

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH
March 27, 2017 6:30 p.m. Council Chamber

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

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

Call to Order:

Mayor Reynolds called the meeting to order and presided.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Morgan 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 March 13, 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:

Copies of a letter received from a local resident, business owner and head of an earlier organization known as Up With Downtown were distributed. In it she implores the City to stay with the original plan to repaint the Brooklyn Bridge black. Sue Moore read this letter aloud and commented briefly on the subject. Mr. M. Hraban expressed willingness to support use of black paint if that is what residents want.

As Chair of the Main Street Promotions Committee, Mrs. Moore also thanked those who attended the Sugarbush Festival the past weekend, adding that it is important that elected officials and downtown business operators participate in the four annual events: Sugarbush Festival, Mardi Gras, Polka Fest, and Leaf it to Rusk Festival.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by Moore and carried by voice vote to adopt Resolution #2017-03 recognizing and formally naming Pioneer Park. It was noted that the Park Board reviewed the resolution and asked that the BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED portion be added to reference an attached aerial photo based map indicating the park area as opposed the adjoining closed cemetery.

Adm. Christianson noted that he was contacted last week by MSA Professional Services, which recommended that, to increase its chances of obtaining CDBG grant assistance with a pending project that it either obtain loan approval for required local matching funds of about \$500,000, or that it adopt a resolution committing these monies to this use.

He is waiting to hear if one of these methods is preferred, but added it to the agenda in case he had heard by now.

District and Committee Reports:

District One, Mr. Platteter:

Mr. Platteter had nothing to report.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Regarding the rail display, Mr. Morgan advised that two motorcars have been sandblasted and primed. He also advised that Kenny Phillips will repaint the rail equipment undercarriages flat black for \$2,800, which is well less than the \$5,000 quote received from another vendor. And that the last equipment purchased from a dealer in Lindstrom, MN will be picked up later this week. Later, Mr. Carlson added that, with a couple cost items having been added since the 2017 rail display budget was first developed, it will need to be revised.

Mr. Morgan asked when seasonal employment positions will be advertised. It was noted, in response, that will happen next week.

Mr. Morgan made a motion and M. Hraban seconded to approve expenditure of general fund balance to construct an 8' wide walking trail along the south shore of Corbett Lake from the dam structure to the CN right of way. How to get by a narrow spot remains a question. Filling to a retaining wall may not be permitted, such that some means of bridging (parallel poles/timbers supported deck) may need to be devised. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent. Motion carried.

It was noted that such changes to the general fund balance will need to be combined into a budget amendment at some point.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to authorize burning the north shore of Corbett Lake from the gazebo near Hwy. 27 east to the Park garage at 320 W. 4th St. S. No invoice is anticipated.

Motion was made by Morgan and seconded by Moore to accept Glen Hetchler's Proposal to power wash and paint the covered footbridge in Falge Park for \$1,650, as a park operations cost. It was suggested that the City crew assist with its bucket truck when the time comes. A couple days advance notice will need to be provided. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban made a motion and A. Hraban seconded to have LFD burn the riverbank in Thut Park. The motion carried by voice vote. Again, an invoice is not anticipated.

District Four, Mr. R. Moore:

Mr. Morgan made a motion and M. Hraban seconded to appropriate \$25,000 from the general fund balance to pay for selected amphitheater costs such as band shell design and utility services, which the WRA and Lions don't plan to cover. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-abstain; Pearson-absent; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg had nothing to report, but stated she is glad to be home.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. A. Hraban made a motion, which was seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote, to accept the final bid of \$7,350 for the old Vermeer wood chipper.

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to authorize seeking bids for the Phillips Ave. reconstruction project.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

Mr. M. Hraban made a motion, which was seconded by Moore to approve expenditure of \$3,570.12, to have Xcel extend power service to the amphitheater site. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-abstain; Pearson-absent; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Moore to expend \$1,800 to have Zeigler Electric install a 400 amp electrical service the amphitheater site to include two 200 amp breakers and two GFI receptacles. Mr. Morgan asked if quotes were sought from other electrical contractors, such as J L Electric. It was noted that they are. Roll call vote: Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent; Platteter-yes; Morgan-no; M. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Moore to pay two invoices from Russ Thompson Excavating, in the amounts of \$16,800 and \$500, for work on Corbett Lake dredging, both from the general fund balance. Roll call vote: Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-no; Pearson-absent; Platteter-yes; Morgan-abstain; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to identify the lot west of the Post Office as a second vets mural site, meaning that new applicants will have a choice of this site or the one across Hwy. 8 from the entrance to Memorial Park. The mural will be erected on the east side of this lot and face west. A second mural could be added later, if need be, on the west side of the same lot.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, A. Lobermeier:

Chief Lobermeier responded to a question by advising that folks may burn during the day; they don't have to wait until after 6 p.m. as was apparently once the case.

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

The DPW called attention to an invitation to Council members to attend a Thank You brunch for providing access across City-owned property to the Ladysmith Driftbusters Snowmobile Club.

DOW Gorseger pointed out to those present where the ceiling is leaking in the Council Chamber.

It was noted, in response to a question, that the gravel surface awaiting paving on Shady Lane is firm at this time.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson requested approval of the next step (basic floor plan and elevations) in the design of a 30,000 sq. ft. addition to the Rockwell Automation space, at a cost of \$3,800 to The Mining Fund. Motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by M. Hraban to approve. Roll call vote: A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes. Motion carried.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Atty. Kenyon stated that, while he supports expending \$165 to have access to use of 225 regional literature racks, the bigger decision is whether Rusk County is willing to provide a costly supply of no less than 1,500 pieces (promotional booklets, historical museum and plow museum flyers) to place in these racks. Until that is known it is premature to lease rack space.

Atty. Kenyon reported that he was advised of the passing of a local CDBG loan recipient whose heirs would like to clear that debt. He will follow up.

Mayor's Forum, Mr. M. Reynolds:

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to authorize Mayor Reynolds to accept title to the local Armory from the Dept. of the Army.

Licenses and Permits:

None.

Adjourn:

Upon motion by A. Hraban, which was seconded by Moore and carried by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at about 7:45 p.m.

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Alan Christianson
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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