

**CITY OF VIROQUA  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
APRIL 14, 2026**

**1. Roll call:**

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 by Mayor Justin Running at City Hall and via Zoom # 82878634075 with Alderpersons Seth McClurg, Andrew Bergum, Todd Kirking, Cyndy Hubbard, John Thompson, Tanja Birke, and Steve Willis present. Emma Hood and Todd Spaeth were excused. Also present were City Clerk Lori Polhamus, City Administrator Nate Torres, Public Works Director Sarah Grainger, Police Chief Rick Niedfeldt, Krista Browne, Kyle Bartelt, Marcus Warrington, and Brian Ekern

**2. Approval of the March 31, 2026 Regular Council minutes** – Motion by Alderperson Kirking/second by Alderperson Bergum to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**3. Council Announcements** – none

**4. First period for public comment** – none

**5. Appointment of Brian Wrobel to Tourism Commission for one-year term expiring 4/30/2027 replacing Josh Brown** – Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Willis to approve Brian Wrobel to the Tourism Commission. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**6. Reappointment of Bill Brooke to Board of Review for five-year term expiring 4/1/2031** -Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Bergum to approve Bill Brooke to Board of Review. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Reappointment of Brian Ekern to Police & Fire Commission for five-year term expiring 5/1/2031** – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Thompson to approve Brian Ekern to Police & Fire Commission. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**8. Reappointment of Jan Rasikas to Plan Commission for three-year term expiring 5/1/2029** – Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Kirking to approve Jan Rasikas to Plan Commission. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**9. Reappointment of Jean Klousia to Board of Appeals for three-year term expiring 5/1/2029** – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Kirking to approve Jean Klousia to Board of Appeals. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**10. Operator license approvals** – Motion by Alderperson Bergum/second by Alderperson Willis to approve an operator license for Claudia Carraux. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**11. Review and approval of temporary beer & wine license for Fourthstream for the Driftless Music Festival at Eckhart Park on July 11, 2026** – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson McClurg to approve the temporary beer & wine license contingent on all paperwork being completed. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**12. Review and approval of temporary beer license for Fourthstream for Live in Viroqua events on West Court Street on 5/23, 6/5, 6/20, 7/4, 7/18, 8/1, 8/15 and 8/29/2026** - Motion by Alderperson Birke/second by Alderperson Willis to approve the temporary beer license contingent on all paperwork being completed. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**13. Review and approval of temporary beer license for Viroqua Pride on June 27, 2026 at Eckhart Park –** Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Willis to approve the temporary beer license contingent on all paperwork being completed. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**14. Review and approval of special event application for Wild Hare Gravel Race on September 26, 2026 –** this will be a bicycle race that will be at the fairgrounds and mostly on private property and public right of way. Motion by Alderperson Willis/second by Alderperson Bergum to approve the special event application. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**15. Review and approval of TAPCO annual traffic signal preventative maintenance contract (Public Works)** – Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Kirking to approve the annual maintenance contract with TAPCO. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**16. Payment of Bills (Finance)-** Motion by Alderperson Hubbard/second by Alderperson Kirking to approve the payment of bills on report date 04/09/2026 in the amount of \$107,307.10 and additional bills on report date 04/14/2026 for \$81,082.96. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

**17. Second Period for Public Comment –** None

**18. Adjournment -** Motion made by Alderperson Kirking/second by Alderperson Willis to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk