

**COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH**  
October 26, 2015                      6:30 p.m.                      Council Chamber

**Roll Call.** Members present: K. Brown, A. Hraban, M. Hraban, B. Morgan, J. Pearson, M. Platteter, M. Reynolds, B. Stoneberg. Absent: none.

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

**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 Brown, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2015 Council meeting.

**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:**

**Resolutions and Ordinances:**

None.

**District and Committee Reports:**

**District One, Mr. Platteter:**

Mr. Platteter had nothing to report.

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

Mr. Morgan advised that the rail display will close for the season later this week. Mayor Reynolds advised that recent Carnegie Hall guests from Illinois spoke highly of the rail display and were surprised that visitors were allowed in on the honor system considering the valuable items on display.

Mr. Morgan reported that a small glitch was taken care of such that the lights on Old Smoky are working again. And he provided a reminder that the City is to sweep the Ace parking lot twice yearly in exchange for Ace paying the light bill.

Mr. Morgan also reported that work on the plow museum is going well. Mrs. Pearson asked a number of questions about the plow museum including plans for marketing it.

Mr. Morgan advocated that oversight of Corbett Lake efforts be assigned to a specific committee that can keep it moving forward. There seemed to be a consensus that, for now, it will be assigned to the Public Works Committee.

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

Mr. Hraban made a motion and Morgan seconded to approve expenditure of \$1,000 from TIFD #8 to pay Mogensen Construction to erect a screen fence behind the sidewalk on Worden Ave., at the site of the former Finish Line tavern, and expenditure of an additional \$870 with Lamperts for material for that fence. The motion carried by voice vote.

It was reported that the Ladysmith Fire Dept. acquired an Argo all terrain vehicle from the Sheriff's Dept. for \$3,500. A new one would cost about \$20,000.

**District Four, Mr. K. Brown:**

Mr. Brown called attention to minutes of the October 19, All Committees meeting.

Mr. Brown reminded those present of a Finance meeting to be held at 2:30 p.m. on October 28th.

Mr. Brown made a motion, which was seconded by M. Hraban to approve payment of the monthly invoices. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

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

Mrs. Stoneberg made a motion, which A. Hraban seconded, to approve installation of three street lights along Eagle Court at an estimated cost of \$3,000 to TIFD #11. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes . Motion carried.

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

Mr. Hraban highlighted the October 13, Public Works Committee meeting minutes.

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

Mrs. Pearson made a motion, which was seconded by A. Hraban, to approve expenditure of \$300 from TIFD #8 for new flower pots, soil and fertilizer for the downtown area. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Pearson reported that, in September alone, there were 7,508 users in the upper level of the library and 1,901 users in the lower level.

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

Chief Lobermeier reported that the Police and Fire Commission has decided to purchase a new squad car rather than to replace his vehicle at a cost of \$17,000 plus trade in. Plans

are to try to reduce the number of LPD vehicles by eliminating one next year and one the following year.

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

A resident question why leaves are picked so early was forwarded. DPW Gorsegner replied that, besides working around other obligations, trying to second guess the weather is difficult. Last year, for example, a good deal of yard waste got snowed under. If you get them too soon then some are still on the tree.

The DPW reported having met with the Flambeau Town Board Chair who advised that Old 8 Road will be paved next spring. It was reported that first coat paving has been completed on the W. 8<sup>th</sup> and Roesler reconstruction project, and it is hoped that the finish coat can be done. The temperature needs to be no less than 36 degrees and rising to pave.

The DPW reported that two local vendors he talked with each said they cannot trim the street trees on Miner Ave. successfully. They should be removed or be left as they are.

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to accept an offer of \$1,000 from Russ Whittenberger for the Snorkel fire truck.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Brown to approve Scott Construction's invoice in the amount of \$119,317, for recently completed chip and crack sealing. Miner Ave. from W. 4<sup>th</sup> to E. 3<sup>rd</sup> was missed and will be done next year. Roll call vote: Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to pay uncollectible utility invoices in the combined amount of \$1,921.08 from The Mining Fund and to seek reimbursement of 50% of this cost from property co-owner Rusk County.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Morgan to approve payment of Pay Request No. 2 from S D Ellenbecker in the amount of \$77,188.50 and related direct material purchases of \$21,802.11 from Hixwood Metals; \$33,297.77 from Meyer Lumber; and, \$9,000 from John S. Olynick. Roll call vote: Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-no; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes.

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

Atty. Kenyon had nothing to report.

**Licenses and Permits:**

None.

**Closed Session:**

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

During closed session, motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to approve Change Order No. 9 with Wapasha Construction, in the amount of (+) \$3,375, as well as that firm's Final Pay Request of \$204,750.76, effectively ending litigation which had been started regarding completion dates on and other issues with the water treatment plant project. The Change Order included varied completion dates for selected project components. This action included acceptance of a payment of \$91,697 from SEH. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:**

Upon motion by Stoneberg, which was seconded by A. Hraban the meeting was adjourned 8:45 p.m.

**Recorded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

Alan Christianson  
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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