

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

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

Others present: R. Carlson, A. Christianson, K. Gorseger, A. Lobermeier, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, D. Parker.

Call to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Platteter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Moore, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2017 Council meeting.

Agenda:

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

Hearings and Appearances:

Rusk County Transit Commission manager Sheryl Kisling, who had planned to appear to update the Council on local transit operations, was ill. Mr. A. Hraban will see that she reschedules.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

None.

District and Committee Reports:

District One, Mr. Platteter:

Mr. Platteter advised that the Library Board will meet March 14th at 5.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan reported that he, Ron Moore and Ray Carlson will travel to Lindstrom, MN next week to pick up a railroad motorcar purchased last year from vintage rail equipment collector Eric Thompson.

Mr. Morgan advised that three proposals in the amounts of \$300, \$500 and \$840 were received for mowing the north shore of Corbett Lake from the dock east to reduce goose habitat. Motion was made by Morgan and seconded by M. Hraban to approve the low bid of \$300, from Gerard Schueller. Roll call vote: M. Platteter-yes; B. Morgan-yes; M.

Hraban-yes; R. Moore-yes; B. Stoneberg-absent; A. Hraban-yes; J. Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

Having the LFD burn off some of what can't be mowed will also be considered.

There was also mention of Camp Flambeau's progress in brushing along the south side of the Lake, and of how that crew accesses the work site. Mr. Morgan noted the importance of mowing or burning annually to maintain the area. He also advocated development of a walking trail along part of the south shore.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban reported on the Property portion of the joint Property and Public Works meeting held March 6th.

Referring to information provided at the recent Joint Management Committee meeting, indicating that a new animal shelter will soon be put out for bid, it was suggested that the Finance Committee meet to consider how the City's share, estimated at around \$80,000 (40% of \$200,000), might be financed. It wasn't budgeted by either the City or County. This meeting will tentatively be slated for Monday, March 20, at 5 p.m. If Rusk County borrows for the new shelter the City may only need to make an annual payment to cover the City's share of this borrowing.

Mr. Hraban also noted that an early estimate suggested a cost near \$250,000 to reside the library, the exterior insulation finishing system (EIFS) on which is now being temporarily repaired. This cost has not been budgeted either. Moisture has been trapped behind the EIFS.

There was discussion of painting and minor repairs Glen Hetchler was hired to do at the former ranger station. Mr. Morgan spoke with Mr. Hetchler who expects to complete the work this coming summer with Phil Ruege assisting. Mr. Morgan also stated that having Flambeau Door adjust the o.h. doors on the concrete block garage should be sufficient as they aren't used enough to warrant replacing them.

Mr. Hetchler also feels the covered footbridge in Falge Park is so dry that it will need four coats of rolled on primer and two finish coats. [A Fine Arts Center Gallery Proposal to paint the finish coat was previously accepted.] And the roof will also need to be treated with three coats of water seal after being power washed. A question was raised whether a City bucket truck might serve as a platform for power washing.

Mr. Hraban commented at length on the status of ambulance service planning.

The DPW mentioned that Proposals to upgrade City Hall are expected next week.

Mr. Hraban mentioned that some whose family members are depicted on the vets mural on the east side of the True Value feel that mural should be located near the Post Office

along with the one currently planned to be located at the north end of the Brooklyn Bridge.

District Four, Mr. R. Moore:

Mayor Reynolds offered his condolences to Mr. Moore, who buried his oldest brother this past weekend.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the monthly invoices.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg was absent.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. A. Hraban made a motion, which was seconded by M. Hraban, to authorize PW Dept. representatives (Barna, Gorsegner and Pearson) to travel to Rice, MN to view a used bucket truck and to commit the City to buying it if they feel it will meet the City's needs. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-absent; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

M. Hraban made a motion, which was seconded by A. Hraban to carry forward the audited balance of the 2016 street work fund to be used in 2017. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-absent; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to have John Armstrong saw trees salvaged from Memorial Park and split resulting lumber with the City.

Mrs. Pearson advised that the Police and Fire Commission will meet at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15th.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, A. Lobermeier:

Chief Lobermeier reported that 5 p.t. officer candidates were recently interviewed and the "Chief's interview" is the next step. Mayor Reynolds commended Officers Schmit and Makina for their professional demeanor in a recent ambulance assist.

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

Motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by M. Hraban to approve an MSA invoice in the amount of \$23,342.25 (of \$76,000), for design work on the Pederson Ave., E. 8th St. S. and Center Ave. projects. Roll call vote: Moore-yes; Stoneberg-absent; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Pearson to approve a final invoice from M&P, in the amount of \$1,190, for work on the outfall replacement north of the

intersection of Lake Ave. And 1st St. Roll call vote: A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to delete W. 2nd St. N. water main replacement from the Pederson Ave. project and view it as a stand-alone project.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson advised that he will be meeting with metal artist Vic Rouleau Thursday evening in regard to 10 sculptures planned to be installed downtown this spring. He also mentioned that a meeting will be held in Mr. Albarado's office mid-morning Friday to consider any actions needed to better market the plow museum.

Adm. Christianson distributed copies of a draft resolution to formally name Pioneer Park.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Atty. Kenyon commented favorably on the amount of effort that has recently gone into marketing the plow museum.

Licenses and Permits:

Motion was made by Moore, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve a Temporary Class "B" Retailers License for the Ladysmith Fire Dept. for the Fireman's Ball to be held 4/1/2017-4/2/2017 and for the Mardi Gras Water Fights to be held 7/15/2017; both at the Ladysmith Fire Hall. Fire Chief Dave Tuma will be the person in charge.

Closed Session:

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

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned 8:45 p.m.

Recorded by: _____
Alan Christianson
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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