

**COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH**  
December 10, 2018 6:30 p.m. Council Chamber

**Roll Call.**

Members present: A. Christianson 2, A. Hraban, M. Hraban, B. Morgan, J. Pearson, M. Platteter, B. Stoneberg. Absent: J. Fields.

Others present: A. Christianson 1, K. Gorseger, K. Julien, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, D. Parker.

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Christianson called the meeting to order and served as chair.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mr. M. Hraban led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:**

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2018, Council meeting.

**Agenda:**

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

**Hearings and Appearances:**

None.

**Resolutions and Ordinances:**

None.

**District and Committee Reports:**

**District One, Mr. Platteter:**

Mr. Platteter advised that the Library Board will meet Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

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

Mr. Morgan called attention to a recent article in The Municipality about a train derailment that occurred in Wisconsin. He then asked if we are prepared for such incident. LPD has attended various exercises put on by CN. It was suggested that the PWD also be invited to future sessions.

**District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:**

Mr. Hraban advised that he has filed a Declaration of Non-Candidacy, adding that 20 years on the Council is enough and that he plans to spend more time with family. He urged members to "do your homework", adding that he hopes to see more young people get involved in local government.

He also called attention to minutes of the Dec. 3, All Committees meeting.

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

Mr. Fields was absent.

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

Mrs. Stoneberg stated that she hates to see M. Hraban leave the Council adding that she has learned a lot from him.

Mrs. Stoneberg also thanked all those involved in getting the Jayme Closs banner put up at the corner of 8 and 27 after she mentioned it and Mr. M. Hraban followed up.

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

Mr. Hraban had nothing to report at this time.

**District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:**

Mrs. Pearson had nothing to report.

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

Chief Julien advised that former officer Dane Lihman will be rejoining LPD. The Chief went on to say that squad car issues have been taking some time to deal with lately. A Tahoe, which has already had its engine replaced, is now in need of a new transmission. Ford Interceptors will not be available in 2019, and will be hybrids when they are again.

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

The DPW had nothing to report at this time.

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

Adm. Christianson noted the All Committees recommendation to have Hoover Const. re-roof and insulate the museum workshop at a cost of \$2,500 to The Mining Fund. Motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by M. Hraban to approve. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Fields-absent; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to have Flambeau Door furnish and install an insulated o.h. door in the museum workshop at a cost of \$700 to The Mining Fund. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Fields-absent; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Stoneberg to approve Hoover Construction's Proposal to install three (one new and two salvaged) windows in the museum workshop at a cost of \$325 to The Mining Fund. It was noted, in response to a question, that Rusk County is not contributing to these costs. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stoneberg, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to cancel the Dec. 24, and Dec. 31, Council meetings and to change the Dec. 17, All Committees meeting to a Common Council meeting.

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

Atty. Kenyon had nothing to report in open session.

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

Mayor Christianson read a Thank You to the City for a plant provided for the recent funeral of long-time Council member Roger Albus.

The Mayor also noted that another former Council member, John Pohlman, provided a container of his renowned peanut brittle, for the 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> straight year, as a treat at this meeting's conclusion.

After noting Mike Hraban's many contributions to the Council over the years, the Mayor also encouraged residents to run for office adding that competition and interest in local government are good.

**Licenses and Permits:**

None.

**Closed Session:**

Motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by Stoneberg to go into Closed Session at 5:46 p.m. under authority cited in S. 19.85 (1) (g) Wis. Stats. in regard to possible litigation involving the City's deferred payment housing loan program. Roll call vote: Fields-absent; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to return to open session.

At 6:13 p.m. motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to go into Closed Session under authority cited in S. 19.85 (1) (g) Wis. Stats. in regard to Wal-Mart's claim against the City for over taxation. Roll call vote: A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by B. Morgan, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to return to open session.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote to authorize Atty. Kenyon to work with a League assigned Attorney to resolve the Wal-Mart claim.

**Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned at about 6:45 p.m.

**Recorded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

Alan Christianson  
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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