

CITY OF VERONA
COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES
July 10, 2023

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, Chad Kemp, Beth Tucker Long, Rye Kimmett, Evan Touchett, Phil Hoechst and Christine Posey were present. Also present: City Administrator Jamie Aulik, City Engineer Carla Fischer, Parks Director Adam Waszak, City Clerk Holly Licht, and City Attorney Bryan Kleinmaier.
4. Public Comments
 - Stan Hook, American Legion, presented the Mayor and City Council a baseball bat in recognition of their support the community.
5. Approval of Minutes from the June 26, 2023 Common Council Meeting
Motion by Kemp, seconded by Touchett to approve the June 26, 2023 Common Council meeting minutes. Motion carried 8-0.
6. Mayor's Business
7. Announcements
8. Administrator's Report: Jamie Aulik stated that staff are working on 2024 CIP Budget and personnel requests.
9. Engineer's Report: Carla Fischer presented the Engineer's Report and it was entered into the record.
10. Committee Reports
 - A. Finance Committee**
 - (1) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Payment of bills
Motion by Kemp, seconded by Helmke to pay the bills in the amount of \$1,092,129.28. Motion carried 8-0.
 - (2) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Request for Public Works Maintenance position
Motion by Kemp, seconded by Helmke to approve a request for Public Works Maintenance position. Motion carried 8-0.

(3) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Position description, reclassification, and compensation for the Building Facilities Manager position
Motion by Kemp, seconded by Touchett to approve a position description, reclassification, and compensation for the Building Facilities Manager position.
Motion carried 8-0.

(4) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Request for part-time Fire Department Administrative Assistant position
Motion by Kemp, seconded by Helmke to approve a request for a part-time Fire Department Administrative Assistant. Tucker Long suggested combining this with another part-time position to make it easier to fill and provide more services for the City. Motion carried 8-0.

11. New Business

A. Discussion and Possible Action Re: Mediation and potential litigation with the Town of Verona

The Common Council may convene in closed session as authorized by Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the City who is rendering oral advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the City with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. The Common Council may reconvene in open session to discuss and take action on the subject matter discussed in the closed session.

Motion by Tucker Long, seconded by Cronin to go into closed session as authorized by Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the City who is rendering oral advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the City with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. The Common Council may reconvene in open session to discuss and take action on the subject matter discussed in the closed session at 7:20 p.m.
Motion carried 8-0 on roll call vote.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Tucker Long, seconded by Hoechst to reconvene in open session at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried 8-0.

12. Motion by Touchett, seconded by Tucker Long to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Licht, City Clerk