

Mr. Morgan indicated he has no recommendation on military mural lighting at this time. Mayor Reynolds and M. Hraban spoke in favor of lighting the military mural. The latter noted a security light in the alley probably won't suffice, adding that we chose to light the military memorial in Memorial Park and the wall by Gerard Hotel and should do the same with the military mural. Mayor Reynolds pointed out that just supplying lights and having to stand behind lights supplied by others are quite different and make an electrician's quote to do both more understandable. The PW Committee will continue to look into this.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Speaking as a citizen, rather than City representative, Mr. Hraban raised numerous concerns about an apparent decision to close the LES and move Grades K-5 to the LMS where parking and playground space are quite limited. One of his primary concerns was that no public information meeting or public forum to seek input has been held.

Mr. Hraban reviewed property items considered at a recent joint meeting of the Property and Public Works Committees. Among these were upgrades to the old ranger station buildings and razing of a badly deteriorated dwelling along C.T.H. J. Mr. Morgan advocated getting rid of unused equipment stored at the ranger station to free up space that occupies to meet other storage needs.

District Four, Mr. K. Brown:

Mr. Brown asked what the chances are that the former office at the old ranger station could be fixed up to serve as a new children's museum, as what remain of the museum displays are stored there as it is. A question was raised about condition of the displays.

Mr. Brown commented on some of the points made at the recent Governor's Conference on Tourism, which he attended on the City's behalf:

- *Chinese visitors like Wisconsin.
- *Some locales have signage done in Chinese to help guide those visitors.
- *We need to get rid of negative comments and perceptions.
- *WI wants to be the tourism capital of the US in 20 years.
- *Tourism dollars received locally tend to turn over 8 times.
- *These days we live on-line.
- *Many private properties need to be cleaned up.

Every neighborhood seems to have a few messy properties interspersed among the well kept majority. How to get the owners of these to keep them up is hard. Nobody seemed to have an answer. Atty. Kenyon did point out that the financial tools like CDBG housing loans are there to help those who want to help themselves. The City has \$100,000 sitting in its CDBG fund that is seldom used. Over one half our residents are qualified to use it interest free with no payments for years until the property is transferred. At that time it needs to be repaid into the fund so that it is available for reuse. First time homebuyer down payment assistance loans are also available.

Mr. Brown also called attention to two recent letters to the editor calling for elimination of trash bag stickers. He advocated continued use of stickers, observing that use of these stickers has, for the most part, kept non residents from just dropping their trash in the City for the City to absorb the cost of disposal. Some still drop private trash in unattended business dumpsters.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg had nothing to report.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. Carlson reviewed the status of Corbett Lake activities monitoring folders he has been keeping up and asked that action be taken to formally put work on bottom aerators on hold until dredging plans are farther along or dredging completed. Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote to do so.

DPW Gorsegner advised that Mr. Wiles and Mr. Barna are looking into what is needed to repair the cascading aeration system at Corbett Lake, but don't yet have an answer.

Mr. Hraban reviewed Public Works items considered at a recent joint meeting of the Property and Public Works Committees.

It was decided that a joint meeting of the Property and Public Works Committees will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 4th.

It was noted, in response to a question about plans to rebuild Corbett Ave., that no more storm water will be entering nearby Corbett Lake than at present as a result of the project.

Action on a snow blower will be taken up after a new unit from Fair Manufacturing is shown here, which is expected to happen soon.

Motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by M. Hraban to authorize seeking bids for purchase and mounting of a second salt box on a chassis the City already has. Mr. Morgan again stated his objection to this. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to authorize seeking bids for a new ¾ ton PWD pickup with a lift gate and plow package. It was noted, in response to a question, that the lift, intended to prevent back problems, will likely cost from \$2,500-\$3,000.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

Mrs. Pearson had nothing to report.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, A. Lobermeier:

Referring to Mr. West's comment about leaving an office vacancy unfilled, Chief Lobermeier advised that the P&FC has already authorized filling it.

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

The DPW reported that Wisconsin Surplus Auction bids closed today on the City's 40 year old trailer mounted air compressor and that the high bid was \$2,699. The City has a very limited time to accept. Motion was made by Brown, seconded by A. Hraban to accept the low bid. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to authorize seeking bids for reconstruction of the 400 W. block of Corbett Ave.

Motion was made by Stoneberg and seconded by M. Hraban to increase Morgan and Parmley's compensation by \$1,900 to add drainage structure designs to plans for resurfacing E. 6th St. N. between Park and Edgewood Avenues. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

There was discussion of a request to use a driveway across City property to access a planned new dwelling. It appears granting this request might not be in keeping with a couple different regulations. Utility service access in this area is also in question. It was suggested that it might be best to extend E. 4th St. south from Phillips Ave. to serve the existing dwelling, the planned dwelling and, possibly, future dwellings nearby. The PW Committee will consider this at its next meeting.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson advised that the City's annual contract for services to monitor the old landfill along Cemetery Rd. is up for renewal. The \$14,900 fee will include preparation of a request to WDNR to reduce the frequency of testing, with the intent of reducing this annual cost by half or more. WDNR will also require a \$1,650 to process the request. Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Morgan to approve these expenditures. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

Adm. Christianson reminded those present of a Proposal he handed out at a recent meeting wherein Discover Wisconsin proposes to prepare two plow museum videos for the City at a cost of \$19,575. The first of these is expected to be about 45 minutes in length and to document the collection in donor Ed Tomasovich's own words for future reference. The second, expected to be only about 5 minutes in length, will be more an advertising piece. Motion was made by Brown and seconded by M. Hraban to approve this expenditure from The Mining Fund. Roll call vote: Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Atty. Kenyon had nothing to report.

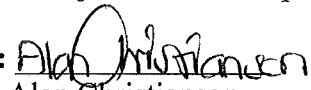
Licenses and Permits:

None.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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