

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH
February 11, 2019 6:30 p.m. Council Chamber

Roll Call.

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

Others present: R. Carlson, A. Christianson 1, K. Gorsegner, B. Groothousen, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, S. Moore, C. Ostenso, D. Parker, B. Williams.

Call to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by Pearson and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2018, Council meeting.

Agenda:

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to approve the evening's agenda with addition of items 6) b., 10) c., 15) b. and 16) b. noted.

Hearings and Appearances:

Chrysa Ostenso stated that she has been asked to sit in on Council meetings as a liaison for the School District. She also advised that this is We Love Our Public Schools Week. And, she noted, that the District is currently about \$24,000 short of meeting its goal to meet maximum match from the Carol and Wayne Gullstad Fund to go into the District's Enrichment Fund. She encouraged anyone able to donate before the end of March. Atty. Kenyon commented on the School District's rating on Zillow and suggested it is in the District's best interests to work to get that rating up as it may influence a family's decision where to move to.

Mr. A. Hraban praised the snow removal crew for the job it has done keeping streets and other facilities open.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Mayor Christianson read aloud a Fair Housing Proclamation, a copy of which is attached. Motion was then made by A. Hraban, seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to approve this Proclamation.

Ray Carlson advised that the changes to the 2018 Corbett Lake Management Plan Annual Summary from 2017 were printed in red. Otherwise, it was much the same as the previous year's summary. Motion was made by Stoneberg, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve of the 2018 Summary.

District and Committee Reports:

District One, Mr. Platteter:

Mr. Platteter advised that the Library Board will meet Feb. 12 at 5:15 p.m.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan advised that he had attended the Rusk Co. Highway Safety Committee meeting last week.

Mr. Morgan also asked who plows snow at the Animal Shelter. It is believed that Rusk Co. is responsible for that. Whether their own crew does so, or the service is contracted is uncertain.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban was absent.

District Four, Mr. J. Fields:

Mr. Fields advised that he will be attending a farmer's market meeting following this meeting.

Mr. Fields made a motion, which was seconded by Stoneberg to expend \$4,995 from TIFD #8 to have the artist who did the City's Vet's murals do one depicting three Wisconsin record fish taken in Rusk County. Two verified records and one "would have been". The tentative mural site is on the NE corner of the intersection of E. 3rd and Lake; at the top of the bridge. While this location is very visible there is some concern that it may distract drivers while they are turning. As such, other sites are still being considered. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-absent; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg advised that the Police and Fire Commission will meet Feb. 13, at 5 p.m.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban set a Public Works meeting for Feb. 18, at 4 p.m.

Mr. Hraban made a motion and Morgan seconded to approve trade in of an existing JD tractor with a mechanical broom for a new JD model with a hydraulic broom at a net cost after trade of \$23,712.11 to the 2019 equipment budget. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-absent; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

Mrs. Pearson asked that a Youth and Rec meeting be set for Feb. 20, at 5:30 p.m.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports:

None.

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

The DPW stated that we have gotten a lot of snow in a short time and it is presenting challenges for the crew. He noted that somewhat rare efforts like lowering snowbanks to improve driver visibility will likely need to be undertaken. He also asked for residents to shovel out hydrants if at all possible.

The DPW also noted that, while the City usually hits one or two mailboxes annually, that may increase over time owing to a U.S. Post Office policy requiring anyone who moves into a dwelling to relocate their mailbox to the curb and off the house. Some of these aren't secured well and snow rolling off the plow blade may knock them over. He urged residents to secure them better (in ground post rather than sitting on top of ground, etc.). The City does not replace mailboxes knocked over by snow coming off the blade. Rather, it only replaces them if the plow blade actually strikes the mailbox or post.

Mr. Morgan noted that, in rural areas, where mailboxes have always been at the roadside, that many residents use "swing away" post arms. These are post arms that pivot away when the snow or blade gently nudges them, then return to their original position after the plow has passed. He urged City residents to install this type of post and arm.

The DPW also commented on the benefits of buying local describing how Car Craft Auto Body went out of its way to do a needed hydraulic hose repair for the City outside of normal business hours.

Asst. DPW Parker reviewed two bids received for construction of a clean fill disposal site. Motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by Morgan to accept the low bid Proposal from Haas Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$51,247. Roll call vote: Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-absent. Motion carried.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson had nothing to report.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Atty. Kenyon explained how the Opportunity Zone program works and reported that a City claim on Gordy's County Market had been paid.

Mayor's Forum, Mr. Christianson:

Mayor Christianson offered the following comments:

- That Matt Jablonsky's presentations last Monday were well received.
- That the PW crew has done an awesome job on snow removal.
- Thanked those residents who have taken the time and made the effort to shovel out nearby fire hydrants.

Licenses and Permits:

Motion was made by Fields, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the following, licenses or permits:

- A tavern operator's license for Sapphire Lincoln for Krist Oil, contingent upon LPD approval.
- A retail liquor license transfer from Gordy's Market, Inc., 400 W. 9th St. N. by assignment to court appointed receiver Michael S. Polsky.
- A direct seller's permit to Jean Baroka, d/b/a Baroka's Wreaths, for Memorial Day ornament sales at old information center no NE corner of Miner Ave. and S.T.H. 27.

Closed Session:

Motion was made by Fields and seconded by Stoneberg to go into Closed Session at 6:55 p.m. under authority cited in the Meeting Notice. Roll call vote: Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-absent; Fields-yes. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned from Closed Session at about 7:40 p.m.

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Alan Christianson
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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