

CITY OF VERONA
COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES
August 28, 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, Evan Touchett, Phil Hoechst, and Christine Posey were present. Rye Kimmett arrived at 7:10 p.m. Also present: City Clerk Holly Licht, City Administrator Jamie Aulik, Police Chief Dave Dresser, City Engineer Carla Fischer, and City Attorney Bryan Kleinmaier.
4. Public Comments:
 - Tony DeRosa, Fiduciary Real Estate, spoke regarding the Annexation Agreement with FRED-VERONA HC, LLC.
5. Approval of Minutes from the August 14, 2023 Common Council Meeting
Motion by Kemp, seconded by Cronin to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2023 Common Council Meeting. Motion carried 7-0.
6. Mayor's Business: None
7. Announcements: None
8. Administrator's Report: Administrator Aulik stated that there is a Joint Plan Commission meeting on Thursday and the Personnel Committee will be interviewing candidates for the Public Works Director position.
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 \$1,308,400.31. Motion carried 7-0.
 - B. Public Safety and Welfare Committee**
 - (1) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Operator license denial for Eugene Crisler
Motion by Hoechst, seconded by Touchett to deny the operator license for reasons stated in the August 1st letter from Chief Dresser. Kleinmaier stated that the nature of Mr. Crisler's offense does not allow for rehabilitation. Helmke

stated that she is against denying the license. Kimmett agreed with Helmke. Hoechst stated that he will be following the recommendation of the Chief and Attorney Kleinmaier. Motion failed 3-5 with Kimmett, Helmke, Tucker Long, Kemp, and Cronin voting no . Motion by Helmke, seconded by Kimmett to approve the operator license for Eugene Crisler. Motion carried 5-3 with Posey, Hoechst and Touchett voting no.

C. Public Works, Sewer & Water Committee

- (1) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Approving an agreement with JT Engineering for construction inspection services for Ardent Glen Phase 1
Motion by Touchett, seconded by Helmke to approve an agreement with JT Engineering for construction inspection services for Ardent Glen Phase 1. Motion carried 8-0.

- (2) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Approving an agreement with JT Engineering for construction inspection services for Whalen Road construction
Motion by Touchett, seconded by Kemp to approve an agreement with JT Engineering for construction inspection services for Whalen Road construction. Motion carried 8-0.

11. New Business

- (1) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Lease with Hometown Community Church for use of the Senior Center
Motion by Posey, seconded by Kimmett to approve the lease with Hometown Community Church for use of the Senior Center. Motion carried 8-0.

- (2) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Draft Lease Agreement with Art House 360 for City-owned property at 401 W. Verona Avenue
The Common Council may convene in a closed session, as authorized by Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(e), for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. The common Council may reconvene in open session and take action on the closed session item.

Diaz requested that the City get estimates for the work that needs to be done. Kimmett stated that our budget is a values statement, and the City should make it a priority. Cronin stated there was a reason that the City kept the building. She stated that it isn't a surprise that the building needs work. Tucker Long stated that if the City continues to own the building, she would like the City to maintain it so that we know its quality and that it upholds the historic standards. Kemp agreed that he would need to see the financial impact of the improvements that need to be made.

- (3) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Annexation Agreement with FRED-VERONA HC, LLC pertaining to land adjacent to County Highway PD
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funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. The common Council may reconvene in open session and take action on the closed session item.

Motion by Posey, seconded by Kimmett to go into closed session at 8:01 p.m. as authorized by Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(e), for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Motion carried 7-1 with Touchett voting no.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Posey, seconded by Hoechst to reconvene in open session at 8:54 p.m.
Motion carried 8-0.

12. Adjournment: Motion by Touchett, seconded by Kemp to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. Motion carried 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Licht, City Clerk