

CITY OF VERONA
MINUTES
COMMON COUNCIL
January 24, 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 (via Zoom), Phil Hoechst, Chad Kemp, Rye Kimmett, Heather Reekie, Evan Touchett and Christine Posey. Also present: City Engineer Carla Fischer, City Administrator Adam Sayre, Public Works Director Theran Jacobson, and City Clerk Holly Licht.
4. Public Comments:
 - Lauren Cohan spoke regarding the gun violence survivor proclamation. She encouraged Mayor Diaz to sign the proclamation. She added that she would like police shootings to be added back into the proclamation.
5. Approval of Minutes from the January 10, 2022 Common Council meeting
Motion by Kemp, seconded by Kimmett to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2022 Common Council meeting. Motion carried 8-0.
6. Mayor's Business
 - A. Presentation by Jerry Eykholt regarding a makerspace: Eykholt stated that there is a need for makerspace in the county, particularly the west/southwest side. He added that it would be smart to work with the Dane County Arts Commission. Mr. Sayre said that he is working with Findforf for to provide a cost assessment.
 - B. Appointment of citizen member to the Plan Commission: Mayor Diaz appointed Tyler Wood as a Plan Commission member.
 - C. Mayor Diaz presented the Gun Violence Survivors Week Proclamation
7. Announcements
 - A. Alder Helmke stated that the Senior Center is recycling oral hygiene products and markers.
8. Administrator's Report
 - A. The Rec Department will be hosting Frozen Fest on January 29th.
 - B. There will be a market update with the City Assessor this year.
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 approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$906,961.42. Motion carried 8-0.
 - (2) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Resolution No. R-22-008 Authorizing the issuance and establishing parameters for the sale of not to exceed \$5,115,000 general obligation refunding bonds, series 2022A
Motion by Kemp, seconded by Posey to approve Resolution No. R-22-008 Authorizing the issuance and establishing parameters for the sale of not to exceed \$5,115,000 general obligation refunding bonds, series 2022A. Motion carried 8-0.
 - B. Public Safety & Welfare Committee**
 - (1) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Temporary Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class B" Wine license applications from the Verona Area Community Theater, 103 Lincoln Street, for February 10-12 and 17-19, 2022; and May 13-15, 2022 – Dee Baldock, Agent

Motion by Reekie, seconded by Hoechst to approve a Temporary Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage and “Class B” Wine license applications from the Verona Area Community Theater, 103 Lincoln Street, for February 10-12 and 17-19, 2022; and May 13-15, 2022 – Dee Baldock, Agent. Motion carried 8-0.

C. Public Works/ Sewer & Water Committee

(1) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Resolution No. 22-009 Relocation order and determination of necessity related to Project 1204-08-72, US 18 Auxiliary Lane

Motion by Touchett, seconded by Kimmett to approve Resolution No. 22-009 Relocation order and determination of necessity related to Project 1204-08-72, US 18 Auxiliary Lane. Motion carried 8-0.

(2) Discussion and Possible Action Re: Approving a professional services agreement with General Engineering Company for cross connection inspection services

Motion by Touchett, seconded by Kimmett to approve a professional services agreement with General Engineering Company for cross connection inspection services. Motion carried 8-0.

11. New Business

A. Discussion and Possible Action Re: Ordinance No. 22-1000 amending Title 8, Chapter 1 of the Code of Ordinances relating to Regulation of Length of Lawn and Grasses
Touchett stated that while he agrees with the general concept, there is unintended consequences with people adding chemicals to combat dandelions.

Reekie stated that we should plant more native prairies instead of not mowing grasses.

Helmke stated that it was important to properly advertise the change. Sayre said that its possible for the city to provide some type of sign and registry.

Motion by Cronin, seconded by Kimmett to approve Ordinance No. 22-1000 amending Title 8, Chapter 1 of the Code of Ordinances relating to Regulation of Length of Lawn and Grasses. Kimmett suggested the city participate by doing it in a small section of a park. Kemp proposed doing a resolution each year instead of changing the ordinance. Motion carried 7-1 with Hoechst voting ‘no’.

12. Adjournment: Motion by Touchett, seconded by Kimmett to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried 8-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Holly Licht, City Clerk