

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH
October 8, 2018 6:30 p.m. Council Chamber

Roll Call. Members present: A. Christianson 2, J. Fields, A. Hraban, M. Hraban, B. Morgan, M. Platteter, B. Stoneberg. Absent: J. Pearson.

Others present: A. Christianson 1, K. Gorsegner, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, D. Parker.

Call to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mrs. Stoneberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2018, Council meeting.

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:

None.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

During the District Five report motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Stoneberg to adopt amendment Ordinance #2018-04 amending the basic monthly fee for solid waste collection. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent. Motion carried.

During the District Five report motion was made by Stoneberg and seconded by A. Hraban to adopt Ordinance #2018-05 providing for Fire Dept. charges to recover costs for certain services. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

During the District Five report motion was made by Stoneberg, seconded by M. Hraban to adopt Ordinance #2018-06 authorizing the Fire Dept. to maintain so-called "department-controlled accounts". It was noted, in response to a question, that both Fire Chief Gibbs and P&FC Chair Schultz sat in on at least one meeting where this was discussed. The motion was carried by voice vote.

District and Committee Reports:

District One, Mr. Platteter:

Mr. Platteter called attention to minutes of the Sept. 26 and Oct. 1, Finance meetings.

A question was raised about apparent water damage at the library. DPW Gorsegner plans to meet County maintenance supervisor there tomorrow at 5 to investigate. A lift is needed to get up where the problem can be seen. The gutter may be sagging or it may be blocked.

Mr. Platteter reminded those present that the annual budget hearing will be October 22nd.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan advised that he has "retired" from overseeing rail display work.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban called attention to minutes of the October 1, All Committees meeting.

District Four, Mr. J. Fields:

Mr. Fields reminded those present that the Community Development Committee will meet at 5 p.m. on October 11th. The planned Goose Your Neighbor fund raiser will be a focus of that meeting. Mr. Fields responded affirmatively to a question by stating he would like to see \$5,000 made available to get this activity started.

Mr. Fields also advised that farmer's market operations seem to be going well.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg called attention to minutes of the October 3, Legal Affairs Committee meeting.

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve a three-way agreement between the City, its Park Board, and the Jaycees for the latter's exclusive use of Memorial Park during the Northland Mardi Gras.

Motion was made by Stoneberg, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to adopt a Video Surveillance Policy.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban reported that the Public Works Committee met just before this meeting, adding that recommendations from that meeting will be on the next Council agenda.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

It was noted that the Park Board will meet at 5:15 p.m. this Wednesday, October 10th.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports:

No reports.

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

The DPW had nothing to report.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson asked for financial support of up to \$5,000 to relocate the former Flambeau Mine Visitor Center within the Rusk County Historical Society's fenced museum complex as a cost to The Mining Fund (290). The building was set outside that area years ago and mostly neglected since, seldom being open to the public. It was noted, in response to a question, that the visitor center remains outfitted with rock samples, photos and diagrams, although videos may no longer be playable. Mitchell Movers, which will be in Ladysmith to move the house from Evergreen Motel, has quoted \$1,200 to relocate the visitor center while they are here. Thompson Excavating will prepare the site. After the move is completed a quote will be sought to upgrade the building exterior. Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Fields to approve expenditure of up to \$5,000 from The Mining Fund. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent; Platteter-yes; Morgan-abstain. Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Stoneberg to approve payment of \$1,245 to Anderson Landscaping for new walk installed at Rockwell as a cost against rent paid by that firm. Roll call vote: Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stoneberg and seconded by A. Hraban to approve payment of \$400, also to Anderson Landscaping, for repair of a trench drain on the SE corner of the Rockwell plant as a cost against the rent paid by that firm. Roll call vote: Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Fields, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to authorize creation of a non-interest-bearing checking account for the 2018 Community Development Block Grant assisted Planning project to investigate the feasibility of converting either the former armory or the former elementary school into a community center with Clerk Shari Kavanagh and Treasurer Rhonda Grey authorized signators.

It was mentioned that Justin Anderson is looking for space for his business. A question was raised whether the blue building at 1207 Doughty or the Quonset might be available. It was noted, in response, that the Public Works Dept. uses both of these for equipment and materials storage. Space previously occupied by The Sign Shop is expected to become available November 1st.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Atty. Kenyon reported on a worker's compensation case that may have implications for all local governments in Wisconsin.

Atty. Kenyon reported that at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, October 10th, the Court will appoint a special administrator for the Dorothy Priest estate. This will be the first step in the foreclosure process. The City's housing RLF fund holds the first mortgage on the property on W. 3rd St. N., after which a private lender has second and third mortgages.

Atty. Kenyon advised that there will be a scheduling conference at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, October 11th, for Wal-Mart vs. the City. It will be open to the public if anyone is interested in attending.

Mayor's Forum, Mr. Christianson:

Mayor Christianson commented on the importance of small businesses in our community and asked people to please patronize them.

Licenses and Permits:

None.

Adjourn:

Upon motion by A. Hraban, which was seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Recorded by: _____

Alan Christianson
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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RESOLUTION #2018-__

ADOPTING THE 2019 BUDGET AND SETTING THE 2018 TAX LEVY

WHEREAS, the City of Ladysmith has formulated a proposed budget of revenues and appropriations for 2019 and has published a notice of a public hearing thereon and held this hearing October 22, 2018, in accordance with the requirements of section 65.90, Wis. Stats.

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Ladysmith believes the proposed budget plan for 2019 is a prudent and appropriate one in view of the needs of the City including the need to keep expenditures at a reasonable level.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Ladysmith does hereby adopt the attached budget plan for 2019, and does hereby set the tax levy for the City of Ladysmith for 2018 at \$1,229,741.

Adopted by a vote of ____ for and ____ against on the 22th day of October, 2018.

Signed: _____ Attest: _____
Michael Hraban, Council President Shari Kavanagh, Clerk