

**COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH**  
March 23, 2015 6:30 p.m. Council Chamber

**Roll Call.** Members present: A. Altmann, K. Brown, A. Hraban, M. Hraban, B. Morgan, M. Reynolds, J. West. Absent: J. Pearson. Others present: R. Carlson, A. Christianson, K. Gorsegner, A. Lobermeier, A. Kenyon.

**Call to Order:**

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

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Christianson called the roll.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mr. Lobermeier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:**

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2015 Council meeting.

**Agenda:**

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

**Hearings and Appearances:**

It was noted that WisDOT rail safety specialist Anna Davey plans to appear at the March 30, All Committees meeting. There was discussion of using an ITS bus for a street tour during the April 6, All Committee meeting.

**Resolutions and Ordinances:**

None.

**District and Committee Reports:**

**District One, Mr. Altmann:**

Mr. Altmann reported that the following were among topics considered at the March 18, Park Board meeting:

\*Playground equipment relocation and safety matting.

\*Lifeguard pay scales at both the LHS pool and Memorial Park beach.

**District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:**

Mr. Morgan made a motion, which was seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to transfer \$42,309.88 from TIFD #9 to the visitor center rail display account.

Mr. Morgan made a motion, which was seconded by Brown to approve Verdegan Construction's low bid of \$42,309.88 to extend the rail display shelter over the first

passenger car. Roll call vote: Altmann-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; West-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent. Motion carried.

In the course of discussing future rail display work Mr. Morgan noted that the caboose is quite rare, being one of very few remaining that were built from 1904 floor plans.

Mr. Morgan advocated crushing and using broken concrete and other materials piled on the old WWTF grounds. Golat Trucking of Bruce is believed to have a crusher that may be small enough to be brought into the storage area.

Mr. Carlson reported that he has 27 of 29 Corbett Lake archive file indexes ready to type. Mr. Morgan made a motion, which was seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to authorize Ray Carlson to submit copies of the 2014 Corbett Lake Activities Summary to WDNR offices at Spooner and Rhinelander, and for placement on the City's website.

**District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:**

Mr. Hraban reported that a new CN siding or passing track over one mile long is planned to be built between Conrath and Sheldon.

Mr. Hraban advised that the Personnel Committee will be reviewing the library employee handbook to be certain selected portions (not subject to Board oversight) concur with the counterpart for non-library employees.

Mr. Hraban highlighted matters considered at the March 17, Joint Management Committee meeting.

Mr. Hraban reported that Police and Fire Commission Chair Cora Schultz attended the recent Rusk County Emergency Government meeting where there was a good exchange of information about ambulance service financing. And that he and RC Emergency Government Director Tom Hall will both be attending an upcoming EMS meeting.

**District Four, Mr. K. Brown:**

Referring to what it wants in the new animal shelter, Mr. Brown advised that the Animal Control Board is concerned about whether it should or should not provide services that compete with the private boarding facility located between Bruce and Ladysmith. Mr. M. Hraban clarified that the JMC needs the Animal Control Board to visit recently built shelters, decide what it wants in its new facility, and hire an engineer to design it as that group has expertise with the subject that JMC members do not.

Mr. Brown reported that he recently attended the Governor's Conference on Tourism, where he learned the following:

- \*That every dollar spent on tourism advertising returns about \$78 in WI tourist spending.
- \*That WI is the third most bike friendly State in the nation.
- \*That former Governor Thompson is still planning a bike ride in this part of the State.
- \*That 60,000,000 adults nationwide ride bikes, which is higher than the number that golf.
- \*The City of Menomonie has 22 miles of bike trail.

- \*That fat tire bikes make it possible to ride on designated snowmobile trails.
- \*Biking is not allowed on all snowmobile or ATV trails.

Mr. Brown also called attention to minutes of the March 16, All Committees meeting.

**District Five, Mr. J. West:**

Mr. West reported that a joint meeting of the Finance and Public Works Committees, held earlier in the evening, involved review of upcoming 2015/2016 street work and how it might be financed.

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

Mr. West indicated the Police and Fire Commission will meet March 25<sup>th</sup> to conduct applicant interviews, and that a regular meeting will follow on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:**

Mr. Hraban had nothing to report.

**District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:**

Mrs. Pearson was absent.

**Police and Fire Dept. Reports, A. Lobermeier:**

Chief Lobermeier reported LPD participated in solving a major theft case, including recovery of a large amount of stolen property. This included a missing Farm Supply truck and several tractor tires.

