



**District and Committee Reports:**

**District One, Mr. Platteter:**

Mr. Platteter thanked M. Hraban for his service to the City, noting how helpful he has been to him in his role as Finance Chair.

Mr. Platteter also reported that the Library Board had met recently. He distributed copies of the Director's Report from that meeting.

It was also reported that action will be slated at a future meeting to write off \$4,733.93 in uncollectible personal property taxes.

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

Mr. Morgan asked who ordered lights at the amphitheater shut off, noting that there are 17 lights on at the armory. The Mayor replied that security lights aren't on at other park pavilions or similar facilities, adding that the Park Board has talked about this, and that we are currently outside the season such facilities are used.

Along those same lines, Mr. Gorseigner advised that holiday lights are left on as that results in fewer problems. If they are turned on and off moisture gets into them that heat from the lights otherwise removes. The moisture freezes and lights fail requiring man time to repair and replace them that exceeds the cost of power used leaving them on.

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

Mr. Hraban thanked Mr. Klink for comments about his pending retirement from the Council. He also said he is concerned with comments on Facebook suggesting he was on the Council for personal gain. He asked how anyone would make personal gain noting the per diem paid to members was last increased in 1982. He said he has done his best to serve the community for 20 years.

Mr. Hraban also advised that he has received some calls asking if Wal-Mart's claim of over-taxation is responsible for increase some taxpayers are seeing. He noted there is a fair amount of misunderstanding out there.

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

As he missed a couple recent meetings, due to concerts, Mr. Fields asked Mrs. Stoneberg if she has any update on the Goose Your Neighbor Fund-Raiser. The latter indicated she will be unavailable until after the New Year such that she will not be able to procure the decoys until then.

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

Mrs. Stoneberg advised that the Police and Fire Commission will meet Dec. 19, at 5 p.m.

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

Mr. Hraban had nothing to report.

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

Mrs. Pearson was absent.

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

Police Chief Julien had nothing to report.

Fire Chief Gibbs inquired as to the status of repairs to the rusting double doors on the north side of the Fire Hall. Adm. Christianson replied that, to the best of his knowledge, the stainless repair sleeves are being fabricated at this time.

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

DPW Gorsegner reviewed Proposals for rebuilding the radiator on the generator at the main lift station for \$11,428.65, and renting a temporary unit for \$4,741, as costs to the sewer utility. Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Stoneberg to accept the Proposal from Total Energy Systems as a cost to the Water Utility. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-no; M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent. Motion carried.

DPW Gorsegner reported that the Doughty Rd. lift station is in even worse condition than previously thought and needs to be replaced with a submersible pump like the City's other stations. These can be hoisted to the surface for servicing reducing the need for confined space entries.

DPW Gorsegner reported an unexpected water main break, which occurred on the fairgrounds corner of U.S. 8 over the past weekend. It underscored the need for a couple more valves on that 10" main, which was initially installed in about 1970 to serve then new LHS. While frost depth alone would not be expected to be a factor and the main was bedded in good gravel, freezing and thawing of the surrounding ground could have been. Having to shut off such a long section led to several calls, but they were forwarded to the DPW's cell phone and he was able to address them.

Mr. Fields asked if the City has considered a one call system, which led to a question whether it could be run through the Sheriff's Dept. system.

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

A motion was requested to approve Hoover Construction's bid to furnish one and install three windows (two were salvaged from the mine visitor center) at the museum workshop for \$325 as a cost to The Mining Fund. Two windows. Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to approve. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to not slate a Dec. 31, All Committee meeting and to make the Jan. 7, All Committees meeting a Council meeting, if needed.

Adm. Christianson requested renewal of SEH's contract to perform old landfill monitoring for \$6,500 to be paid as a 2019 budget cost. Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Stoneberg to approve. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

Adm. Christianson requested that action be taken to place an additional \$25,000 into the facade assistance program as a cost to TIFD #8, as the initial \$50,000 allocation has been used up. He stated that this program seems to have taken off in 2018 and that progress is being made in selling/upgrading downtown buildings. He went on to say that he is optimistic that more projects will be done in 2019 if this incentive remains available. Motion was made by Fields and seconded by M. Hraban to approve this allocation. Roll call vote: Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-; Pearson-absent; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

Preliminary copies of a study examining the feasibility of creating a subdivision in and around the former WWTF grounds were distributed for review. These will be considered at a future meeting. The likelihood of any such development in the near future is slim at best, but that could change in years ahead. One reason for that is because a recent change to Wisconsin's Tax Incremental Finance law allows for districts that are to be terminated to be extended by one additional year, regardless of original purposes, with revenues to be used to develop workforce housing.

After stating that he has heard a couple of ideas recently about how the City's Mining Fund might be used, Adm. Christianson stated that won't be possible as it is not only committed, but over committed. He distributed copies of an amortization schedule for a State Trust Fund Loan that exceeds the current revenue projections for industrial projects to which that borrowing is related. The Mining Fund is also paying for heating the 67,500 sq. ft. building at 1506 Barnett Rd., for repairs to and utilities at the former Armory, and for other costs, such that it is being rapidly depleted.

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

Atty. Kenyon had nothing to report.

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

Mayor Christianson offered the following comments:

- Thanked crew for their work on the water main break.
- Noted it is good to see Mrs. Moore and the Lions' effort with the Hope Tree.
- Asked that anyone present who is able to assist families in need this holiday do so.
- Advised those present that they are invited to an Open House to be held at the new Prevea clinic to from 4-6 p.m. on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>.

DPW Gorsegner also thanked a resident who dropped off pizza and root beer for those working on the water main break.

**Licenses and Permits:**