

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

Monday, November 23, 2020 5:15 pm Rusk County Board Room

Members Present: M. Platteter, B Morgan, B. Groothousen, G. Schueller, J. Kenyon, A. Hraban, M. Reynolds, Mayor K. Vacho

Others present: L. Klink, T. Devine, K. Gorsegner, A. Christianson, A. Kenyon, S. Kavanagh.
On-line: J. Pohlman II.

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Marty Reynolds.

Minutes and Agenda. Motion by B. Groothousen, seconded by M. Reynolds, to approve the November 9, 2020 Council minutes and this evening's agenda. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

Acting Mayor A. Hraban administered the Oath of Office to newly-elected Mayor Calvin Vacho. Mayor Vacho took his seat.

District 1, Platteter. Mr. Platteter passed out minutes from the November 2, 2020 Joint Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting.

District 2, Morgan. Mr. Morgan will be setting up a Property Committee meeting prior to the next Council meeting.

District 3, Groothousen. Nothing to report.

District 4, Schueller. Nothing to report.

District 5, Kenyon. Nothing to report.

District 6, Hraban. Mr. Hraban mentioned minutes of the November 16, 2020 Public Works Committee meeting were included in the council packet for review.

District 7, Reynolds. Nothing to report.

Police and Fire Report. Mr. Morgan reported that three new exterior doors are being installed at the Ladysmith Fire Hall and they are looking very nice.

Public Works Report.

Rehab of Well #6. Motion by A. Hraban, seconded by B. Groothousen to approve the proposal from Municipal Well & Pump in the amount of \$25,455.00, plus additional repairs as required, to rehab Well #6. M. Platteter-yes, B. Morgan-yes, B. Groothousen-yes, G. Schueller-yes, J. Kenyon-yes, A. Hraban-yes, M. Reynolds-yes. Motion carried.

Wisconsin Surplus Auction Items. Motion by B. Groothusen, seconded by A. Hraban, to approve the high bids on miscellaneous items that were listed on the Wisconsin Surplus auction site. B. Morgan-yes, B. Groothusen-yes, G. Schueller -yes, J. Kenyon-yes, A. Hraban-yes, M. Reynolds-yes, M. Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

Attorney's Report. Nothing to report.

Administrator's Report. Adm A. Christianson welcomed Mayor Vacho to the Ladysmith City Council.

Licenses and Permits. Motion by A. Hraban, seconded by J. Kenyon, to approve Laurie Scoles and Jackie Bentley's Operator Licenses pending approval by the PD and approve new Class A Beer/Cider License to Indianhead Oil Co. for the Holiday Stationstore. 6-yes, 1-abstain (B. Morgan). Motion carried.

Mayor's Forum. Motion by A. Hraban, seconded by J. Kenyon, to approve Anna Kauffman's appointment to serve on the Library Board. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Closed Session. Motion by J. Kenyon, 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 on 2021 Public Works employee wages. B. Morgan-no, B. Groothusen-yes, G. Schueller-no, J. Kenyon-yes, A. Hraban-yes, M. Reynolds-yes, M. Platteter-no. Motion carries.

Motion by J. Kenyon, seconded by A. Hraban, to reconvene into open session.

Mayor K. Vacho reported that action was taken in closed session to approve the following Public Works Department wage adjustments, to be implemented on January 1, 2021:

- Increase the Assistant Wastewater Superintendent base wage to the same as the Assistant Water Superintendent's base wage.
- Increase the Assistant Street Superintendent/Mechanic base wage to the same as the Street Superintendent base wage.
- Increase all Public Works employee base wages by .65 and add an additional .35 per hour for Public Works employees who have obtained their CDL, for a total increase of \$1.00/hr beginning January 1, 2021.

Motion by M. Reynolds, seconded by A. Hraban to adjourn at 6:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Shari Kavanagh, City Clerk