

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH
December 12, 2016 6:30 p.m. Council Chamber

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

Others present: R. Carlson, A. Christianson, K. Gorsegner, A. Lobermeier, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, D. Parker, J. Pohlman, D. Wierzba.

Call to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Referring to items on pages 4 and 6 the previous Council minutes, rail display volunteer Ray Carlson questioned how raising the nose of the FP7 locomotive and Lake Ave. rail display will be financed considering these aren't included in the 2017 rail display budget he has been working on. Motion was then made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2016 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:

Mr. Dave Wierzba from MSA appeared to inform the Council about new services that firm is offering due to additions of staff expertise. One of these is roundabout planning and design. Another is aerial photography and survey made possible by addition of two licensed drone pilots added to the MSA staff. Mr. Wierzba/MSA were thanked for providing a meat and cheese tray.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Motion was made by Stoneberg, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to establish a \$1,000 fee to process both pending and future requests to locate data towers within the City.

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote to adopt Resolution #2016-21, a preliminary resolution declaring intent to exercise special assessment police powers under Sec. 66.0703 Wis. Stats.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to adopt Resolution #2016-22 ordering the repair or replacement of certain sidewalks.

District and Committee Reports:

District One, Mr. Platteter:

Mr. Platteter had nothing to report.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan asked Mr. Carlson to review the 2017 rail display budget. The latter then distributed copies and reviewed it. Mr. Morgan then advised that the focus next year will be on the Lake Ave. display and the equipment to be displayed there. Current intentions are to return a motorcar and hand car with dump box the Rusk County museum once they have been refurbished. Mr. Moore advised that he wasn't with Mr. Morgan when the latter picked up some used lumber at Glen Flora, which will be used to make crates for use in the Lake Ave. display.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban reported that the Property Committee met on Nov. 17th to view repairs a Camp Flambeau crew made to the garage in Falge Park and at 303 E. 8th St. S. to learn of the new owner's concerns about where the property lines are so that a determination can be made where to construct a garage next spring. What was sold to the new owner doesn't seem to match up with what the City believed it owns. The Committee met again, earlier today, in closed session to consider possible resolutions to this property line discrepancy.

Mr. Hraban also reported that there will be an open house at the Visitor Center December 13th and that the Rusk Co. Emergency Government Committee will meet at 9 a.m. on December 14th.

District Four, Mr. R. Moore:

Mr. Moore called attention to minutes of the Nov. 5, All Committees meeting. He also noted he was unable to attend the recent tourism meeting as he was involved with the election recount.

Mr. M. Hraban made a motion, which was seconded by Moore to approve the monthly invoices. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg had nothing to report.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban reported that at the combined meeting of the Property and Public Works Committees, held earlier today, a list of sidewalk repairs and replacements associated with the resolutions adopted earlier in the meeting was reviewed.

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to authorize Camp Flambeau crew to brush City property lying between the CN r.o.w. and property at 311 Sabin Ave. W. When that is nearing completion whether to continue to the west will be re-evaluated.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

Mrs. Pearson called attention to minutes of the Dec. 5, Community Development Committee meeting and the Nov. 16, Police and Fire meeting adding that new officer Packer Makina is doing well.

Mr. M. Hraban commended some of the positive efforts Mrs. Pearson's Committee is working on.

It was reported that Ace was authorized to do some holiday lighting around Old Smoky.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, A. Lobermeier:

Chief Lobermeier also remarked that Officer Makina is now on his own.

Adm. Christianson reported receiving a call from Bud Ziebarth commending Chief Lobermeier and Lt. Julien for their assistance helping him up after his legs buckled under him while he was shoveling after the recent snow. And for finishing the shoveling. His wife was also pleased with their response.

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

The DPW reported that snow removal operations have seemed to go well and that 99% of work is completed on the 54" outfall behind Carnegie Hall and it is in service. Finishing touches will need to be done in warmer weather next spring.

