

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH
December 14, 2017 6:30 p.m. Council Chamber

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

Others present: A. Christianson, K. Gorseger, S. Kavanagh, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, T. Verdegan, D. Wierzba.

Call to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Kenyon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Moore and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2017 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:

Dave Wierzba from MSA appeared to thank the Council for allowing that firm to serve the City. He furnished a meat and cheese tray, which some of those present enjoyed after the meeting. He also provided a photo of the Gerard Hotel and its reflection in the river, taken this past summer by MSA's on-site project inspector. He said his mother graduated high school here in 1945 when his uncle was night watchman at the Gerard. Also enjoyed was a traditional container of peanut brittle provided by former member John Pohlman.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to adopt Resolution #2017-19 authorizing the issuance and sale of up to \$507,691 Sewer System and Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2017B, and providing for other details and covenants with respect thereto. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stoneberg, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to adopt Ordinance #2017-08 further revising open burning rules to eliminate reference to taking the mental capacity of a permit applicant into account.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to adopt Ordinance #2017-09 approving revised rules for use of bikes, skateboards and scooters.

District and Committee Reports:

District One, Mr. Platteter:

Mr. Platteter had nothing to report.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan referenced action taken at the December 4, Personnel meeting to offer temporary employment to previous seasonal workers. This was done to offset lack of availability of some regular workers on medical leaves. One is to start work Dec. 18th; two more after Christmas.

Mr. Morgan noted that items to be placed in the new rail display along Lake Ave. are two thirds completed, but asked that consideration be given to hiring four Camp Flambeau workers for a few weeks during January/February to finish those items up. The cost is estimated just short of \$4,000.

Mr. Morgan also reported receiving a handful of complaints about the taste of chlorine in the water. Mr. Gorseigner noted the following in reply:

- The City has been chlorinating since spring.
- The City has just recently stopped. Because the amount of chlorine in our water is reducing below what is ideal that it "gasses off" creating the smell.
- When the ideal amount is in system it isn't readily detected.
- Only about 14 cities don't chlorinate full time, Ladysmith being one of them.
- The Council has never authorized chlorinating. That is the Water Lead Worker's call as he holds the water operator license. Action generally needs to be taken quicker than the Council could meet.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban thanked the Mayor for his Letter to the Editor of the Ladysmith News this week.

District Four, Mr. R. Moore:

Mr. Moore called attention to minutes of the December 4, All Committees meeting.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg had nothing to report.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban reviewed items considered at the Dec. 12, Public Works Committee meeting.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

Mr. M. Hraban commended Asst. DPW Parker for the "nice job" he did on producing the most recent Outdoor Recreation Plan, complete with color photos.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, K. Julien:

Chief Julien was not available.

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

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Morgan to approve payment of \$7,140 to Morgan and Parmley for construction oversight on the 1st St. and Phillips Ave. project. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to approve payment to MSA of \$5,305 for construction oversight on the Center Ave., Pederson Ave. and E. 8th St. S. project; and \$752.15 for the W. 2nd St. N. project. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson thanked Russ Thompson Excavating for its recent donation of time spent raising the new plow museum sign. Mr. Moore indicated he felt this sign is too far east. Mrs. Stoneberg feels there should have been a platform under the plow. Adm. Christianson stated that the post is designed to add an electronic message board for the fairgrounds, which may lend the appearance of a platform and balance its appearance.

It was reported that the neighboring property owner has requested permission to park his semi-tractor only in the driveway at 411 Sabin Ave. W. over the winter. As this driveway provides access to the Corbett Lake outlet no conflict is anticipated. Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve.

The 2018/2019 Ladysmith Election Board roster was presented by Clerk Kavanagh. She noted this is the first year that the two major party's submissions of poll workers have filled all the available slots. As a result some long-time workers without party affiliations were not able to be accommodated, which they may be disappointed about. Motion was made by Stoneberg, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve, with Mr. Moore abstaining.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Atty. Kenyon had nothing to report.

Licenses and Permits:

Motion was made by Moore, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve tavern operator's licenses for Brandon Beyreis for Krist Oil, and Ashley Lovely for 211 Club.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Moore and carried by voice vote to grant new licenses to Gordy's Market, Inc. as detailed on the attached page.

Motion was made by Moore, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to Grant new licenses to Lyndale Terminal d/b/a Holiday, as detailed on the attached page.

Adjourn:

Upon motion by A. Hraban, which was seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote the meeting was adjourned 5:46 p.m.

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Alan Christianson
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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