

## COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDING OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH

**Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**5:15pm**

**Ladysmith Council Chambers**

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

**Others Present:** Admn. A. Christianson, S. Nelson, Chief K. Gibbs, D. Parker, John Pohlman III, K. Gorsegner, Ray Carlson, P. Rowe.

**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 N. Johnson; seconded by R. Ostenso to approve June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Common Council Minutes and this evening's agenda. Motion passed by voice vote. 7-yes. 0-no.

### **Introduction of Guest, Public Hearings, Comments:**

**Review and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2024-09: Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) for the Wastewater Treatment Facility.** DPW Gorsegner reported that the plant is in fairly good shape and run very well by the operators. DPW Gorsegner noted that he has a copy of the full report available to anyone interested in reviewing it. Motion by A. Christianson; seconded by N. Johnson to adopt Resolution No. 2024-09: Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) for the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Motion passed by voice vote. 7-yes. 0-no.

**District One – R. Ostenso:** Nothing to report.

**District Two – N. Johnson:** N. Johnson reported there is a Park Board meeting on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5:15pm at OJ Falge Park. N. Johnson reminded everyone about the Clean Sweep taking place on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at the Rusk County Highway Shop.

**District Three – M. Hraban:** M. Hraban commented on the remodel of the Council Chambers, complimenting all those involved in the process.

**District Four – A. Christianson:** Nothing to report.

### **District Five – S. Weiss:**

**Discussion and possible action to approve plaque and recognition for Memorial Park planter.** S. Weiss spoke in favor of recognizing Elenore Malaise for her years of tending the Memorial Park planter located by the boat landing. S. Weiss provided a plaque. Admn Christianson inquired about gathering additional information and

possibly writing a proclamation as well. Motion by N. Johnson; seconded by R. Lovely to approve plaque and recognition for Memorial Park planter. Motion passed by voice vote. 7-yes. 0-no.

**District Six – R. Lovley:** R. Lovley reported that he attended the recent Animal Control Board meeting on June, 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 where they gave a presentation about fundraising for the new Animal Shelter addition. R. Lovley reported there was discussion regarding the building being ADA compliant. R. Lovley spoke about concerns regarding additional maintenance fees with the addition. A. Christianson also spoke about concerns regarding the addition and the maintenance fees involved. R. Lovely spoke about concerns shelter has in regards to space and being able to adequately house the animals. A. Christianson spoke about holding additional adoption fairs to help move animals through the shelter timelier.

**District Seven – J. Hoover:** J. Hoover reported that he attended the recent Transit meeting where there was discussion regarding costs associated with replacing vehicles. M. Hraban spoke highly of the transit system and how many people utilize it. M. Hraban reported that they are always willing to do a presentation to the Council to provide additional information.

**Police and Fire Report:** Chief K. Gibbs reported the new Fire Truck is still in the finalization process with an expected completion date of roughly another year and a half until it would be ready to be put into service.

**Public Works Report:**

**Discussion and possible action to approve purchase of used truck from Flambeau Auto.** DPW Gorsegner reported a number of vehicles have been removed from the fleet this year. DPW Gorsegner reported the truck Flambeau Auto has is a 2020 2wd Regular Cab with boxes on the side. Motion by A. Christianson; seconded by N. Johnson to purchase used truck from Flambeau Auto in the amount of \$14,318.50. Motion passed by roll call vote. M. Hraban-yes. A. Christianson-yes. S. Weiss-yes. R. Lovely-yes. J. Hoover-yes. R. Ostenso-yes. N. Johnson-yes. 7-yes. 0-no.

**Discussion and possible action to authorize Administrator to approve high-bid sales from public auction.**

DPW Gorsegner reported that the used trucks taken out of the fleet and lawnmowers will be listed on the Wisconsin Surplus Auction site. Motion by N. Johnson; seconded by R. Ostenso to authorize Administrator to approve high-bid sales from public auction. Motion passed by voice vote. 7-yes. 0-no.

**Administrators Report:**

**Discussion and possible action to approve contract for DNR Grant Administration.** Admin Christianson reported this project is for the OJ Falge Park Trail similar to the project that was done at Memorial Park with a concrete walk along with lights that would connect the two docks and provide easier access to the story time trail for the Rusk County Library use. Admn Christianson report this would allow supervision over the project to complete deadlines, oversight and administration and compliance of the project. Motion by M. Hraban; seconded by N. Johnson to approve contract with Cooper Engineering in the amount of \$8,000 for DNR Grant Administration. Motion passed by roll call vote. S. Weiss-yes. R. Lovely-yes. J. Hoover-yes. R. Ostenso-yes. N. Johnson-yes. M. Hraban-yes. A. Christianson-yes. 7-yes. 0-no.

Admn Christianson noted on the numerous activities in the community occurring.

**Attorney's Report:** Nothing to report.

**License and Permits:**

Motion by R. Lovely; seconded by R. Ostenso to approve operator license renewals for The Market at Ladysmith for A. Woelfer, D. Rathsack, T. Unrein and K. Hamilton. Motion passed by voice vote. 7-yes. 0-no.

Motion by R. Lovely; seconded by N. Johnson to approve operator license renewals pending PD approval for Dollar General for B. Rowe-Komplin, T. Scoles and L. Gallagher. Motion passed by voice vote. 7-yes. 0-no.

Motion by R. Lovely; seconded by N. Johnson to approve operator license of L. Kuc. Motion passed by voice vote. 7-yes. 0-no.

Motion by N. Johnson; seconded by R. Lovely to approve operator license renewal pending PD approval for R. Gonzalez Armas. Motion passed by voice vote. 7-yes. 0-no

Motion by R. Lovely; seconded by N. Johnson to approve operator license for C. Kuznar. Motion passed by voice vote. 7-yes. 0-no

Motion by R. Lovely; seconded by N. Johnson to approve Direct Seller’s Permit for Matthew Bischell – 365 BBQ. Motion passed by voice vote. 7-yes. 0-no

Motion by N. Johnson; seconded by R. Lovely to approve street use permit for the Rusk Area Chamber of Commerce for Music on Miner events on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 and September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Motion passed by voice vote. 7-yes. 0-no.

**Mayor’s Forum:**

**Discussion and possible action to approve Mardi Gras fireworks donation from Council Grants & Aids.** Admn Christianson reported the Council typically donated \$6,000 to this annually. Motion by R. Lovely to approve Mardi Gras fireworks donation of \$6,000 from Council Grants & Aids. Motion passed by roll call vote. R. Lovely-yes. J. Hoover-yes. R. Ostenso-yes. N. Johnson-abstains. M. Hraban-yes. A. Christianson-yes. S. Weiss-yes. 6-yes. 0-no.

**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. J. Hoover-yes. R. Ostenso-yes. N. Johnson-yes. M. Hraban-yes. A. Christianson-yes. S. Weiss-yes. R. Lovely-yes. 7-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 amended offer contingent upon final City Attorney review and final negotiations being met.

**Adjourn:** Motion by N. Johnson; seconded by R. Lovely to adjourn at 6:03pm. Motion passed by voice vote. 7-yes. 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Nelson, City Clerk