creek crossing area.
 - Seed restoration is planned to begin later in early May, depending on weather.
 - Bruce Street permanent curb and gutter and pavement and Melody Circle pavement patching are planned to occur during the planned closure beginning Monday, April 26th.
 - Melody Circle cul-de-sac pavement and yard restoration will occur at the same

time Bruce Street restoration items are occurring.

- Neighborhood Progress Meeting
 - The fourth neighborhood progress meeting was held on April 21, 2021 by project staff.
 - The next neighborhood progress meeting will be held May 19, 2021 by project staff.
 - Zoom link for the meeting is on the project website.

Major Design Projects

- Lincoln Street Stormwater Facility Construction: The access road along Lincoln Street is in place as well as the silt and construction fencing. The temporary crossing of Lincoln Street has been installed. Both the access road and temporary channel crossing were included as a figure in the packet. Topsoil was stripped on April 16th and additional silt fence as placed down slope of the topsoil stock piles. Excavation and material hauling will be the primary work for the next several weeks.
- 2021 Stormwater Basin Treatments: Plans are being finalized for the alum treatment of three stormwater detention basins in the City. The basins to be treated are:
 - Silent Street (across from the Library)
 - Meister Addition West (east of Northern Lights Road)
 - Verona Technology Park (near Wisconsin Brewing Company)

A live virtual presentation is scheduled through the Verona Public Library for tonight April 26, 2021. A recording of the presentation will be available through the Verona Public Library website for viewing after the live event. Treatment is scheduled for the week of May 17th through 21st.

- Storm Water Information Programming: The Public Library & Public Works Department have teamed up to establish a practice of making storm water presentations available in a recorded format for those who are interested in the topic but are unable to attend the live virtual events. Since the Library has a policy of not allowing recording of the live presentations due to privacy concerns, the recorded versions of the presentations are done separately. Check out the Verona Library website at the link included in the report to see the currently available presentations. Be sure to scroll down the page to get to the presentations.

Cronin asked if any of the work on the North Main Street water main replacement in June was going to be happening during the night and if North Main Street will remain open.

Fischer was not 100% sure, but believes it will all be day time work. She will check and follow up. There will be some lane closures of North Main Street at times, but will be open to traffic.

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 \$956,287.91. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Public Safety

- (1) Discussion & Possible Action: Resolution No. R-21-021 to rename Wall Street to Victory Lane

Aldersperson Touchett has requested to rename Wall Street to Victory Lane. Staff has no concerns with the street name change. The proposed street name change requires the Common Council to approve a Resolution stating this.

Motion by Reekie, seconded by Kohl, to approve Resolution No. R-21-021 to rename Wall Street to Victory Lane. Motion carried 7-0.

- (2) Discussion & Possible Action: Ordinance No. 21-976 amending Section 10-1-33 of the Code of Ordinances relating to traffic and parking regulations on school district grounds

The proposed Ordinance amendment will establish traffic and parking regulations at the new High School. The current Ordinance references the former High School, now Badger Ridge Middle School, and the Ordinances need to be updated. Staff has coordinated with the High School security team and the District's construction Senior Project Manager, whom are comfortable with the proposed changes.

Motion by Reekie, seconded by Kohl, to approve Ordinance No. 21-976 amending Section 10-1-33 of the Code of Ordinances relating to traffic and parking regulations on school district grounds. Motion carried 7-0.

- (3) Discussion & Possible Action: Ordinance No. 21-977 amending Section 10-1-13 of the Code of Ordinances relating to required stops.

The proposed Ordinance amendment will clean-up the City's Ordinance language for stop sign locations to reflect the street name change from Wall Street to Victory Lane.

Motion by Reekie, seconded by Kohl, to approve Ordinance No. 21-977 amending Section 10-1-13 of the Code of Ordinances relating to required stops. Motion carried 7-0.

- (4) Discussion & Possible Action: Ordinance No. 21-978 amending Section 10-1-27 of the Code of Ordinances relating to parking prohibited zones

The proposed Ordinance amendment will clean-up the City's Ordinance language for no parking locations to reflect the street name change from Wall Street to Victory Lane.

Motion by Reekie, seconded by Kohl, to approve Ordinance No. 21-978 amending Section 10-1-27 of the Code of Ordinances relating to parking prohibited zones. Motion carried 7-0.

11. New Business

A. Discussion and Possible Action Re: Resolution No. R-21-022 approving No Mow May

Aldersperson Cronin requested Staff create a Resolution establishing a No Mow May. The proposed Resolution would recognize May of 2021 as No Mow May and would encourage all citizens to support efforts to protect pollinators. To help protect pollinators, the City will suspend enforcement of length of lawns and grasses until June 1, 2021. The suspension of the enforcement will allow pollinator species to emerge and early flowering grasses to establish to benefit the pollinators.

Cronin wanted to make clear that this is a Resolution not a mandate. If you participate, there will not be fines from the City during this period. Enforcement will begin again on June 1st. City parks and fields will continue to be mowed.

Kohl would like to have a sign for No Mow May.

Ryan asked if a sign could be made and posted to the website for downloading.

Motion by Cronin, seconded by Reekie, to approve Resolution No. R-21-022 approving No Mow May. Motion carried 7-0.

12. Adjournment:

Motion by Kemp, seconded by Reekie, to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Kayla Martin
Deputy City Clerk