

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH
February 13, 2017 6:30 p.m. Council Chamber

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

Others present: R. Carlson, A. Christianson, K. Gorseger, Lt. K. Julien, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, D. Moore, D. Parker, J. Pohlman, D. Wierzba.

Call to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. A. Hraban led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by Moore and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2017 Council meeting.

Agenda:

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by Moore and carried by voice vote to approve the evening's agenda.

Hearings and Appearances:

Ray Carlson presented an annual summary of progress on 2016 Corbett Lake Management Plan progress. He asked that members review it so that action can be taken at the next meeting to authorize him to submit it to DNR and any other interested parties.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Motion was made by Moore and seconded by A. Hraban to adopt Resolution #2017-01 recognizing the Old Warner Cemetery and providing for its upkeep. An email from Carol Huiras was distributed wherein she raises concerns about the relationship between that Cemetery and Pioneer Park. There is uncertainty about this given that the Cemetery is static and unchanging, while the Park is fluid and likely to see changes going forward. The motion to adopt was then carried by voice vote.

District and Committee Reports:

District One, Mr. Platteter:

Mr. Platteter reported that the Library Board will again be taking up the subject of Saturday openings. Former Board member J. Pohlman stated he believes it appropriate that the Board has input on open hours. Mayor Reynolds provided a reminder that the function of all City operations is to serve the public. A. Hraban noted that when he was at the library this past Saturday he witnessed someone being introduced as a new worker, which could mean the matter has just been resolved.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan advised that the Animal Control Board will be meeting on February 16th.

R. Carlson provided the following updates on rail display progress:

- Work is being done on the "putt putt" for the Lake Avenue display.
- A Railway Express cart part had to be rebuilt.
- Two steel hand cars are being rebuilt.
- The dump cart is being repainted after which it will be returned to the RCHS display.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban was absent.

District Four, Mr. R. Moore:

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

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg was absent.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban called attention to minutes of the January 23rd Public Works Committee meeting.

Mr. Hraban made a motion and Moore seconded to authorize purchase and installation of a chiller and flush mixture for the water treatment plant at a cost of about \$15,000 to the water utility. Doing so is expected to extend the useful life of the aluminum ozone chambers from 3 to as much as 20 years. Roll call vote: Moore-yes; Stoneberg-absent; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-absent. Motion carried.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

Mrs. Pearson called attention to minutes of the January 25, Park Board meeting.

Mrs. Pearson made a motion and A. Hraban seconded to approve having the Fine Arts Center Gallery produce for \$620 four pieces of folk art to be placed in Miner Park. Roll call vote: A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-absent; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-absent. Motion carried.

Mrs. Pearson made a motion and Moore seconded to approve the Park Board's recommendation to approve funds (est.@ \$25,000) for band shell design, amphitheater site development, and utility extensions. Mayor Reynolds noted that he was told there would be "no cost to the City". A question was also raised about neighbor input. Lions Club rep Dick Moore responded that a neighbor (within 300') input meeting will be held. It was suggested that, perhaps, that should happen before the City considers committing funds. D. Moore handed out preliminary computer generated sketch of the band shell. He responded to a question by advising that the doors shown at the rear of the band shell

would be to provide access to a staging area for plays, which area could also be used for storage. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-absent; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-absent; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, A. Lobermeier:

Lt. Julien advised that the Police and Fire Commission is scheduled to meet on February 15th.

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

The DPW and MSA rep Dave Wierzba advised that the proposed expenditure of \$2,500 is to pay for preparation of a 2017 application seeking 50% CDBG funding assistance with a project involving upgrades to portions of Center Ave., E. 8th St. S., and Pederson Ave. Mr. Morgan noted that these streets are in comparatively good condition and mentioned Worden Ave. from W. 3rd to E. 3rd as an example of a more heavily traveled street in much worse condition. It was stated, in response, that the streets identified were selected due to the undersized water mains underlying them, which makes them eligible for and more likely to be assisted through CDBG. Mr. Morgan advocated that more street resurface only projects be identified. It was noted that the Phillips and Summit Avenue projects currently being designed are largely resurfacing projects. Motion was then made by Moore and seconded by Morgan to approve this \$2,500 expenditure. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-absent; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-absent; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

Attention turned to a quote of \$22,000 for a demonstrator (111 hours) model (13") wood chipper to replace the City's present Vermeer unit, which is approaching 30 years old and getting increasingly difficult to keep running. This is a Kubota 3 cylinder diesel model available through L F George in Osseo. Comparable new models run \$36-38,000. Mr. Morgan stated that Kubota equipment is highly regarded. The City's present chipper will be sold at auction. Motion was made by Moore and seconded by A. Hraban to authorize purchase of the demonstrator chipper. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-absent; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-absent; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by Moore to authorize Thompson Excavating to do \$500 of work to improve access for future dredging near the Corbett Lake dam structure. Roll call vote: Moore-yes; Stoneberg-absent; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-no; Morgan-abstain; M. Hraban-absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by Moore to approve an invoice from Morgan & Parmley, in the amount of \$8,890, for design work on the Phillips Ave. reconstruction project. Roll call vote: A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-absent; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-absent. Motion carried.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson reiterated that between CN and WisDOT vision clearance setbacks it will not be possible to erect a new veterans mural on the west side of the farmer's market site, as had been planned.

Adm. Christianson advised that, on January 31st, he attended a session to gather input on what level ambulance service municipalities in Rusk County desire. There seems to be a preference for Level 2 service. He noted that LPD and LFD seem to be increasingly involved in patient lifts. He acknowledged his understanding of ambulance service issues is limited as he hasn't been involved with it previously.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Atty. Kenyon had nothing to report.

Mayor's Forum, Mr. M. Reynolds:

Mayor Reynolds stated that he "was pumped" about the positive discussion at the February 3, Tourism Commission meeting. He went on to say that bike trail development and other ideas have potential to grow the local tourism industry.

Licenses and Permits:

Motion was made by Moore, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve operator's licenses for the following contingent upon LPD approval:

- Michelle Zupan for Dollar General.
- Makayla Pearson for Krist Oil.
- Anne McCain for Veterans Memorial Ass'n.

And the following change of agent:

- Scott Grover for Dollar General.

Motion was made by Moore, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve an operator's license for Nina Elmberg, for Ladysmith Motel & Suites, who was previously approved by LPD.

Closed Session:

At Adm. Christianson's request, motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote to allow Mr. Pohlman to remain for consideration of one topic planned to be covered in closed session.

Motion was then made by A. Hraban, seconded and carried by voice vote to go into closed session under authority cited in the Meeting Notice. Roll call vote: Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-absent. Motion carried.

Open Session:

At about 8:35 p.m. motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by Moore and carried by voice vote to return to open session.

Motion was then made by Moore and seconded by A. Hraban to adopt Resolution #2017-02 authorizing sale of the City's interest in property located at 800 Gustafson Road to co-owner Rusk County for \$388,746.34. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-absent; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-absent; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.