DPW Gorsegner presented Change Order No. 2 and Pay Request No. 2 from John S. Olynick in regard to the Shady Lane resurfacing project. Motion was made by seconded by to approve Change Order No. 2. Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to approve Pay Request No. 2. in the amount of \$28,848.87. Retainage of \$1,500 remains to be paid. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

The DPW reported he is in receipt of bids for razing the dilapidated dwelling at 409 North Ave. Bids do not include landfill tipping fees for the building material, which the City will cover as not doing so might result in higher costs owing to uncertainty about the weight. All the material will need to go to the landfill as it will be impossible to sort and is deemed contaminated. Neither does the bid include removal of personal property lying around the adjacent outdoor area, as its status remains uncertain. Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Stoneberg to accept the low bid of \$1,440 from Rands Excavating to perform the excavating and trucking work. The other bid received was for \$3,100. Roll call vote: Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. M. Hraban mentioned that some new benches donated by Merit Wood Products will be cleaned up by rail display volunteers and be put to use downtown.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to approve expenditure of \$1,000 from TIFD #8 to have the Fine Arts Center Gallery produce a 4' x 8' mural featuring an Evans Decoy price list cover to be mounted on the east end of the south side of the Centennial Park mural. The purpose is to both add visual interest downtown and to help increase awareness of locally produced decoys, which have a nationwide following among decoy collectors. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Moore to expend from \$4-6,000 to have Morgan & Parmley prepare permit applications for development of a clean fill disposal site along Barten Rd. as a cost to TIFD #10. Roll call vote: Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by B. Morgan to approve Skidsteer Enterprises' Proposal to repair the covered footbridge in Falge Park for \$2,700 to include replacing rotted railroad ties with new timbers, leveling and I beam repair, as a cost to TIFD #9. The Proposal does not include any realignment of the wooden framing members should that be found necessary. Roll call vote: A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by M. Hraban to accept SEH's Proposal to monitor the old landfill along Cemetery Rd. for \$9,900 in 2017; down \$5,000 from the \$14,900 spent in 2016. DPW Gorsegner noted this cost is covered by sale of garbage stickers and dumpster fees. Roll call vote: Stoneberg-; A. Hraban-; Pearson-; Platteter-; Morgan-; M. Hraban-; Moore-. Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to expend \$2,140 to have the Fine Arts Center Gallery produce a mural consisting collage of vintage ads from a circa 1954 platbook. Roll call vote: A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote to approve an Old Landfill Surface Management Plan for submission to WDNR. Mr. M. Hraban suggested that a timber cruiser set up a logging job on City land adjacent to the WWTF.

Mr. Hraban suggested that consideration be given to installing a new Welcome to Ladysmith sign closer to the 8 and 27 intersection as it would be difficult to read at highway speed if put up by the old ranger station. It was noted that the City has a vacant

signboard in front of the USDA office on Lake Ave. W. He further suggested that, perhaps, Camp Flambeau can build the sign

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Atty. Kenyon had nothing to report at this time.

Mayor's Forum, Mr. M. Reynolds:

Mayor Reynolds indicated disappointment with the Commissioner of Railroads Order requiring installation of medians adding that this may not be over given that some of the information that went into the decision was limited in validity. Some following are among concerns over that decision.

- Data gathering occurred on a single day and did not appear to reflect conditions local residents witness, like truck turns onto or off of Lake and only 9 trains in 24 hours.
- If roundabouts are designed to be driven over by trucks why can't this median designed to be driven over by emergency vehicles?

Mayor Reynolds also noted that, at the next meeting, he intends to appoint members to the newly created Tourism Commission. The only folks eligible to represent the hospitality industry on the Commission are owners of AmericInn Lodge, Carnegie Hall or Ladysmith Motel and Suites. He asked the Council to authorize this and any other action items to be taken care of at the December 19, All Committee meeting so that a Council meeting can be avoided on December 26th, if at possible. Motion was then made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to grant this authority.

Licenses and Permits:

Motion was made, seconded by and carried by voice vote to grant a tavern operator's license to Jeanette Dailey for Gordy's County Market.

Closed Session:

None.

Motion was made by Stoneberg and seconded by Morgan to approve a successor 3 year labor contract for the Ladysmith Professional Police Association, whose current contract expires on December 31, 2016. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m. After adjourning some of those present enjoyed Mr. Pohlman's homemade peanut brittle, and a meat and cheese tray furnished by MSA.

Recorded by: _____
Alan Christianson
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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