

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH
October 9, 2017 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. Absent: none.

Others present: A. Christianson, K. Gorsegner, A. Lobermeier, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, D. and K. Ohlfs, D. Phill, J. Pohlman, T. Richter, D. St. Claire, P. Uhren, J. Vlcek.

Call to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mrs. Pearson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2017, Council meeting, with a name spelling correction noted.

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:

Upon motion by M. Hraban, which was seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote, Mayor Reynolds convened a Public Hearing on the Ladysmith School District's request to have the City convert a couple streets adjacent to the Ladysmith Middle School (LMS) to one-way to improve both pedestrian and vehicular safety. Planning consultant Dan St. Claire provided a brief description of reasons for this and several other site features proposed to be modified to ready LMS to be re-occupied in the fall of 2018. There did not seem to be any objection to the proposed one-way conversion. Most comments seemed to deal more with parking, drop off and loading location concerns. The following questions, comments or observations were among those heard in the lengthy discussion that followed. Many of these were from LMS area residents Dawn and Kent Ohlfs, John Pohlman and Jeanette Vlcek.

- The Planning Commission, which considered the matter Aug. 14th, indicated its support.
- Congestion seems likely at the corner of E. 6th and Miner.
- Morning isn't so much an issue as students tend to arrive at different times. After school, however, most leave at the same time.
- A sidewalk should be added along the west side of E. 6th from Miner north to Lake. Very few students seem to come from or go north on E. 6th according to neighbors. As it is off school property the school shouldn't have to pay for this sidewalk, although the school is agreeable to pay for the walk requested along E. 8th St. between Miner and Worden, which is on school property.
- Some of the issues will work themselves out after the one-way streets are installed;

- perhaps through use of clarifying signs and paint markings.
- It's a zoo near the Middle School when factories let out the same time as the school.
 - The School District will work with nearby industries to stagger their closing times.
 - Very few Weather Shield workers use Miner Ave. to leave work, preferring to use Lake and Worden, which have fewer impediments.
 - The School is going to wish they had requested this years ago.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:30 p.m.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Adm. Christianson distributed review copies of a resolution intended to implement the one-way conversions, action on which will be slated at a future meeting.

District and Committee Reports:

District One, Mr. Platteter:

Mr. Platteter advised that the Library Board will meet at 5 p.m. on Oct. 11th.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan asked that items considered at the Sept. 26, Personnel meeting be added to an All Committees meeting agenda so others have input on them.

Mr. Morgan reported that wall framing is going up on the new animal shelter.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban reported that, among interesting new events discussed at the recent County Tourism Committee meeting, were a sanctioned rodeo and a sanctioned bike race. Both are being promoted by part time County residents who have been involved with these events elsewhere. Then Mayor, who had heard a similar presentation on the rodeo, added that he, too, feels the rodeo is promising and that the promoter has good experience.

Mr. Hraban made a motion, which was seconded by Pearson to approve purchase of vet's mural materials from Lamperts for \$2,458.31. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Hraban made a motion, which was seconded by A. Hraban, to accept J L Electric's proposals to furnish and install lighting for new vet's murals at both the Post Office and the north end of the Brooklyn Bridge for \$6,350. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

District Four, Mr. R. Moore:

Mr. Moore called attention to minutes of the Oct. 2, All Committees meeting.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg had nothing to report.

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 at 5:30 on Oct. 11th.

Recalling that Phil Ruege had donated a number of holiday lights, Mr. Morgan asked who will be installing these on the Falge Park footbridge. This is unclear at present owing to a shortage of workers.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, A. Lobermeier:

Chief Lobermeier advised that the Police and Fire Commission is slated to meet on Oct. 18th. It was also mentioned there will be a Fire Prevention program Oct. 16th.

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

The DPW reported as follows:

- Utilities at W. 5th and Pederson will be tied in tomorrow, but W. 5th will have to be completely closed off to facilitate that.
- Water and sewer mains have been tied in at E. 4th and Center.
- E. 8th St. is being sub-cut and fabric and gravel are to be installed tomorrow.
- Phillips Ave. is now unlikely to be paved this year as a soft spot at E. 3rd and Phillips has not yet firmed up.
- Work is ahead of schedule on the 2016 CDBG project as Mc Cabe Construction has brought in a second crew.

A question was raised why MSA doesn't provide the City with updates. Adm. Christianson advised that, as a cost saving measure, he directed that firm not to appear unless requested. DPW Gorsegner added that such updates are available daily by email.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson had nothing to report.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Atty. Kenyon had nothing to report.

Mayor's Forum, Mr. M. Reynolds:

Mayor Reynolds and Mr. Morgan agreed to soon travel together to Marshfield to view and learn more about the rail quiet zone in place there. Only the junction of Highways 13 and 95 has a raised median, while other crossings there are believed to be fitted with four quadrant gates compared to the two quadrant gates currently in place on Ladysmith's crossings. It is said that Marshfield's population about doubles during the day owing to workers driving in to the medical facilities and other major employers. Another community said to be quite pleased with its quiet zone is Sussex, which sees about 60 trains a day.

Licenses and Permits:

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Moore and carried by voice vote to grant a tavern operator's license to Mary E. Berg for DJ's American Pizza & Pub.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned shortly after 8 p.m.

Recorded by:

Alan Christianson
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

RESOLUTION #2017-16

TO CONVERT PORTIONS OF E. 6TH ST. S. AND MINER AVE. TO ONE WAY STREETS

WHEREAS, S. 349.10 Wis. Stats. authorizes local authorities including the City of Ladysmith to declare by resolution any highway or portion thereof to be a one-way highway and require all vehicles be operated in one specific direction on said highway.

WHEREAS, the Ladysmith School District has requested that the following streets be converted from two-way to one-way traffic, in the direction herein indicated:

- E. 6th St. S. to run north only in the block from Worden Avenue to Miner Ave.
- Miner Ave. to run east only in the two blocks from E. 6th St. S. to E. 8th St. S.

WHEREAS, this request was made with both pedestrian and vehicular traffic safety in mind as one-way streets are known to reduce traffic conflicts.

WHEREAS, the Ladysmith Planning Commission has reviewed this request and considers it to be reasonable in view of plans to reopen the Ladysmith Middle School in the fall of 2018 for Grades K-6, which will generate considerable traffic in that vicinity.

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Ladysmith did on October 9, 2017, during the course of a Public hearing on the subject, and at times previous, hear input from nearby property owners and has considered that input on the subject.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Ladysmith that it finds the School District's request has been well thought out and deems it a reasonable request, and that it does hereby order the conversion of the aforesaid portions of streets to one-way traffic before January 1, 2018, so that the public can be accustomed to it before traffic increases with reopening of the adjacent school facility in the fall of 2018.

This resolution was _____ by _____ vote at a regular meeting of the Common Council, held the ____ day of October, 2017.

Signed: _____

Marty Reynolds, Mayor

Attest: _____

Alan Christianson, Adm.-Dep. Clerk.