

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH
March 9, 2015 6:30 p.m. Council Chamber

Roll Call. Members present: A. Altmann, K. Brown, A. Hraban, M. Hraban, B. Morgan, J. Pearson, J. West. Absent: M. Reynolds. Others present: A. Christianson, J. Doriott, K. Gorsegner, A. Lobermeier, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, D. Parker, J. Pohlman.

Call to Order:

Mr. Brown called the meeting to order and served as chair in the Mayor's absence.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. A. Hraban 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 February 23, 2015 Council meeting.

Agenda:

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

Hearings and Appearances:

Mr. Jerry Doriott from SEH appeared to provide his "current" thoughts on progress at the WTP. He is hopeful that replacement of the Well #5 electrical breaker with an "adjustable trip breaker" will solve the primary remaining issue with that facility, but doesn't want to declare that it has been resolved until it is certain. Unfortunately, that answer won't be known for some time as there is 4-5 week delivery time on the new breaker. The breaker has continued to trip when the WTP is switched over from generator power to Xcel power. Modifications to a hatch are also being considered in an effort to eliminate moisture in the ozone room.

A question was raised about when the cost of the new well and water treatment plant will appear on customer's utility bills. It was noted, in response, that the City is still awaiting clarification from the Public Service Commission (PSC) on that.

Mr. Doriott also reported that the WWTF project is going well and is expected to be done ahead of schedule.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

None.

District and Committee Reports:

District One, Mr. Altmann:

Mr. Altmann had nothing to report.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan inquired whether the PW Dept. has purchased a general purpose trailer yet, as was discussed. The DPW replied that is on the to do list.

Mr. Morgan inquired as to the status of consideration of rebuilding Corbett Ave. near the library. And whether Camp Flambeau will be providing workers to assist with continued work on the rail display.

Mr. Morgan noted that, after viewing trees that shade Phillips Ave., he feels they should be left to help absorb train noise that impacts the residential area beyond. Regarding this same area, a question was raised about how and when piles of broken concrete there might be gotten rid of. It was stated, in response, that larger crushers cannot get there due to street limitations. Smaller crushers are harder to find, but Mr. Gorsegner will follow up on a lead he has.

Mr. Morgan asked if TIF monies might be used to pay for a dry hydrant he advocated be installed near the Memorial Park boat landing. It was noted that it does lie within the halo zone of TIFD #8.

Mr. Morgan asked that pavement markings be renewed at the visitor center.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban advised that the local Emergency Planning Committee, or LEPC, will be meeting at 10 a.m. on March 13th to consider issues pertaining to hazardous materials, including combustible Bakken Shale oil shipped through our County in rail cars. It was noted that, just last week, there were two more derailments that involved explosion of even the newer, presumably safer, type oil cars.

Mr. Hraban advised that the JMC will meet at 7:30 p.m. on March 17th and the Rusk County Emergency Government Committee at 8 a.m. on March 11th.

District Four, Mr. K. Brown:

Mr. Brown called attention to minutes of the March 2, All Committees meeting and also reported on the March 2, Public Works Committee meeting.

It was reported that a PW contingent will travel to Hayward later in the week to view dump truck box inserts that City uses to increase snow hauling capacity of its trucks, which are similar in size to Ladysmith's.

District Five, Mr. J. West:

Mr. West made a motion, which was seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to write off as uncollectible an invoice to MWM Contracting for a bulk water purchase.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban reported that the Transit Commission met last Friday and that he hopes to have those minutes at the next meeting.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

Mrs. Pearson advised that the Library Board will meet March 10th and that the Friends of the Library and Garden Club are collaborating on a landscaping effort. Mr. Gorsegner affirmed that he has been contacted about the latter.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, A. Lobermeier:

Chief Lobermeier reported that LPD will participate in Sky Warn weather spotter training to be held March 21st. He also reported that only 7 applicants for a new eligible to hire list tested, and that only 5 remain under consideration.

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

DPW Gorsegner responded to a question by advising that those told to run water should continue to do so until further notice.

The DPW reported that new equipment is being installed at the WWTF and that there will be considerable site restoration to do once ground conditions permit. He responded to another question by indicating that the public will be advised soon about new rules going forward regarding water services that are prone to freezing.

Mr. Morgan advised that some planning needs to be done now if any grinding and repaving is to be done this year. Mr. M. Hraban then mentioned that the surface of Lake Ave. north of the courthouse is in poor shape. It was then noted that this section has undersized water main, such that a complete rebuild with new utilities would be needed.

DPW Gorsegner explained the distinction between pavement grinding and pulverizing. Grinding involves removal of a thin upper layer of existing pavement, often just two inches, followed by laying down of a similar thickness of new pavement. Pulverizing often involves placing new gravel over existing pavement followed by pounding the new gravel and underlying pavement into a granular consistency that serves as a base for laying new full depth pavement over the top of. Pulverizing works well on rural roads, but isn't done often in a developed area like the City due to complications of pulverizing around all the manholes and valves, etc.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Morgan to approve expenditure of \$265 to place an ad in the 2015 Northwoods Escape insert to the Ladysmith News from the City Council grants and aids budget line. Roll call vote: Altmann-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; West-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Morgan asked if Camp Flambeau will provide workers to assist with rail display efforts this summer. There has been no word on that as yet.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:
Atty. Kenyon had nothing to report.

Mayor's Forum, Mr. Reynolds:
Mayor Reynolds was absent.

Licenses and Permits:

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to grant tavern operator's licenses to Rhianna Reisner for 211 Club and to Ryan Stanek for Wal Mart.

Motion was made by West, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve granting a Temporary Class "B" /"Class B" Retailer's License to the Ladysmith Fire Dept. for both the Fireman's Ball (3/28-29/2015), and Mardi Gras water fights (7/18/2015); and, to grant temporary tavern operator's licenses to Brian Eichner and Dana Duzy contingent upon LPD concurrence.

Adjourn:

Upon motion by West, which was seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote the meeting was adjourned 7:25 p.m.

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Alan Christianson
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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