

There was discussion of modifying the façade assistance program rules to allow levied special assessments in the Main Street program area to be used as required match. Mr. Groothusen had previously recommended adding language requiring applicants to put in some portion; maybe 25%, or one third. Mr. Reynolds, who stated that he will be abstaining, said he supports the concept, but would like to know if it can be used for dwellings in the Main Street area. It was noted that a request to upgrade a storefront area including second floor apartments would be welcomed [and there is no language preventing use for residences.] Mr. Fields expressed an opinion that the assistance should be more inclusive. Motion was made by Stoneberg and seconded by Platteter to approve Resolution #2019-22 to include a requirement that applicants put in a minimum of 25% of a project's cost. Roll call vote: Fields-no; Stoneberg-yes; Hraban-yes; Reynolds-abstain; Platteter-yes; Morgan-absent; Groothusen-yes. Motion carried. Mr. Reynolds asked that the minutes reflect that Mr. Fields was not adverse to the change, but rather favored a higher level of assistance.

District and Committee Reports:

District One, Mr. Platteter:

Mr. Platteter had nothing to report.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan was absent. Mr. Reynolds noted that the Property Committee, which Mr. Morgan chairs, plans to meet with the Police and Fire Commission to determine what to do next with the seeming impasse over LPD space rent.

District Three, Mr. B. Groothusen:

Mr. Groothusen advised that he plans to have the Community Development Committee meet following the December 9, Council meeting.

District Four, Mr. J. Fields:

Mr. Fields had nothing to report.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg advised that she hopes to hold a Legal Affairs Committee meeting after the upcoming holidays.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban called attention to minutes of the Nov. 4, All Committees meeting.

District Seven, Mr. M. Reynolds:

Mr. Reynolds reported he had met with Amvets, VMA, American Legion, and the Rusk County Veteran's Service Office about reuse of the current local hospital as a Vet's hospital, which the northern part of the State currently doesn't have. There will be a meeting about this December 17th.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports:

None.

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

DPW Gorsegner advised that the mastic under the floor tile at the armory is believed to contain asbestos and that, at the next meeting, he will have a proposal from Air Tech Environmental Services to remove it at a cost of \$13,485.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson distributed copies of the 2018 Audit document, asking that members return them to City Hall when they no longer have use of them.

There was discussion of whether or not to have a Council meeting on December 23rd or an All Committee meeting on December 30th. There seemed to be a consensus to put both "on hold" unless a need should arise to schedule them.

Adm. Christianson thanked the Mayor, Mr. Gorsegner and Mr. Groothousen for attending the recent School Board meeting where adaptive reuse of the former Ladysmith Elementary School (LES) was considered. Mr. Reynolds stated he had hoped to attend, but found himself working on furnaces and getting people's water on.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Mr. Kenyon had nothing to report.

Mayor's Forum, Mr. Christianson:

Referring to consideration of reuse of the former LES, Mayor Christianson indicated he will be forming a study committee, on the City's behalf, to continue to investigate options. It was noted that, at its meeting last week, the local School Board accepted Chrysa Ostenso and Melissa Rudack's offers to serve on this committee. Mr. Groothousen and Mr. Reynolds offered to serve on behalf of the City. Motion was made by Stoneberg, seconded by Fields and carried by voice vote to approve the latter as City reps on the committee.

Closed Session:

At 6:10 p.m., motion was made by Hraban and seconded by Stoneberg to go into Closed Session under authority cited in the Meeting Notice. Roll call vote: Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; Hraban-yes; Reynolds-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-absent; Groothousen-yes. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

At 6:24 p.m. motion was made by Hraban, seconded by Reynolds and carried by voice vote to adjourn from Closed Session, with on action having been taken therein.

Recorded by: _____
Alan Christianson
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. #2019-24

FINAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIDEWALK, CURB & GUTTER REPLACEMENT
AND LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AGAINST BENEFITTED PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the All Committees of the City of Ladysmith, Wisconsin, held a public hearing at the City Hall on December 2, 2019 for the purpose of hearing all interested persons concerning the Preliminary Resolution and report of the Director of Public Works on proposed sidewalk, curb and gutter replacement at locations indicated on the attached lists, and heard all persons who desired to speak at the hearing.

“This institution is an equal opportunity provider.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Ladysmith, as follows:

1. That the report of the Director of Public Works pertaining to the construction of the above-described public improvements is adopted and approved.
2. That payment for the improvements shall be made by assessing a portion of the cost to the property benefited as indicated in the report.
3. That revised assessments shown on the report, representing an exercise of the police power, have been determined on a reasonable basis and are hereby confirmed.
4. That the assessments may be paid in cash or in up to 5 annual installments to the City Clerk. Installments or assessments not paid when due shall bear additional interest on the amount due at the rate of 5.5% per annum.
5. That the assessments for all the projects included in the report are hereby combined as a single assessment but any interested property owner may object to each assessment separately or all assessments jointly for any purpose.
6. That the City Clerk shall publish this resolution as a Class 1 notice in the assessment district and mail a copy of the final assessment against the benefited property to every property owner whose name appears on the assessment roll whose post office address is known or can with reasonable diligence be ascertained.

The City of Ladysmith Common Council by a vote of ___ for and ___ against at a regular meeting of the Common Council held the 9 day of December, 2019.

Signed: _____
Alan Christianson, Mayor

Attest: _____
Shari Kavanagh, City Clerk

Dated: _____

Published: _____