

CITY OF VIROQUA
Plan Commission
Wednesday, February 11, 2026

1. Roll call

The Plan Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Justin Running at City Hall. Present were Justin Running, Richard Running, Sonya Newenhouse, Jan Rasikas, and Mitch Wilson. Tanja Birke and David Levin were excused. Also present were Lori Polhamus, Nate Torres, Chad Buros, Janet Kaiser, Krista Browne, and Charlie Jacobson.

2. Review and approval of minutes from 01/07/2026 meeting- **Motion by Mitch Wilson/second by Richard Running to approve the minutes. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.**
3. Review and approval of extraterritorial certified survey map- Parr & O'Connor- **Motion by Jan Rasikas/second by Richard Running to approve the CSM. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.**
4. Update and discussion on draft ordinance regulating addition of accessory dwelling units (ADU) to parcels with existing primary structures – the committee reviewed the draft version that still needs to go back to the Housing Advisory Committee. The purpose of the ordinance is to provide more housing and other affordable options. An overall review of both the ordinance and zoning ordinance will still need to be completed to make sure they do not contradict each other. Chad stated some areas of concern with these are the addressing of these units and the placement of the structures to close to other structures. Overall, the Commission was supportive of the ordinance.
5. Update and discussion on regulation of short-term rentals – the Commission reviewed the draft and offered updates. Nate stated some areas will need to be reworded to work within the state statute regulations. Polhamus stated that having the form that will be needed for the licensing needs to be part of the ordinance creation process as well and would like a calendar year permit start date. The Commission was happy with the draft so far.
6. Discussion and review of draft future land use map (Comprehensive Plan) – Nate reviewed the updated map and the next step would be to have a public input session.
7. Discussion and review of draft goals, objectives, and recommendations (Comprehensive Plan) - tabled
8. Discussion and review of additional elements of comprehensive plan - tabled
9. Period for public comment – Krista Browne stated we need to know what the vision of Viroqua is for those that want to visit or raise a family here. Boundaries need to be put on our values and to not make our ordinances bog down the processes to come and stay here.
10. Adjournment – **Motion by Mitch Wilson/second by Sonya Newenhouse to adjourn at 6:58 pm. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.**

Minutes respectively submitted by: Lori Polhamus, City Clerk