

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH
October 24, 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: R. Carlson, A. Christianson, K. Gorsegner, A. Lobermeier, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, C. Nichols, D. Parker.

Call to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by Moore to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2016 Council meeting. Ray Carlson asked for clarification of two items including what rail display was referenced in the minutes. It was explained that it was the Lake Ave. rail display advocated by Mrs. Moore. He then asked that he receive notices of meetings where Corbett Lake is going to be discussed so that mention is made of CLARA's continued involvement. The motion to approve was then carried by voice vote.

Agenda:

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

Hearings and Appearances:

Chuck Nichols appeared to advise the Council of issues data towers can cause for folks like himself who have heart monitors. He asked that such towers be located farther from places like Ace Hardware where there is less pedestrian traffic.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

None.

District and Committee Reports:

District One, Mr. Platteter:

Mr. Platteter reported on the recent library meeting. He noted that the Director feels a less (than the \$10-12,000 system proposed) costly surveillance camera system might not be adequate or of good enough quality.

Mr. Platteter also reported briefly on the Planning Commission meeting held earlier in the evening indicating that conditional use permits were approved for a couple signs and to allow residential use of the second floor of a downtown building.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan advised that Old Smoky is ready to close up for the season. The faux replacement bell will be installed next spring.

It remains uncertain whether E. Mogenson repaired a window on Old Smoky and, if he did, whether he was paid for that. It appears that only about \$530 remains in this year's rail display budget.

Mr. Morgan questioned why the City is budgeting for 2017 paving of the east end (portion north of parking lot) of High School Drive, which he explained was not originally intended to be a City street. He went on to describe what transpired that led to that, adding that WisDOT required the school to close a second entrance off U.S. 8.

Mrs. Pearson countered that the entrance into LHS is in the poorest shape of any she has seen in the HON Conference, adding that is also the case with other facilities at LHS, such as the bleachers.

Others agreed that the entire Ladysmith School District should be paying this estimated \$21,000 cost; not just the City.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban passed around minutes of the October 19, Property Committee meeting and highlighted items considered, including the following:

- That reroofing the ranger house will be reconsidered next spring.
- That there is no advantage to the Sheriff's Dept. to locate a repeater on the fire tower at the former ranger station.
- That stump removal at corner of C.T.H. J and Cemetery Rd. should be done soon.
- That vegetation needs to be removed from curb joints in some areas of the City to reduce further deterioration.

Mr. Hraban showed photos indicating the deteriorating condition of the Falge Park storage garage, adding that Mr. Parker was directed to have Camp Flambeau crew repair the building's exterior.

District Four, Mr. R. Moore:

Referring to the 2017 budget proposal, Mr. Moore stated that he felt the Finance Committee did the best it could with it.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to approve the monthly invoices. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

Those present reviewed a tentative cost estimate for a small rail display proposed to be located along Lake Ave. on the downtown gateway parking lot. Adm. Christianson noted, in response to a question, that contractors are so busy it is sometimes very difficult to get

even one quote. He went on to say that the following might be ways to reduce the higher than anticipated cost.

- Have Camp Flambeau build all or portions of the structure.
- Use a shingled roof rather than a metal roof.
- Use wooden deck style railing rather than wrought iron type fence.
- Put in conduit to enable later addition of lighting if needed, but not initially.
- Eliminate the "witch's hat" style roof.

Mention was made of proceeding with an 11'x 21' concrete slab at the downtown gateway parking lot, to facilitate possible construction of the rail display there over the upcoming winter months. Mayor Reynolds stated that, while he deems it kind of a neat project, he didn't think he was aware that the Council had committed to it and questioned the wisdom of putting in the slab if they have not.

A question was raised whether Mrs. Moore's offer of \$5,000 for this project needs to be used soon, or if it be lost if it is not. It is believed that it needs to be used by year's end.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg advised that the Legal Affairs meeting that was slated for October 20th has been rescheduled for the 26th at 5:15 p.m.

Mrs. Stoneberg, whose current schedule doesn't allow her to attend Transit Commission meetings, asked that A. Hraban be appointed to do so until 2017. In the absence of any objections, Mayor Reynolds consented to this request.

It was clarified that Mrs. Stoneberg was in attendance at the October 17, Community Development Committee meeting.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban had nothing to report.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

Mrs. Pearson advised that the Park Board will meet on October 26th. It was also decided to hold a Community Development Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 1st, at 5:30 p.m., to decide where to locate another military mural. Over 45 people have expressed interest, some in more than a single depiction. Leading sites seem to be along the west side of 1st St. between Lake and Miner; along the south side of the alley west of the present large mural; or, on one or both sides of the so-called Post Office parking lot. It is believed that the City will need to get \$450 each for new depiction to come out.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, A. Lobermeier:

Chief Lobermeier reported that LPPA will plan to meet with the Personnel Committee on October 27th to see if agreement might be reached on a successor labor agreement.

It was reported that a nearby owner feels vehicles are speeding by OLS, and asked that the electronic speed monitor be located there for a time.

Mention was also made of cars running the stop light southbound and turning west off Hwy. 27 onto Port Arthur Road.

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

It was reported that work is progressing well on resurfacing E. 6th St. N. such that paving might happen late this week. Shady Lane was being shaped today, although it is unlikely to be paved until 2017 unless we experience unseasonably mild weather in the next couple weeks.

There was a lengthy discussion of detour options during the planned 2018 resurfacing of the Lake Ave. portion of U.S. 8. Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to advise WisDOT that the City wants to proceed using detour Alternative #1.

The DPW advised that work hasn't started on replacing the Falge Park restroom lateral.

Motion was made by Pearson and seconded by A. Hraban to commit to proceeding with the Lake Ave. rail display next spring with the understanding that, between now and then, efforts will be made to seek lower cost options whether that be other bids, design options, different materials, volunteer labor, or additional donations. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson reported he is seeking competing proposals to design a display mezzanine for the plow museum as Mr. Morgan recently suggested.

It was reported that Mr. Carow wants to present findings on the so called Old Warner Cemetery to the Cemetery Board. Council members will also be invited. This will bring some interesting local history to light.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Atty. Kenyon had nothing to report.

Licenses and Permits:

None.

Adjourn:

Upon motion by A. Hraban, which was seconded and carried by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned shortly after 8:00 p.m.

Recorded by: _____
Alan Christianson
Adm.-Deputy Clerk