It was reported that, although 11 agencies became involved in the response to an accidental shooting in the course of a coyote hunt near Glen Flora, the interplay between them went very smoothly.

Chief Lobermeier reported that the Rusk County Sheriff's Dept. plans to put a new canine unit in service and that the Police and Fire Commission will discuss making an annual contribution of \$1,000 toward that new unit from \$7,000 in donations to the program Ladysmith had, which remains in an LPD account.

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

The DPW Gorseger noted, in response to a question, that he believes the current schedule for Highway 8 improvements is as follows:

- \*Bruce to Ladysmith grind and overlay-2015.
- \*Highway 8 bridge and approaches in Ladysmith -2016.
- \*Grind and repave Lake Avenue portion in Ladysmith-2017.

It was noted, in response to a question, that a yard waste collection is planned for the week of April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Gorsegner reported that one building permit application has been made for a new dwelling thus far. More are expected in conjunction with the Highway 8 Rentals project.

DPW Gorsegner reported that electrical and related vendors will meet at the WTP on March 30<sup>th</sup> to jointly witness the feed being switched from Xcel line power to generator power.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Altmann to pay SEH invoices in the amounts of \$7,042.99 and \$10,796.39 relating to oversight of the WWTF upgrade project. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; West-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent; Altmann-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Reynolds indicated he received an inquiry from Mead and Hunt about the retaining wall in front of Carnegie Hall, adding that he couldn't understand why as planned work there is just a pavement overlay project. Nobody present had an answer.

**Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:**

Adm. Christianson reported that a Camp Flambeau crew plans to begin mowing at the cemetery about May 1<sup>st</sup>. He noted that, because mowing for Hawkins and Ladysmith will take up what time they have available after that, consideration be given now to having them do a couple jobs before that, such as the following, which he estimated will together cost about \$774:

- \*Remove bent over boxelder along the south side of Phillips Ave. from 1<sup>st</sup> St. to E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.
- \*Pick up slash that remains on the ground from brush hogging the animal shelter site.

Mr. Christianson recalled that what was the community garden site has been leased to others such that a new site needs to be identified. He indicated that garden users prefer to find a more centrally located site. A recently acquired area off the SE corner of Corbett Lake was mentioned as one option. Paper mill property off the east end of Miner Ave. was mentioned as another, as were farm fields off E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. N. And the north end of the elementary school grounds as yet another. It was noted, on the other hand, that a more central location might attract vandalism.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Morgan to accept Marathon Technical Services' proposal to prepare plow museum bid specifications and bid documents for \$1,500. Roll call vote: Brown-yes; West-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent; Altmann-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to accept Badger State Consulting's Proposal to prepare electrical and lighting plans for the plow museum project for a fee of \$2,500. Roll call vote: West-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent; Altmann-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Brown and seconded by Altmann to approve the fourth of five design services installments from MSA, in the amount of \$10,000, for the W. 8<sup>th</sup> St. N. and Roesler Ave. project.

Roll call vote: A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent; Altmann-yes; Morgan-no; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; West-yes. Motion carried.

**Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:**

Atty. Kenyon advised that he would have a report to make during the closed session.

**Mayor's Forum, Mr. M. Reynolds:**

Mayor Reynolds had nothing to report.

**Licenses and Permits:**

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to grant a tavern operator's license to Melanie Barfknecht for Wal-Mart.

**Closed Session:**

At 8 p.m., motion was made by Brown and seconded by M. Hraban to go into closed session under authority cited in the meeting notice. Roll call vote: Altmann-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; West-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned from closed session at 8:25 p.m.

**Recorded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

Alan Christianson  
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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ORDINANCE #2015-02

MODIFYING PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

The Common Council of the City of Ladysmith do ordain as follows:

1. That Sec. 2-4-5 (b) of the Ladysmith Municipal Code of Ordinances are hereby repealed in their entirety and recreated to read as follows:

(b) **Appointment.** The Mayor shall be a voting member of the Planning Commission and the Administrator, Director of Public Works, Building Inspector and one (1) alderperson shall be ex-officio members. Citizen members shall be appointed by the Mayor and be confirmed by the Common Council. The citizen members shall hold office for staggered three (3) year terms.

2. That this ordinance amendment shall take effect upon passage and publication.

\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ vote at a regular meeting of the Common Council held the 13th day of April, 2015.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marty Reynolds, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shari Kavanagh, Clerk

Date of Publication \_\_\_\_\_

This adoption ordinance  
was drafted by Al Christianson  
on February 2, 2015.