

**COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH**  
October 10, 2016 6:30 p.m. Council Chamber

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

Others present: A. Christianson, K. Gorsegner, A. Lobermeier, A. Kenyon, L. Klink.

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Reynolds called the meeting to order and served as chair.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mr. Platteter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:**

Motion was made by Moore and seconded by A. Hraban to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2016 Council meeting. Mr. A. Hraban then stated that it was his intent to vote against approval of the Mobilite data tower site request, but he erroneously voted to approve. He asked that the record be changed to reflect his intent, which does not change the result of that vote. Mayor Reynolds then asked if anyone on the Council had an objection to this changing the minutes to reflect Mr. Hraban's request. Nobody did. The motion to approve the September 26, minutes with this modification then carried by voice vote.

**Agenda:**

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the evening's agenda.

**Hearings and Appearances:**

None.

**Resolutions and Ordinances:**

None.

**District and Committee Reports:**

**District One, Mr. Platteter:**

Mr. Platteter advised that the Library Board will meet October 11th. Some discussion followed about trying to find less costly security cameras and whether using the same procedures that private vendors do with loaning discs might be a more effective way to deter theft of materials.

**District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:**

Mr. Morgan inquired about the status of meeting with the police union, LPPA, in regard to a new labor contract. Mr. Gorsegner and Mr. Christianson have been in contact with the City's labor attorney, Mindy Dale, but have not heard back on a proposed date.

He then noted that work on Old Smoky is being completed although it is uncertain if Ernie Mogenson repaired the cab windows. He also thanked Jim Stanton for lettering the Soo Line flat car displayed at Pioneer Park, and Gerard Schueller for welding wheel stops below the flat car, at no charge. M. Hraban added that he and Phil Ruege painted rocks at the end of W. 5<sup>th</sup> St. S. (adjacent to Pioneer Park) in safety yellow to call attention to the dead end. Mr. Morgan went on to say that someone will have to take on overseeing rail display work as he will no longer be doing so.

Mr. Morgan passed around photos of brushing an 8 man Camp Flambeau crew is doing along the north side of Corbett Lake.

**District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:**

Mr. Hraban reported that the JMC recently met at the library and viewed first hand several repairs that are needed.

Mr. Hraban made a motion, which was seconded by Stoneberg to accept the low bid of \$3,500 from Rands Excavating to raze a dilapidated City-owned dwelling at 411 Sabin Ave. W. This property was acquired to provide ready access to the Corbett Lake "dam". Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried. It is hoped that a nearly new garage door will be saved.

Mr. Hraban advised that he and Mr. Ruege had painted tables at the Flambeau River Overlook.

**District Four, Mr. R. Moore:**

Mr. Moore called attention to minutes of the October 3, Finance meeting where that Committee agreed upon a plan to balance the proposed 2017 general operations budget. Attention turned to the Committee's recommendation to apply \$300,000 of fund balance to meet equipment needs and to borrow another \$388,000 for street projects. It was noted that the City's fund balance would still be above the 25% of annual budget amount the City's auditors recommend. It was noted, in response to another question, that while the Village of Sheldon did have a new on board steel tank fabricated locally for one of its fire trucks, officials there have stated that would not do so again.

Referring to the draft 2017 budget, Finance Chair Moore stated that he isn't proud of it, but added the Committee did the best it could and sometimes you have to do what you may not want to get things done.

Mr. Morgan noted concern with the Finance Committee accepting Base Bid A rather than Base Bid B for the Shady Lane project, indicating that B would have been satisfactory and have saved City taxpayers over \$7,000. He explained the differences between Base Bids A and B, and why he felt B would work. M. Hraban countered that the design engineer, DPW and Flambeau Town Chair all favored Base Bid A.

Mr. Moore asked if trees on City property along the south side of Phillips Ave. might be limbed to allow more sunlight onto that road before it is rebuilt. It was noted that a bucket truck will probably need to be used.

**District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:**

Mrs. Stoneberg noted intent to hold a Legal Affairs meeting and that she has asked Mr. Christianson to come up with a draft agenda.

**District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:**

Mr. Hraban had nothing to report.

**District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:**

Mrs. Pearson and Adm. Christianson highlighted items considered at the Oct. 5 Community Development meeting.

**Police and Fire Dept. Reports, A. Lobermeier:**

Chief Lobermeier had nothing to report.

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

The DPW distributed copies of a Change Order seeking to reduce the cost of the Corbett Lake dredging project by \$3,200, from \$20,000 to \$16,800, in exchange for allowing the work to be done under frozen conditions this coming winter. DPW Gorsegner indicated he sees no problem with this Change Order. Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Moore to approve. Roll call vote: Morgan-abstain; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

DPW Gorsegner reported that he met with Push, Inc., which is willing to try pipe bursting the lateral serving the Falge Park restrooms provided, however, that the City will dig both ends in preparation and have men and equipment available to assist. They estimate they can do their part for \$1,750. There was consensus that this is a repair that the department head can decide on.

DPW Gorsegner advised that he has a service contract Proposal in hand from Total Energy Systems, a firm that has been servicing a couple generators for the City for several years without benefit of a formal contract. The \$3,700 cost would cover four units. This will be an expense to the City's utilities. It was suggested that, perhaps, the unit at the fire hall, which is not included, should be. The DPW advised that when he last discussed this with the fire chief a couple years ago, the Chief expressed preference to have a member of the department continue to service their unit. Mr. Gorsegner will check with the Chief again. It may be that the Chief felt the department member would be offended by having someone else perform the service. Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Pearson to approve the service contract. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

**Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:**

Adm. Christianson noted that the brick facing is going on the former True Value and that the military mural went up earlier in the day.

Adm. Christianson thanked Mr. Klink for the front page photo in the Ladysmith News showing fall colors as seen from the Flambeau River Overlook. He went on to thank News manager Leslie Harmon for agreeing to run historic photos as time and space permit. He asked those present to consider contributing photos they may have.

**Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:**

Atty. Kenyon reported that he has filed papers to proceed with condemnation of a dilapidated dwelling near the City limits along County J.

**Mayor's Forum, Mr. M. Reynolds:**

Mayor Reynolds listed some items he would like to see considered, as follows:

- Removal of grass and weeds in curb joints.
- Curb replacement by the dental center.
- Input from Council members on what committees they might like to be the sub for.
- Creation of a technology committee.
- Identification of more street pavement overlay (only) projects.

**Licenses and Permits:**

Motion was made by Moore, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to grant operator's licenses to Paula Griffin and Ghassen Frija for Krist Oil, and to approve a new agent, Brody Closs, for Krist Oil, all of whom were approved by LPD.

**Closed Session:**

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

**Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned from Closed Session at about 7:20 p.m. with no action having been taken therein

**Recorded by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Alan Christianson  
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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