

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH

Monday, February 24, 2020

5:15 pm

Council Chamber

Members present: M. Platteter, B. Morgan, B. Groothousen, B. Stoneberg, A. Hraban, M. Reynolds Absent: J. Fields Others present: Chief K. Julien, S. Kavanagh, K. Gorsegner, A. Christianson, Jr., A. Kenyon, T. Carter, Robert Lincoln-VMA, G. Schueller, D. Parker, L. Klink.

Call to Order. Council Pres. A. Hraban called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance. B. Groothousen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes. Motion by A. Hraban to approve the February 10, 2020 Council minutes, seconded by M. Platteter. Motion carried by voice vote. Motion by B. Morgan, seconded by M. Platteter, to approve this evening's agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Guests and Appearances. Alan Christianson, Jr asked the council members to give him their best sales pitch on why a person should choose to live in Ladysmith. Council members voiced a variety of reasons: wonderful school system, low crime rates, nice parks, a multitude of outdoor activities, family-friendly events and employment opportunities.

Motion by B. Groothousen that our current council president serve as the acting mayor through April 20 while continuing to hold his council seat with voting powers, seconded by B. Stoneberg. Roll call vote: M. Platteter –yes; B. Morgan-yes; B. Groothousen-yes; B. Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; M. Reynolds-abstain. Motion carried.

Robert Lincoln, VMA Commander, appeared before the council to request permission to place a lighted sign (recently donated to them by Jump River Electric) in the front yard of the new City Shop. The VMA agreed to pay to have power run to the sign and also cover the cost of the electricity to light the sign. Motion to approve placing the sign per Mr. Lincoln's request was made by B. Groothousen, seconded by A. Hraban. Motion carried by voice vote.

Licenses and Permits. Motion by B. Groothousen, seconded by M. Platteter, to approve the following licenses:

- Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License to the Ladysmith Jaycees for the 132nd Wisconsin National Guard Band concert on July 8, 2020 in Memorial Park.
- Temporary Operator License to Alan Christianson for the July 8, 2020 National Guard Band Concert event.
- Operator licenses to Jillian Mussehl for Holiday and Michelle Makinia, Independent.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Dist 1-M. Platteter. Finance Committee will be meeting tonight following the council meeting.

Dist 2-B. Morgan. The Fire Hall furnace/boiler system is in poor shape and may be unrepairable.

Dist 3-B. Groothousen. The Planning Commission will be meeting on February 25 to discuss the creation of TIF #12 and #13 and tiny homes.

Dist 4-J. Fields. Absent.

Dist 5-B. Stoneberg. The Police & Fire Commission met recently and discussed the need to possibly replace the heating system in the Fire Hall.

Dist 6-A. Hraban. The Public Works Committee met before tonight's meeting.

Motion by B. Groothousen to approve the purchase of a John Deere skid steer (CTL) for the purchase price of \$51,982 (less the trade-in of \$7,900) bringing it down to \$44,082.00, seconded by B. Stoneberg. Roll call vote: M. Platteter-yes; B. Morgan-yes; B. Groothousen-yes; B. Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes. Note: M. Reynolds left the meeting before this motion. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Hraban to award the contract for reconstruction of W. 5th St and the Gates Ave intersection to Skid Steer Guy for \$217,048, seconded by B. Stoneberg. Roll call vote: M. Platteter-yes; B. Morgan-no; B. Groothousen-yes; B. Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

There is a joint Personnel/All Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 26 at 5:15 pm.

Dist 7-M. Reynolds. Absent. On behalf of Dist 7, B. Stoneberg reminded council members that the VA Hospital Ad Hoc Committee will be meeting in the County Board Room on Thursday, February 27 at 1:00 pm.

Police Dept Annual Report. Chief Julien reviewed the 2019 LPD Annual Report wherein he reported no major issues internally or externally and no formal citizen complaints. He thanked Officer Stolp for his service to the community and shared that he will be greatly missed. The full report is attached.

Attorney's Report. The State Legislature has adjourned and many changes have been made to TIF and block grant laws.

Mayor's Comments. Acting Mayor A. Hraban thanked everyone for appointing him as acting mayor and he will do the job "to the best of his ability".

Motion by A. Hraban was made to go into closed session under authority granted in S. 19.85(1)(e); to consider potential investments in or sale of property, seconded by B. Groothousen. Roll call vote: M. Platteter-yes; B. Morgan-no; B. Groothousen-yes; B. Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

No action taken in closed session.

Motion by A. Hraban, seconded by B. Morgan, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Shari Kavanagh, City Clerk