

**COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDING OF
THE CITY OF LADYSMITH**

Monday, December 28, 2023 5:00 pm Ladysmith Council Chambers

Members Present: Mayor Robert Grotzinger, Richard Ostenso, Nathan Johnson, Michael Hraban, Al Christianson, Al Hraban, John Hoover. **Absent:** Steve Weiss

Others present: Shari Kavanagh, Doug Parker, Kurt Gorseger, Luke Klink, Alan Christianson, John Pohlman, II, Terry Carter and Chief Kyle Gibbs.

Call to order. Mayor Grotzinger called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Roll Call. Clerk Kavanagh took roll call and a quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Al Hraban.

Minutes and Agenda. Motion by A. Hraban, seconded by N. Johnson, to approve the December 11, 2023 council minutes along with this evening's agenda. Motion passes by voice vote 6-yes, 0-no.

Introduction of Guests, Public Hearings, Comments. No comments.

District One, Ostenso. Nothing to report.

District Two, N. Johnson. Nothing to report.

District Three, Hraban. Nothing to report.

District Four, Christianson. Nothing to report.

District Five, Weiss. Absent.

District Six, Hraban. Nothing to report.

District Seven, Hoover.

Council Chamber Remodel Project. Motion by N. Johnson, seconded by M. Hraban, to approve \$233,191.32 for council chamber remodel/upgrade project and City Hall server wiring; this project will be funded using ARPA money. Motion passes by roll call vote. 4-yes, 2-no. R. Ostenso-yes, N. Johnson-yes, M. Hraban-yes, A. Christianson-no, A. Hraban-no, J. Hoover-yes.

Public Works Report. Nothing to report.

Police and Fire Report.

Pumper Truck Contract. Chief Gibbs reviewed the Purchase Contract with Rosenbauer for the purchase of a new pumper truck in the amount of \$665,726. This truck will be a similar pumper to the one that the Village of Bruce has with a custom chassis. If the City pays for the chassis upfront, the price will be discounted by \$4,815. The time frame for delivery is approximately 2 years and upon delivery, the remaining balance will have to be paid. Chief Gibbs explained that the purchase price will be reduced to \$631,379 if the contract is accepted and signed by 4:00 pm

on December 29, 2023. Chief Gibbs is hoping to sell the old pumper once delivery of the new unit is received; speculating that they could get between \$25,000-\$35,000 for the old unit to be applied towards the purchase price. The Fire Department has been budgeting \$75,000 a year to be allocated towards the purchase of this pumper unit so by the time the unit is delivered, there should be \$300,000 to put down on the pumper truck keeping in mind that half of that will go towards paying for the chassis upfront. This pumper will shoot foam, compressed air and water which cuts out the fire quicker and the hose can be managed by one firefighter. Motion by A. Christianson, seconded by A. Hraban, to approve the Purchase Contract with Rosenbauer for a new fire pumper truck in the amount of \$631,379. Motion passes by roll call vote. 6-yes, 0-no. N. Johnson-yes, M. Hraban-yes, A. Christianson-yes, A. Hraban-yes, J. Hoover-yes, R. Ostenso-yes.

Ald. Hoover questioned whether the balance of the ARPA funds could be applied towards the purchase of this fire pumper truck. Chief Gibbs commented that while the truck is being constructed, he hopes that grant funds can also be applied for to help defray the purchase price.

Administrator's Report. Nothing to report.

Licenses and Permits. Motion by N. Johnson, seconded by A. Hraban, to approve Operator License for Jennifer Pestel, pending PD approval. Motion passes by voice vote. 5-yes, 0-no, 1-Abstain (Ostenso).

Mayor's Forum. Mayor Grotzinger thanked Chief Gibbs for answering his questions on the new pumper truck for the Fire Department and commented that the timeline to approve the contract was cutting it close. Mayor Grotzinger also thanked John Pohlman, II for bringing in peanut brittle and invited everyone to stay after the meeting to enjoy the treat.

Closed Session. Motion by A. Hraban, seconded by N. Johnson, to go into closed session under authority granted in WI Stat 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, to wit: to review contract for City Attorney services with possible action to approve. Motion passes by roll call vote. 6-yes, 0-no. M. Hraban-yes, A. Christianson-yes, A. Hraban-yes, J. Hoover-yes, R. Ostenso-yes, N. Johnson -yes.

Motion by A. Hraban, seconded by N. Johnson, to return to open session. Motion passes by voice vote. 6-yes, 0-no.

Mayor Grotzinger announced that during the closed session, council approved the contract with Rowe Law Office to provide city attorney services.

Adjourn. Motion by A. Hraban, seconded by N. Johnson, to adjourn at 5:29 p.m. Motion passes by voice vote. 6-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Kavanagh, City Clerk