

**COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH**

October 28, 2019

6:30 p.m.

Council Chamber

**Roll Call.**

Members present: A. Christianson 2, J. Fields, B. Groothousen, A. Hraban, B. Morgan, M. Platteter, M. Reynolds, B. Stoneberg. Absent: none.

Others present: R. Carlson, A. Christianson 1, K. Gibbs, K. Gorsegner, K. Julien, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, S. Lentz, D. Parker, J. Pohlman.

**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 Fields, seconded by Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2019, Council meeting.

**Agenda:**

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

**Hearings and Appearances:**

Mr. Sean Lentz, representing the City's financial advisory firm Ehlers and Associates, appeared to review proposed new borrowing using the attached Pre-Sale Report for \$2,240,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2019D.

**Licenses and Permits:**

Motion was made by Hraban, seconded by Fields and carried by voice vote to grant tavern operator's licenses to Anita Sanderson and Brandi Workman for 211 Club, and to Katie Ammon for Krist Oil, all of whom had been approved by LPD.

Motion was made by Fields, seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote to grant a Temporary Class "B" Retailers License to Flambeau Valley Arts Association, Kevin Smith contact, for the Friedel and Friends Event to be held December 31, 2019, at Worden Avenue Exchange.

**Resolutions and Ordinances:**

Motion was made by Hraban and seconded by Platteter to approve Resolution #2019-16, an Initial Resolution of the City of Ladysmith relating to the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$950,000 for Street Improvements. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; Groothousen-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; Hraban-yes; Reynolds-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Hraban and seconded by Groothousen to approve Resolution #2019-17, an Initial Resolution of the City of Ladysmith relating to Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,290,000, for Improvements to the City's Department of Public Works Building. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; Groothousen-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; Hraban-yes; Reynolds-yes; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Platteter and seconded by Hraban to approve Resolution #2019-18, Providing for the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2019, in the Approximate Amount of \$2,240,000, of the city of Ladysmith. Roll call vote: Groothousen-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; Hraban-yes; Reynolds-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Lentz advised that the City's Official Statement will be put out at the end of November; that bids on the borrowing will be taken the morning of December 9<sup>th</sup>; and, that action on those bids will be slated for the Council meeting that same evening.

#### **District and Committee Reports:**

##### **District One, Mr. Platteter:**

Mr. Platteter reminded those present that the official 2020 budget hearing will be held Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. He asked if anyone present had questions or comments on it.

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

Mr. Morgan reported that the Property Committee looked at the Jaycees float storage facility on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, adding that it appears two units would have to be moved outside to enable work on one inside. He went on to say that once the City no longer has need for its current shop some float storage could be moved there.

Mr. Morgan made a motion which was seconded by Groothousen and carried by voice vote to approve a ten-day extension to Nov. 6 for Iron Horse Railway to remove the vintage baggage car stored at the E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. rail crossing.

Mr. Morgan advised that work is underway on raising the FP7 locomotive display and commended Marty Carlson for spearheading this effort.

##### **District Three, Mr. B. Groothousen:**

Mr. Groothousen reported that the Planning Commission will be meeting October 30<sup>th</sup>.

##### **District Four, Mr. J. Fields:**

Mr. Fields had nothing to report.

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

Mrs. Stoneberg had nothing to report.

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

Mr. Hraban called attention to minutes of the Oct. 21, All Committees meeting and distributed minutes from the Oct. 24, Public Works meeting.

Mr. Hraban made a motion, which was seconded by Reynolds and carried by voice vote to Close Corbett Lake Folders 9, 11, 13 and 15 for 2019. Mr. Carlson also stated that he will be seeking to close Folders 24-27. Adm. Christianson will slate this action.

**District Seven, Mr. M. Reynolds:**

Mr. Reynolds called attention to minutes of the Oct. 15, joint meeting of the Youth and Recreation and Community Development Committees, which focused on a new event to tentatively be called the Flambeau Fish and Float. He also advised that improvements are progressing that industrial area ball fields.

**Police and Fire Dept. Reports, K. Julien:**

Chief Julien advised LPD has, with help, been busy with a couple major drug busts. Fire Chief Gibbs inquired as to the status of a letter to Rusk County advising of a new rental fee of \$1,000/mo. for ambulance storage, based in part on increased use of the facility with four f.t. EMTs staffing it for 12 hrs./day for 7 days a week. Atty. Kenyon needs some specifics, which will be requested from P&FC Chair Cora Schultz.

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

The DPW asked approval of Ayres Associates Proposal to do an elevation survey of the former armory site, in the amount of \$2,800. Motion was made by Hraban and seconded by Fields to approve. Roll call vote: Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; Hraban-yes; Reynolds-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; Groothousen-yes. Motion carried.

**Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson 1:**

Adm. Christianson requested approval to approve an agreement with Ehlers Associates to assist the City by handling its Post Issuance Compliance Procedures relating to the borrowing considered earlier in the meeting. Motion was made by Fields and seconded by Hraban to approve. Roll call vote: Stoneberg-yes; Hraban-yes; Reynolds-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; Groothousen-yes; Fields-yes. Motion carried.

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

Atty. Kenyon advised that a property use/purchase agreement between the City and the owner/operator of the Miner Theatre has been signed by Brian Herrick. The agreement pertains to property located at 111 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. S., formerly known as Webb's Army Store. All that remains to be done is for the mayor and Dep. Clerk to sign it.

**Mayor's Forum, Mr. A. Christianson 2:**

Mayor Christianson asked Chief Julien if LPD had any issues Saturday evening with several Halloween parties in progress. He replied those

**Closed Session:**

At 6:24 p.m., motion was made by Hraban and seconded by Stoneberg to go into Closed Session under authority cited in item 21) of the Meeting Notice. Roll call vote: Hraban-yes; Reynolds-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; Groothousen-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reynolds, seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to return to open session.

Motion was then made by Stoneberg and seconded by Reynolds to ratify a successor labor agreement with the Ladysmith Professional Police Association to be effective January 1, 2020. In addition to some minor language changes, the new agreement will include the following:

- Cash payment for sick leave banked at time of retirement increases from 60% to 80%.
- Wage increases of 3% in 2020; 2% in 2021; and, 2% in 2022 are provided.
- Emergency and funeral leave of 5 days per year is made more flexible by eliminating limitation to use for funerals of immediate family, although use still requires approval by the Chief of Police.
- Previous side letters involving forbearance on use of overtime in consideration of consenting to creation of a part time officer position and addition of two floating holidays are made a part of the base agreement, along with addition of two more floating holidays bringing that total to 6. The side letters become null and void January 1, 2020.

It was noted that the City did not involve a labor negotiator in the process, although LPPA did. Roll call vote on the motion to ratify: Reynolds-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; Groothousen-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:**

Upon motion by Morgan, which was seconded and carried by voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

**Recorded by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Alan Christianson  
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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