

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH
November 27, 2017 6:30 p.m. Council Chamber

Roll Call. Members present: M. Hraban, R. Moore, B. Morgan, J. Pearson, M. Platteter, B. Stoneberg. Absent: A. Hraban, M. Reynolds.

Others present: T. Anderson, A. Christianson, K. Gorsegner, L. Gotham, K. Julien, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, S. Lentz, J. Pohlman, D. Wierzba.

Call to Order:

Council President Moore called the meeting to order and served as chair. He noted that he would retain his right to vote as a Council member.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. M. Hraban led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote to approve minutes of the November 13, 2017, Council meeting.

Agenda:

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

Hearings and Appearances:

Mr. Moore convened a Public Hearing. No comments were offered.

Sean Lentz from the City's Financial Advisory firm, Ehlers and Associates, appeared to explain why it is that the City needs to reissue current debt with USDA Rural Development in order to put it on equal collateral footing with both existing and planned debt with DNR, through its CWF and SDWLP programs. Although interest rates and payments will remain the same, the payment dates are likely to be changed to match. He also advised that the City will need to increase its water user rates to provide sufficient revenue to repay the debt anticipated to be closed before year's end. If additional debt is added in 2019 with these same programs, which it is currently planned to be, then a second step in a two-part water rate increase may need to be invoked. A resolution to place these various borrowing issues in equal collateral positions will need to be adopted at the Dec. 11, Council meeting. A second resolution will also be on that evening's agenda to authorize borrowing \$538,000 in match funds for the 2016 CDBG project currently under construction on portions of E. 8th St. S., Pederson and Center Avenues.

MSA reps Teresa Anderson and Dave Wierzba sat in on Mr. Lentz's presentation as their firm is administering the aforementioned CDBG project on the City's behalf. They also provided written reports on the status of that project.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to adopt Amendment Ordinance #2017-06 to add portions of E. 6th St. S. and Miner Ave. to the list of designated one-way streets.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to adopt Ordinance #2017-07 amending open burning rules.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to approve the new burning permit application/approval form, which is attached to these minutes.

District and Committee Reports:

District One, Mr. Platteter:

Mr. Platteter had nothing to report.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan called attention to Personnel meetings planned to be held each of the next two evenings to interview applicants for 2-3 temporary public works positions.

Mr. Morgan also noted that concrete is in for the Lake Avenue Rail Display. He was called one evening indicating it needed to be dug early the next day. He was able to get a Thompson Excavating backhoe and do that, donating his time. He added that builder John Hoover will be making some minor design changes to dress the building up somewhat.

Regarding the new animal shelter, Mr. Morgan stated that finishing touches were being put on the landscaping today.

It was also noted that the rail display's workshop may need to be moved into different space within the Enterprise Center to accommodate another tenant.

Mr. Pohlman inquired as to the status of the railroad combine car stored near the E. 6th St. rail crossing. Mr. Morgan replied that the fellow who acquired it from the City is actively seeking to sell it to a third party and still plans to move it. The car must be trucked, however, as its axles aren't suitable for use on rail.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban reported that, prior to Thanksgiving, he had cleaned up around the industrial area sign at the south entrance to the City, which was looking shabby. He felt it looked okay when he was done. He also noted someone had decorated Old Smoky. It was then noted that A. Christianson 2 had done so [on behalf of the Jaycees]. Phil Ruege was also thanked for putting up lights on the footbridge in Falge Park.

Mr. Hraban noted that, at last, the Tony Rail Yard is filling up with logs.

District Four, Mr. R. Moore:

Mr. Moore had nothing to report.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg reviewed items considered at a Legal Affairs meeting held earlier in the evening. She went on to say that further revisions will be made to some of these items.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. M. Hraban made a motion, which was seconded by Morgan to authorize Morgan and Parmley to proceed with seeking CDBG, CWF and SDWLP financial assistance for a project involving portions of Fritz and Worden Avenues. The \$69,000 cost includes \$5,000 for the CDBG application; \$4,000 for the CWF application; \$4,000 for the SDWLP application; and \$56,000 for plans and specifications. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-absent; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

Mr. Parker called attention to copies of an updated Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, approval of which will confer eligibility to the City to apply for DNR Local Park Aids grant for the ensuing five years. He asked that members review the Plan as time permits.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, K. Julien:

Chief Julien had nothing to report.

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

A question was raised about stump that it seems should have been removed in conjunction with the Pederson Ave. reconstruction. DPW Gorsegner indicated he will look into it, but speculated it was left until its removal will not cause damage.

Mr. Morgan was authorized to place a lath near a sprinkler head on the edge of his lawn to help snow removal equipment operators miss it.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson had nothing to report.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Atty. Kenyon had nothing to report.

Licenses and Permits:

Motion was made by m. Hraban, seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote to grant a tavern operator's license to Breyhtun Sennett for Holiday Station Store #176.

Closed Session:

At 7:20 p.m. motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Morgan to go into closed session under authority cited in the Meeting Notice. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-absent; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to lease the vacant industrial building at 1506 Barnett Road to the Hayward Wal-Mart for use as temporary storage from January through April/May while remodeling is underway at that store.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned 7:28 p.m.

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Alan Christianson
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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