

CITY OF VERONA
MINUTES
COMMON COUNCIL
October 14, 2019
Verona City Hall

1. Mayor Diaz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call: Alderpersons Kate Cronin, Sarah Gaskell, Charlotte Jerney, Chad Kemp, Katie Kohl, Christine Posey, Heather Reekie and Evan Touchett were present. Also present: City Administrator Adam Sayre, Fire Officer in Charge Dan Machotka, and City Clerk Ellen Clark.
4. Public Comment: None
5. Approval of the minutes from the September 30, 2019 Common Council meeting. Motion by Reekie, seconded by Kemp, to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2019 Common Council meeting. Motion carried 8-0.
6. Mayor's Business:
 - A. Introduction of Senior Center Director
Stephanie Ehle introduced herself as the new Senior Center Director. She is happy to be involved with the Verona Senior Center.
 - B. Proclamation: Halloween trick or treat hours
Mayor Diaz announced that the official trick or treat hours for the City of Verona will be 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 31st.
7. Announcements: None
8. Administrator's Report:
 - Upcoming public hearings include 118 South Main Street and the Whispering Coves development on Monday, November 4th; and the 2020 budget on Monday, November 18th.
 - Senate Bill 269, allowing the City to reimburse taxpayers for the City's TIF error in 2018, passed the State Senate on October 8th. The Bill now moves to the State Assembly. A public hearing on the Bill will be held at the State Capitol at Noon on Wednesday, October 16th.
 - The annual free E-waste drop-off day is October 26th from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the public works facility, 410 Investment Court.
 - The final two candidates for the Fire Chief position will be making presentations at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 17th at the Verona Fire/EMS Station, 101 Lincoln Street. Alders and the public will have the opportunity to provide written comments about the finalists to the Police and Fire Commission after the presentations. The Fitch-Rona EMS District annual meeting will immediately follow.
 - Festival Foods opened on October 11th. As part of their grand opening events and their community involvement, they presented the City with a check for \$10,000 to

help replace the park equipment at Vande Grift Park in the Eastview Heights subdivision. Thank you to Festival Foods for their generous donation.

9. Engineer's Report:

- CTH PD – Woods Road to CTH M: Traffic is in the Stage 1 configuration from Woods Road to Windswept Way. Work on Stage 2 for the widening of CTH PD between Woods Road and Windswept Way has started. CTH PD will be closed between Woods Road and Windswept Way starting Saturday, October 19th at 6 a.m., and will reopen by Monday, October 21st at 6 a.m.
- CTH M resurfacing project: CTH M between Verona and Oregon will be restricted to local traffic only until late October. Monday, September 30th – Friday, October 18th, CTH M will be closed between Fish Hatchery Road and Thousand Oaks Trail.
- CTH PD will be closed to all traffic west of Shady Oak Lane for four weeks beginning October 14th.

10. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

- (1) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Payment of bills. Motion by Cronin, seconded by Posey, to pay the bills in the amount of \$2,756,595.86. Motion carried 8-0.
- (2) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Resolution No. R-19-041 amending the City Fee Schedule. Motion by Cronin, seconded by Kemp, to approve Resolution No. R-19-041 amending the City Fee Schedule. The City Fee Schedule was reviewed by City Staff for accuracy and fee levels. Increases for 2020 include operator's licenses, park reservations, some recreation programs, and dog licenses. Dog licensing fees are set by Dane County. Motion carried 8-0.

B. Plan Commission

- (1) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Ordinance No. 19-948 reconfirming and adopting the City of Verona Comprehensive Plan. Motion by Gaskell, seconded by Cronin, to approve Ordinance No. 19-948 reconfirming and adopting the City of Verona Comprehensive Plan. The City's current Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2009. According to State Statute, Comprehensive Plans should be updated every ten years. Staff has determined that it is in the public interest to update the Plan after the 2020 Census is completed in order to allow the City to utilize the most current data in the Plan. Therefore, at this time, Staff is requesting reconfirmation and adoption of the current City of Verona Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried 8-0.

11. New Business

- A. Discussion and Possible Action Re: Resolution No. R-19-042 requesting exemption from the Dane County Library Tax. This resolution requests the City of Verona to be exempted from the payment of any tax for the support of the County Library Service as provided in Wisconsin Statute 43.64(2). This Resolution is required annually. Motion by Touchett, seconded by Kemp, to approve Resolution No. R-19-042 requesting exemption from the Dane County Library Tax. Motion carried 8-0.

- B. Discussion and Possible Action Re: Resolution No. R-19-043 supporting the establishment of a Fire Department Emergency Medical Responder program. Sayre explained the City of Verona Fire Department is not currently licensed through the state of Wisconsin for medical care. The full-time firefighters are credentialed through Fitch-Rona EMS. The paid-on-call and paid-on-premise firefighters are not currently credentialed, which limits them to being able to perform only first aid, unless directed by a paramedic to perform other procedures. Over the past four years, the Verona fire department has been sending our firefighters to Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) class. This resolution is one of the final steps to allow the Verona Fire Department to apply for a license to provide EMR level care to our citizens. Motion by Kohl, seconded by Cronin, to approve Resolution No. R-19-042 supporting the establishment of a Fire Department Emergency Medical Responder program. Motion carried 8-0.
- C. Discussion and Possible Action Re: Approval of operator licenses. Motion by Reekie, seconded by Kohl, to approve operator licenses as presented by the City Clerk. Motion carried 8-0.

12. Adjournment:

Motion by Kohl, seconded by Kemp, to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. Motion carried 8-0.

Ellen Clark
City Clerk