

**COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDING OF
THE CITY OF LADYSMITH**

Monday, June 10th, 2024

5:15pm

Ladysmith Fire Hall

Members Present: Mayor Robert Grotzinger, Richard Ostenso, Nathan Johnson, Mike Hraban, Al Christianson, Steve Weiss, Randy Lovely. **Absent:** John Hoover.

Others Present: Admn. A. Christianson, S. Nelson, Chief K. Julien, D. Parker, John Pohlman III, Luke Klink, K. Gorsegner.

Call to Order: Mayor Grotzinger called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.

Roll Call: Clerk Nelson took roll call and a quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mr. Johnson.

Minutes and Agenda: Motion by R. Lovely; seconded by N. Johnson to approve June 3rd, 2024 Special Common Council Minutes and this evening's agenda. Motion passed by voice vote. 6-yes. 0-no.

Introduction of Guest, Public Hearings, Comments: None.

District One – R. Ostenso: Nothing to report.

District Two – N. Johnson: N. Johnson reported there is a Library Board meeting on Tuesday, June 11th, 2024 at 5pm.

District Three – M. Hraban: M. Hraban reported there is a Rusk County Emergency Services Committee meeting Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 8am.

District Four – A. Christianson: Nothing to report.

District Five – S. Weiss: Nothing to report.

District Six – R. Lovely: Nothing to report.

District Seven – J. Hoover: Absent.

Police and Fire Report: Chief K. Julien had nothing to report.

Public Works Report:

Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of a used truck from Flambeau Ave Auto. DPW Gorsegner reported they are looking to replace the 2005 S10 that is no longer operational with a 2018 Chevrolet Silverado Regular Cab 2WD with side boxes from Flambeau Auto. Motion by M. Hraban; seconded by A. Christianson to purchase the 2018 Chevrolet Silverado from Flambeau Auto in the amount of \$11,313.50.

Motion passed by roll call vote. R. Ostendo-yes. N. Johnson-yes. M. Hraban-yes. A. Christianson-yes. S. Weiss-yes. R. Lovely-yes. 6-yes. 0-no.

Discussion and possible action to approve \$3,500 purchase of new John Deere lawn mower to water/sewer department. DPW Gorsegner reported there is money in the utility budget for the lawn mower. Motion by M. Hraban; seconded by S. Weiss to approve \$3,500 purchase of new John Deere lawn mower for water/sewer department from Tractor Central. Motion passed by roll call vote. N. Johnson-yes. M. Hraban-yes. A. Christianson-yes. S. Weiss-yes. R. Lovely-yes. R. Ostendo-yes. 6-yes. 0-no.

Discussion and possible action to approve the Engineering Amendment to Addition of W 2nd Street Reconstruction. DPW Gorsegner reported the completion of W 2nd Street was approved last Council Meeting, this expense would be to engineer the project. Admn Christianson reported that the sanitary/sewer in street is from 1911. R. Lovely inquired if these expenses typically come after initial approvals. DPW Gorsegner reported due to project moving quickly, process didn't get approved as typical. Motion by M. Hraban; seconded by N. Johnson to approve Engineering Amendment to Addition of W 2nd Street Reconstruction, amount not to exceed \$30,700 from MSA. M. Hraban-yes. A. Christianson-yes. S. Weiss-yes. R. Lovely-yes. R. Ostendo-yes. N. Johnson-yes. 6-yes. 0-no.

Administrators Report: Admn Christianson reported there was an excellent turn out on Friday night for the first Music on Miner, with the 50/50 raffle having a payout of \$419.00. Admn Christianson reported Thursday was the kickoff for Music in the Park and lot of folks turned out for the various ribbon cuttings on Saturday at both the Farmer's Market and Historical Society. Admn Christianson noted it is great to see all the events happening around the City of Ladysmith.

Admn Christianson gave an update on the new Connections Store. Admn Christianson offered the Council a tour of both the new Connections Store and Lindoo School Apartments. R. Lovely inquired about the projected date of move in for the Connections Store. Admn Christianson reported they are hoping to begin the moving process tentatively by July 1st, 2024.

Attorney's Report: Absent.

License and Permits:

Motion by R. Lovley; seconded by N. Johnson to approve temporary class "b" license for the Exhausted Roosters from July 18th-July 21st, 2024 at Memorial Park for Northland Mardi Gras. Motion passed by voice vote. 6-yes. 0-no.

Motion by R. Lovley; seconded by N. Johnson to approve temporary class "b" license for the Ladysmith Fire Department on July 20th, 2024 at Ladysmith Fire Department for Bean Bag Competition. Motion passed by voice vote. 6-yes. 0-no.

Motion by R. Lovely; seconded by N. Johnson to approve provisional operator license for A. Devine-Exhausted Roosters. Motion passed by voice vote. 6-yes. 0-no.

Motion by R. Lovely; seconded by N. Johnson to approve provisional operator license for B. Eichner-Ladysmith Firefighter. Motion passed by voice vote. 6-yes. 0-no.

Motion by N. Johnson; seconded by R. Lovely to approve operator license renewals for Miner Station for D. Engel, B. Trembley, C. Keach, A. Swanson and R. Makovsky. Motion passed by voice vote. 6-yes. 0-no.

Motion by R. Lovely; seconded by N. Johnson to approve operator license for D. Pavlik. Motion passed by voice vote. 6-yes. 0-no.

Motion by R. Lovely; seconded by N. Johnson to approve operator license for A. Colon. Motion passed by voice vote. 6-yes. 0-no.

Motion by R. Lovely; seconded by N. Johnson to approve operator license for T. Vievering. Motion passed by voice vote. 6-yes. 0-no.

Motion by R. Lovley; seconded by N. Johnson to approve Direct Seller Permit for Bekki LaBine-Macchina del Cibo for Music in the Park events. Motion passed by voice vote. 6-yes. 0-no.

Mayor's Forum: Mayor Grotzinger reported that he took a tour of both the new Connections building and also the Lindoo School apartments, both projects are coming along nicely and he is impressed with the work done. Mayor Grotzinger encouraged everyone to participate in the many events occurring in the area.

Closed Session. Motion by R. Lovely; seconded by N. Johnson to go into closed session under authority granted in Wis Stat. 19.85(1)(e) Wis. Stats. to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public property, the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a Closed Session; to wit; to discuss sale of Industrial property with possible action. Motion passed by roll call vote. A. Christianson-yes. S. Weiss-yes. R. Lovely-yes. R. Ostenso-yes. N. Johnson-yes. M. Hraban-yes. 6-yes. 0-no.

Return to Open Session: Discussion/Action as may be necessary or appropriate on matters discussed in closed session. Mayor Grotzinger announced during closed session the Council accepted an offer contingent upon final City Attorney review and final negotiations being met.

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Return to Open Session: Discussion/Action as may be necessary or appropriate on matters discussed in closed session. Mayor Grotzinger announced that during closed session council agreed to send proposed points to Rusk County on the City-County Animal Shelter Agreement.

Adjourn: Motion by N. Johnson; seconded by R. Lovely to adjourn at 6:09pm. Motion passed by voice vote. 6-yes. 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Nelson, City Clerk