

**COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH**  
March 25, 2019 6:30 p.m. Council Chamber

**Roll Call.**

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

Others present: R. Carlson, R. Cerra, A. Christianson 1, K. Gorsegner, B. Grootousen, B. Grotzinger, J. Hoover, K. Jeffress, K. Julien, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, D. Moore, S. Moore, G. Noel, D. Parker, C. and J. Pohlman III, G. Schueller, C. Schultz.

**Call to Order:**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mrs. Pearson 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 4, 2019, Council meeting.

**Agenda:**

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the evening's agenda with agenda item 19) advanced.

**Hearings and Appearances:**

None.

**Licenses and Permits:**

Dick Moore appeared on behalf of the Lions Club seeking approval of a Temporary Class "B" License to sell beer and wine at the Lipstick Rodeo Band Concert to be held Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Amphitheater in Memorial Park. Mr. Moore will be in charge. Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Pearson and carried by voice vote to approve.

Cora Schultz asked why fencing isn't required around the site as with the Mardi Gras Beer Garden. Mayor Christianson, who is the Jaycee President, replied that the Jaycees prefer the fence during Mardi Gras owing to so many children being present.

**Resolutions and Ordinances:**

Motion was made by Pearson and seconded by Fields to approve a Rent A Flash proposal to supply signs for Riverview Trail at a cost of \$567.50 to TIFD #10 and \$545.65 to 2019 parks budget. Mr. Morgan asked if Stanton's Signs had been asked for a quote. It was indicated that, because these are high volume signs, it is hard to beat Rent A Flash prices. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-no; M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-absent; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Pearson and seconded by Fields to approve production of way finding signs for the industrial area ball fields by local vendor Weimer Artworks at a cost of \$490 to TIFD #10 and \$490 to the 2019 parks budget. Roll call vote: Morgan-no; M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-absent; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote to approve Resolution #2019-02, a so-called preliminary resolution, declaring intent to exercise special assessment police powers under Sec. 66.0703, Wis. Stats. relating to reconstruction of sections of Fritz (W. 2<sup>nd</sup> to W. 5<sup>th</sup>) and Worden (W. 4<sup>th</sup> to E. 4<sup>th</sup>) Avenues.

### **District and Committee Reports:**

#### **District One, Mr. Platteter:**

Mr. M. Hraban made a motion which was seconded by Platteter and carried by voice vote to approve the monthly invoices.

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

Mr. Morgan mentioned rail display items that are in need of attention this year:

- Install gates in open doors in rail cars.
- Semaphore needs repair.
- Raise front end of FP7 locomotive.
- Caboose paint is deteriorating without a protective cover.

Mr. Carlson stated that some items need to be returned to the display that others are holding. Mr. Morgan replied that he will take care of getting these items.

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

Mr. Hraban called attention to and highlighted minutes of the March 18, Property and All Committees meetings. Mr. Hraban also mentioned that the City and County's Joint Management Committee met earlier in the day and considered a number of items including, but not limited to, the following:

- Replacing can lights at library, which continue to overheat.
- Possible need to soon reside library.
- A list of several minor repairs at the ADF lease space.
- A Dog Park the Friends of the Animal Shelter plan to construct next to the new shelter.

#### **District Four, Mr. J. Fields:**

Mrs. Pearson made a motion, which was seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote, to relocate the Vet's mural on the side of the former hardware on E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. to a new mural frame to be erected on the west side of W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. south of Miner.

#### **District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:**

Mrs. Stoneberg was absent.

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

Mr. M. Hraban made a motion, which was seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote, to refill Corbett Lake.

Mr. Hraban referenced minutes of the Public Works meeting held March 18<sup>th</sup>. He then made a motion, which was seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to authorize seeking proposals for several future street reconstruction projects in TIFD #8 and #9, in particular.

Mr. Morgan asked what has become of the concern he expressed about the pavement dip in front of the fire hall. DPW Gorsegner recalled that the proper way to repair it was discussed at the meeting, but that a cost quote was not immediately available and, so, no action was recommended.

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

Mrs. Pearson made a motion and A. Hraban seconded to approve expenditure of \$13,440 from TIFD #9 for Anderson Landscaping to construct trail sections 1-3. After R. Carlson raised questions about the procedure followed the motion and seconded were withdrawn. Another meeting will be slated to address his questions.

**Police and Fire Dept. Reports:**

Folks were reminded that new burning permits are required annually. Police Chief Julien advised that "a pile of them" have already been issued.

Fire Chief Gibbs advised that LFD had met with the so-called Rural Community Fire Dept. and all participating municipalities seem ready to agree to a new service contract with a small increase in the rate.

Chief Gibbs also reported that tile in the main hall at the Fire Hall are getting worse and that LFD will seek a quote to replace just those in that location. He also reported that Hoover Const. is putting a new bottom skin on the double doors on the north side to extend their useful life. Mr. Hoover, who was present, advised that stainless doors are also available for high salt environments. It was mentioned that fiberglass doors are as well.

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

DPW Gorsegner reported that "flushable" wipes have again clogged up sanitary pumps and asked the media's help in getting word out that despite being labeled flushable they are not.

The DPW called attention to a card from the Driftbusters snowmobile club thanking the City for allowing the club to operate routes over City lands.

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

Adm. Christianson stated that he would have items for the Closed Session.

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

Atty. Kenyon reported that the Public Service Commission (PSC) is again revisiting rules on running water to avoid freeze ups. DPW Gorseger clarified that, under PSC rules, if the City asks water customers to run their water to protect a City main from freezing, the City may reimburse those customers' costs to do so. As an example of that, he observed that the Village of Bruce asks all its customers to run water to keep the Village water tower from freezing up. If, on the other hand, customers are running water to keep the lateral to or lines within their own property from freezing, then the customer is responsible for covering these costs.

It was noted, in response to a question, that water run advisories are posted on the City's website, in the Ladysmith News, and on WLDY-WJBL.

**Mayor's Forum, Mr. Christianson:**

Mayor Christianson thanked those present for coming and participating regardless of their reasons for doing so.

**Closed Session:**

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

Within the Closed Session, motion was made to approve leasing the two-stall garage at the armory to Brad and Scott Thorpe d/b/a TNT Auto Repair, for \$550/mo. for six months. A Certificate of Liability Insurance has been provided. The entire facility is on one set of utility services at this time such that separate metering isn't possible.

**Adjourn:**

Upon motion by A. Hraban, which was seconded by Platteter and carried by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned from Closed Session at about 7:10 p.m.

**Recorded by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Alan Christianson  
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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