

**COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE CITY OF LADYSMITH**

Monday, January 25, 2021

5:15 pm

Rusk County Government Center

Members Present: M. Platteter, G. Schueller (via phone), A. Hraban, J. Kenyon, B. Morgan, M. Reynolds

Members Absent: B. Grootousen

Others Present: K. Vacho, T. Devine, Adm A. Christianson, A. Kenyon, K. Gorseger, D. Parker, K. Julien, K. Gibbs, Luke Klink

**Call to Order:** Mayor K. Vacho called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:** J. Kenyon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes and Agenda:** Motion by A. Hraban to approve the January 11, 2021 Council Minutes and the January 25, 2021 Council Agenda, seconded by M. Platteter. Motion carried 5-1 by voice vote.

**Ordinances:** Review and possible approval of Resolution 2021-02 – Authorizing the naming of the roadway in Memorial Park “Veterans Parkway”.

Discussion described the roadway as the main entrance of the park and the “loop”, to be name Veteran’s Parkway East and Veteran’s Parkway West.

Motion to adopt Ordinance #2021-02 Naming of Veteran’s Parkway in Memorial Park by M. Reynolds, seconded by J. Kenyon. Motion carried by voice vote. 6-0

Ray Carlson presented the Corbett Lake Information File. The Corbett Lake Long Term Management Plan is due. The open files on the Information File are the ones that would be used. SHE is the engineering firm that will assist in writing the long-term plan.

**District 1, Platteter:** Nothing to report.

**District 2, Morgan:** Baggage Racks arrived and need to be sand-blasted and painted. Mr Morgan has a bid from Lon Orme to do the work for \$2,210. Mr Carlson has some concerns as to the paint to be used.

Mr Morgan pointed out that we need to get the go ahead from the Council before we can discuss paint. It was decided that it needed to be, and would be, put it on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

Mr Morgan would like to hold a Public Works Committee meeting to discuss the City's use of salt and sand. Mr Gorsegner described some of the constraints for use/storage of sand and salt. He also described some of the City's general application rules sand and salt. We currently pay \$90/ton for salt, and \$15/ton for salt-sand mix.

**District 3, Grootousen:** Action to approve having Ray Carlson prepare the 2020 Corbett Lake Annual Summary.

Mr Carlson described what the Annual Report is. Every year we need to report to The DNR in Spooner and Rhinelander, and post on the website, what has happened at Corbett Lake during the year. Mr Carlson is only looking to be approved to *prepare* the summary. Approval of the summary will happen at the next Council meeting.

Motion to approve having Ray Carlson prepare the 2020 Corbett Lake Annual Summary by J. Kenyon, seconded by M. Reynolds. Motion Carries 6-0.

**District 4, Schueller:** Discussion on a question raised at the January 12, 2021 Library Board meeting: Who controls the Library money, the County, or the Library Board? Answer: The Library Board.

**District 5, Kenyon:** Noting that we had a Finance Committee meeting prior to this Council meeting and will have some action items for the next Council meeting.

**District 6, Hraban:** Nothing to report.

**District 7, Reynolds:** There will be a Joint Management Committee meeting on 1/26/21 to discuss the maintenance issues with the Library building.

We had Bartingale look at the heating system at the Elementary Center. There is still work to do on the heating system.

**Police & Fire Report:** Chief Julien had no items for the Police Department.

Chief Gibbs reported that the Fire Department has the new portable pump up and running. The total cost of \$8,500 was all donated money. We sold the old pump unit for \$1,500. Donations of note: The Sanford Family - \$3,000, The Cumberland Bank - \$1,000 and the VFW #2490 - \$250.

**Public Works Report:** Review and action to authorize Morgan & Parmley to advertise for bids for the 2021 Downtown Streets Project as follows:

Begin Advertising – February 4, 2021

Open Bids – February 26, 2021

Possible Award – March 1, 2021

Motion to authorize Morgan & Parmley to advertise for bids for the 2021 Downtown Streets Project by A. Hraban, seconded by B. Morgan. Motion carries 6-0

**Administrator's Report:** Approval of 3 year contract with Northwest Regional Planning Commission for continued administration of the CDBG Housing RLF program. The NWRPC contract was distributed. Mr Christianson isn't aware of other organizations that even offer this service. Further discussion of how the loans are distributed, and collected when the owner sells the home.

Motion by J. Kenyon, seconded by M. Reynolds, to approve the 3 year contract for NWRPC to administer the CDBG Housing RLF program.

Voice vote: M. Platteter-yes, B. Morgan-yes, B. Groothousen-Absent, G. Scheuller-yes, J. Kenyon-yes, A. Hraban-yes, M. Reynolds-yes

Review and approve 2021 Landfill Monitoring proposal from SEH.

Motion by J. Kenyon to approve the 2021 Landfill Monitoring proposal from SHE, seconded by M. Reynolds. This is something that has been happening for a number of years. Total cost of \$6,500. It is a requirement of the DNR.

Voice vote: M. Morgan-yes, B. Groothousen-Absent, G. Schueller-yes, J. Kenyon-yes, A. Hraban-yes, M. Reynolds-yes, M. Platteter-yes

**Attorney's Report:** Mr Kenyon wanted to recognize Officer Lihman's performance at a jury trial in circuit court.

**Licenses and Permits:** Motion was made by M. Reynolds, seconded by J. Kenyon, to approve the renewal of a chicken-keeping permit for Evgenia Volodina.

**Mayor's Forum:** Nothing to report.

Motion by M. Reynolds, seconded by B. Morgan to adjourn at 6:13pm. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Devine, Deputy Clerk