

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

Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

5:15 pm

Ladysmith City Council Chamber

Members Present: N. Johnson, J. Pohlman III, A. Christianson Sr., J. West, A. Hraban, M. Reynolds

Absent: M. Platteter

Others Present: T. Devine, Adm A. Christianson, A. Kenyon, D. Parker, L. Klink, Tyler Sheeran, K. Gorsegner, Chief Julien, Josh Low, Sue Moore, Ray Nelson, Terry Carter, Mayor Grotzinger

**Call to Order:** Mayor R. Grotzinger called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.

**Roll Call:** Dep. Clerk Devine took roll call and a quorum was present.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr Hraban led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes and Agenda:** Motion by A. Hraban to approve the October 24, 2022 Council Minutes, and the November 14, 2022 Council Agenda, seconded by J. Pohlman. Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote.

**Introductions, Hearings & Public Comments:**

a) Public Hearing. 5:15pm. Annual public hearing on the general operations budget.

There were no public comments on the 2023 general operations budget.

b) Possible action to adopt Resolution 2022-14, adopting the 2023 budget and setting the 2022 tax levy.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-14 by A. Christianson, seconded by A. Hraban. Roll call vote: M. Platteter-absent, N. Johnson-yes, J. Pohlman-yes, A. Christianson-yes, J. West-yes, A. Hraban-yes, M. Reynolds-yes. Motion carries 6-0.

c) Review and possible action to adopt Resolution 2022-15 entitled Resolution Providing for the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of \$1,045,000 General Obligation Street Improvement Bonds, Series 2022C, of the City of Ladysmith, Wisconsin; Establishing the Terms and Conditions Therefor; Directing Their Execution and Delivery; Creating a Debt Service Account Therefor; and Awarding the Sale Therefor.

Josh Low from Ehlers explained that the issue received four bids. The winner was Baird. The true (blended) interest rate is 4.58%. This is lower than the initial prediction. The debt will be repaid over 20 years with total interest being \$550,744. Total payments will be \$1,595,744. This debt can be refinanced in 2030 if interest rates are more appealing. Closing will be on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Motion to adopt by J. Pohlman, seconded by M. Reynolds.

Roll call vote: J. Pohlman-yes, A. Christianson-yes, J. West-yes, A. Hraban-yes, M. Reynolds-yes, M. Platteter-absent, N. Johnson-yes. Motion carries 6-0.

d) Review and possible action to adopt Resolution 2022-16 Rusk County CSM of Lot D, Lot E, and lot 1-4 of Block 10 of Sabin's Revised Plat Located in Gov't Lot 2, Section 3, T34N, R. GW, City of Ladysmith, Rusk County, WI.

Motion to adopt by A. Christianson, seconded by M. Reynolds.

Roll call vote: A. Christianson-yes, J. West-yes, A. Hraban-yes, M. Reynolds-yes, M. Platteter-absent, N. Johnson-yes, J. Pohlman-yes. Motion carries 6-0.

e) Review and possible action to adopt Ordinance 2022-03 Amending Zoning District Classification of Parcels for former Animal Shelter and more recently known as the Phillips Ave Lot, as part of TID 14.

Motion to adopt by A. Christianson, seconded by A. Hraban.

Roll call vote: J. West-yes, A. Hraban-yes, M. Reynolds-yes, M. Platteter-absent, N. Johnson-yes, J. Pohlman-yes, A. Christianson-yes. Motion carries 6-0

Tyler Sheeran explained that things have been moving forward. He explained further that interest rates and construction costs have gone up since the initial proposal, but the availability State assistance has also increased to shore up any financial gaps that might occur. He further advised that the submission date has been pushed out to the end of January, 2023.

**District 1, Platteter:**

Mr. Platteter was absent.

**District 2, Johnson:**

a) Approve changes to the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan per Park Board recommendation:

Mr. Parker explained that the Park Board approved updating the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Highlights included adding some ADA compliant landing areas, removing the new hospital sight, and adding the community center. He explained further that the adjustments put the city in a better position for grants and financial assistance.

Motion to approve by N. Johnson, seconded by J. Pohlman. Motion carries by unanimous voice vote.

**District 3, Pohlman:** In Mr. Platteter's absence, Mr. Pohlman clarified that the next Finance committee meeting to approve paid invoices would be at 4:45pm on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**District 4, Christianson:** Joint Management Committee met to discuss properties jointly owned by the City and County. Some of the industrial properties have been deteriorating. They've been working on improving and repairing them and feels they are headed in the right direction with those.

**District 5, West:** Nothing to report.

**District 6, Hraban:** Nothing to report.

**District 7, Reynolds:**

Mr. Reynolds presented the idea of using biodegradable leaf bags for the fall clean-up. Mr. Gorsegner advised that some properties had as many as 80 bags of leaves.

Mr. Reynolds explained that the Community Center's heating systems have been working well so far this year.

**Police & Fire Commission:**

There will be a Police & Fire Commission meeting November 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00.

Chief Julien would like to set up a Legal Affairs meeting sometime after Thanksgiving to address issues with vaping in the Middle/High School.

**Public Works:**

Mr. Gorsegner explained that the plan was to bid out the EDA project right after the first of the year (in 2023) because that's a bigger project. The Flambeau Avenue project will be bid out in early February, and have bids submitted by the end of February. There were some additional changes needed to include the 5<sup>th</sup> Street reconstruction in the project. It will still be ready to request bids in February.

**Administrator's Report:**

Administrator Christianson wanted to thank the participants and Northland Community Club for the help in putting up Christmas decorations in Memorial Park.

**Attorney's Report:** Nothing to report.

**Licenses and Permits:**

No licenses or permits this meeting.

**Mayor's Forum:** Mayor Grotzinger attended the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Marshfield Dental Center. Also attended the veteran's ceremony at Memorial Park, and would like to thank all the veteran's organizations that put that on.

Motion to Adjourn by A. Hraban, seconded by J. Pohlman. Motion carries by unanimous voice vote.

Adjourn at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Devine, Deputy Clerk