

**COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDING OF
THE CITY OF LADYSMITH**

Monday, October 26, 2020 5:15 pm Rusk County Board Room

Members Present: M. Platteter, B Morgan, B. Groothousen, G. Schueller, A. Hraban, M. Reynolds

Others present: John Kenyon, K. Gorseger, D. Parker, T. Devine, S. Kavanagh, A. Christianson, A. Kenyon, Cora Schultz, K. Julien, K. Gibbs, K. Engelhardt, John Kazmierkowski, Kirk Holman, Cole Parker, Al Zimmer, Monte Pearson, Robert Barna, Ray Carlson, Calvin Vacho, Jim West. Online: Luke Klink, Cindy Pohlman, Jenna Kenyon, John Pohlman, Sr.

Call to order. Acting Mayor A. Hraban called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

Roll Call. The Clerk took roll call and a quorum was present.

Minutes and Agenda. Motion by B. Groothousen, seconded by M. Reynolds, to approve the October 12, 2020 Council minutes and this evening's agenda. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

Mayor's Forum: After receiving a written notice from Georgi Anderson declining the appointment as District 5 Alderperson, a motion was made by M. Reynolds, seconded by B. Groothousen, to appoint John Kenyon to fill the vacant District 5 Alderperson seat. Motion carried; 5 -yes votes, 1-no vote (B. Morgan).

Acting Mayor Hraban then administered the Oath of Office to John Kenyon and he assumed the position of District 5 Alderperson.

Public Appearances. Ray Carlson handed out "Items in Warehouse #119" so the council is aware of the location of the maintenance section carts. Warehouse #119 is located out at the Enterprise Center (center bay).

B. Morgan has been in contact with Glenn Hetchler and he assured Mr. Morgan that this upcoming spring, he will take on the project of reconditioning the fire tower at the former ranger station.

District 1, Platteter. The Personnel Committee met on October 14, 2020 and the two issues that were discussed in closed session will be discussed again in closed session tonight.

District 2, Morgan. Nothing to report.

District 3, Groothousen. The Community Development Committee met on October 21, 2020 and recommends council approval of the Community Center Rental Agreement, as attached. Motion by B. Groothousen, seconded by M. Reynolds, to approve the Ladysmith Gym/Activity Room Rental Agreement policy and fee structure. Motion carries by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Carlson requests to be put on the next Community Development agenda to present rail display items.

District 4, Schueller. Nothing to report.

District 5, Kenyon. Acting Mayor Hraban welcomed Mr. John Kenyon to the Ladysmith City Council and he received a round of applause.

District 6, Hraban. Motion by A. Hraban, seconded by B. Morgan, to cancel the horse drawn wagon rides for the 2021 Winter Magic due to the spike in COVID-19 cases in Rusk County. Motion carries by voice vote.

Mr. Carlson asked that he be put on the next Public Works agenda to review aqua plants in Corbett Lake along with fishing/stocking information.

The Public Works committee met on October 20, 2020.

District 7, Reynolds. On October 28, 2020 at 1:30 pm, SRF, along with DOT and FRA, will be meeting at the Ladysmith City Council Chambers to discuss the implementation of a quiet zone and take a tour of the rail crossings. Council members were invited to a short, informal meeting later in the afternoon with SRF to review the process and procedure for implementing a quiet zone.

Police and Fire Report. Chief Julien reported one officer remains in quarantine for one more day and one officer has tested positive for COVID and may be cleared to return to work on Wednesday. Chief Gibbs reported that the masonry work on the east side of the fire hall has been completed. The 3 exterior doors have been ordered and the hope is to have them installed before the end of the year. The heating unit has been ordered for the EMS side of the building and once that is installed, all three phases of the heating issues will be completed.

2021 Operating Budget Public Hearing. M. Reynolds brought attention to two recent revisions to the 2021 operating budget outlined on a handout labeled "Scenario 2":

- Property tax revenue line was decreased by \$113,139 (from \$1,567,945 to \$1,454,806) due to TIF #9 tax revenue not flowing into the City budget until 2022.
- The budget was balanced by allocating \$113,139 from TID funds to cover street eligible projects.
- The Public Works 2021 budget includes some equipment replacements but nothing specific has been decided; possibly replacing the 914 end loader or designating funds towards replacing the grader.

Motion by M. Reynolds, seconded by A. Hraban, to adopt the 2021 operating budget labeled "Scenario 2", as attached. M. Platteter-yes, B. Morgan-yes, B. Groothousen-yes, G. Schueller-yes, J. Kenyon-yes, A. Hraban-yes, M. Reynolds-yes. Motion carries.

Public Works Report. Following a recent Public Works Committee meeting, the following design proposals are being presented to City Council for approval.

Motion by A. Hraban, seconded by B. Groothousen, to approve Morgan & Parmley's proposal to design Summit Ave cul-de-sac in the amount of \$11,400 and to provide DNR erosion control plan, if necessary, in the amount of \$3,500, for a total of \$14,900. B. Morgan-no, B. Groothousen-yes, G. Schueller-no, J. Kenyon-yes, A. Hraban-yes, M. Reynolds-yes, M. Platteter-yes. Motion carries.

Motion by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Reynolds, to approve Morgan & Parmley's proposal to design Lindoo Ave (E 4th to E 6th St) in the amount of \$13,300, which includes water and storm sewer repair, and to provide DNR erosion control plan, if necessary, in the amount of \$3,500, for a total of \$16,800. B. Groothousen-yes, G. Schueller-yes, J. Kenyon-yes, A. Hraban-yes, M. Reynolds-yes, M. Platteter-yes, B. Morgan-no. Motion carries.

Administrator's Report. Motion by M. Reynolds, seconded by A. Hraban, to approve Russ Thompson Excavating's proposal for \$7,500 to complete demolition of the former Flambeauland Laundromat. G. Schueller -abstain, J. Kenyon-yes, A. Hraban-yes, M. Reynolds-yes, M. Platteter-yes, B. Morgan-abstain, B. Groothousen-yes. Motion carries.

It was clarified that this bid does not include asbestos remediation or removal, if needed.

Motion by M. Reynolds, seconded by B. Groothousen, to donate the former Flambeauland Laundromat sign to John Hoover, if he removes the sign before demolition. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Adm Christianson will be participating in a conference call on October 28 at 10:00 am with SEH regarding the former elementary school along with a potential developer.

Attorney's Report. Nothing to report.

Licenses and Permits. Motion by A. Hraban, seconded by J. Kenyon, to approve operator licenses for Bonnie Stoneberg, Nicole Pfefferle and Matthew McCarter. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Closed Session: Motion by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Platteter, to go into closed session under authority granted in Sec. 19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation of any public employee, to wit: review and possible recommendation to council on 2021 Public Works employee wages. A. Hraban-yes, M. Reynolds-yes, M. Platteter-yes, B. Morgan-yes, B. Groothousen-yes, G. Schueller-yes, J. Kenyon-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Reynolds, seconded by A. Hraban, to come out of closed session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Closed Session. Motion by M. Reynolds, seconded by A. Hraban, to go into closed session under authority granted in Sec. 19.85(1)(c), Wis Stats to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation of any public employee, to wit: review and possible recommendation to council on 2021 PD Office Manager wage. M. Reynolds-yes, M. Platteter-yes, B. Morgan-yes, B. Groothousen-yes, G. Schueller-yes, J. Kenyon-yes, A. Hraban-yes. Motion carries.

Motion by M. Reynolds, seconded by A. Hraban, to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Shari Kavanagh, City Clerk