

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH
January 29, 2018 6:30 p.m. Council Chamber

Roll Call. Members present: R. Moore, B. Morgan, J. Pearson, M. Platteter, M. Reynolds, B. Stoneberg. Absent: A. Hraban, M. Hraban.

Others present: R. Carlson, A. Christianson 1 and 2, K. Gorsegner, K. Julien, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, D. Parker, J. West.

Call to Order:

Mayor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. and served as chair.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Moore, seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018 Council meeting.

Agenda:

Motion was made by Moore, seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to approve the evening's agenda.

Hearings and Appearances:

Ray Carlson appeared to provide copies of the following:

- The Closing Report for Folder #16 relating to land acquisition around Corbett Lake.
- Annual Summary for the Year 2017-Corbett Lake Long-Range Management Plan.

Mr. Carlson asked those present to review the latter document so that it can be approved at the next meeting.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Motion was made by Moore and seconded by Stoneberg to adopt Resolution #2018-02 approving sale of City-owned real estate in the industrial area to John and Carol Schindler for \$7,500. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-no; M. Hraban-absent; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-absent; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

District and Committee Reports:

District One, Mr. Platteter:

Mr. Platteter distributed copies of the Library Director's January 9, 2018, Report and called attention to minutes of the Jan. 15, Planning Commission meeting.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan advised that the Lake Ave. Rail Display facility is coming along well. Jim Stanton recently lettered a couple hand carts but work remains to be done on the motorcar to be displayed.

Mr. Parker called attention to a display case containing information about one of the City's five rail displays. If such cases are used at each location, they can direct visitors to each of the other locations. Costs are \$126.75 each.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Attention to minutes of the Property meeting held January 10th.

It was recalled that the Committee recommended the Council approve Farmer's Market use of the west end of the gateway to downtown parking lot west of the Rusk County Government Center on a trial basis for the 2018 season. Pop up tents will be used. It was noted that Rusk County, which maintains the lot, has also approved this. The Ladysmith Community Industrial Development Corporation's Board of Directors approved \$3,000 to purchase extra "easy up" tents and cover other costs. Motion was made by Morgan, seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to approve this one season trial.

Asst. DPW Parker advised that one of the City Hall printers housed in his office is in need of repairs, at a cost of \$1,200, or it can be replaced for \$2,900. Motion was made by Stoneberg, and seconded by Pearson to purchase of a new unit. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-absent; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-absent; pearson-yes; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

District Four, Mr. R. Moore:

Mr. Moore had nothing to report.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg had nothing to report.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban was absent.

Mention was made of a Public Works Committee meeting held earlier in the day wherein an industrial grade garden tractor with snow broom attachment will be demonstrated. The same tractor could be fitted with a mower deck in the warmer months.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

Mrs. Pearson called attention to the next Police and Fire meeting and to minutes of the January 15, Community Development meeting.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, Julien:

Chief Julien advised that Ladysmith Family Restaurant will hold its annual fundraiser for LPD, LFD EMS and Rusk Co. Sheriff's Dept. the following day. He encouraged participation.

Chief Julien also reported that a Lions Club rep had approached him about a beer garden license for the amphitheater for June 16th, in conjunction with the planned "gravel

grinder" bike race. That club prefers that the fencing requirement be waived, which is the Council's call.

The younger Mr. Christianson, who is Jaycee President, advised that whatever the Council decides on fencing by the amphitheater will not matter to the Jaycees as the latter organization will plan to double fence the Mardi Gras beer garden in the usual manner regardless.

Public Works Dept. Report, Mr. K. Gorsegner:

The DPW requested approval of some MSA invoices relating to ongoing street projects. Motion made by Moore and seconded by Stoneberg to approve an invoice of \$1,125 for SDWLP administration. Roll call vote: Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-absent; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stoneberg and seconded by Pearson to approve an invoice of \$4,954, for CDBG (Center/E. 8th/ Pederson) project management. Roll call vote: Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-absent; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-no; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stoneberg and seconded by Pearson to approve an invoice of \$458.40 for W. 2nd St. N. project management. Roll call vote: Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-no; M. Hraban-absent; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stoneberg and seconded by Moore to approve an Xcel Proposal to better light the Hwy. 27 and College Ave. intersection for \$2,087.60. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-absent; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-absent. Motion carried.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson asked for action to write off an uncollectible special assessment of \$2,244.32 against the property on the SW corner of E. 6th St. and Center Ave. Motion was made by Stoneberg, seconded by Pearson and carried by voice vote to write off this uncollectible assessment for demolition of the dilapidated dwelling that had stood on it. Atty. Kenyon explained how, a few years back, the WI Legislature changed rules pursuant to which municipalities once assessed special taxes, but can now only assess special charges. If special taxes went unpaid, a municipality could recover those through taking tax title. If special charges go unpaid they are much harder to recover and remedies are limited.

Adm. Christianson advised that it is time to renew the SEH contract to monitor wells at the old landfill on Cemetery Rd. As monitoring requirements were reduced last year, with SEH assistance, this contract has been quoted at \$7,500; down from over \$14,000 in the past. Motion was made by Moore and seconded by Pearson to approve this contract. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes;

Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes. Motion carried. DPW Gorsegner advised that this cost for monitoring is paid for from trash collection and disposal revenues.

Adm. Christianson reported the passing of former Clerk Renee Lampman, who served in the 1960s.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Atty. Kenyon had nothing further to report.

Mayor's Forum, Mr. M. Reynolds:

Mayor Reynolds asked approval of his appointment of Bridget Nybakke to the Transit Commission. Motion was made by Stoneberg, seconded by Pearson and carried by voice vote to approve the appointment.

Licenses and Permits:

Motion was made by Moore, seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote to approve tavern operator's licenses for the following, contingent upon LPD concurrence.

-Elizabeth C. Wright, Margaret J. Kumar and Lorrie Paddock for Gordy's County Market.

-Deborah Walzel and David Forehand for Veteran's Memorial Association.

Closed Session:

Motion was made by Morgan, seconded by Moore to go into closed session under authority cited in the Meeting Notice. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-absent; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-absent; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at about 7:30 p.m.

Recorded by: _____

Alan Christianson
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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