

## **March 17, 2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MEETING MINUTES**

5:00 PM Meeting at Ladysmith City Hall Council Chambers. Members present: Marty Reynolds, James West, Gerard Schueller  
Others present: Admin-Alan Christianson, Attorney Allen Kenyon, Bill Morgan, John Pohlman II & John Pohlman III

### **Call to Order:**

Chair Reynolds called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

### **Approval of March 3, 2022 Minutes:**

*Motion by Schueller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by West to approve March 3, 2022 Minutes. Carried by voice vote.*

### **Discussion and possible recommendation on railroad crossing ordinance:**

Those present reviewed the map prepared by Doug Parker as well as drafts of documents prepared by Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Kenyon relating to perceived issues with railroad crossing stoppages. Mr. Pohlman II noted that St. John's Lutheran Church has a school and should be added to the map. Mr. West asked if daycares should also be added to the map. Mr. Kenyon noted that the next step could be to hold public hearings on railroad crossing concerns in order to solicit input from the public as well as representatives from local emergency services, care facilities and schools. Information obtained during those public hearings would then become legislative findings that could go into writing an ordinance. Mr. Schueller noted that he hoped emergency services personnel could provide detailed estimates of emergency response times at such a hearing.

***No action.***

### **Discussion of business renovation assistance program:**

Those present reviewed draft guidelines of a business renovation assistance program. Mr. Reynolds noted that the program could possibly replace the current downtown façade program or perhaps that program could be taken back to its original intent but applied city-wide. Mr. Schueller asked for a background on the façade program. Mr. Reynolds and Adm. Christianson noted that the façade program had originally been created as part of the Main Street Program in 2013 as a way to encourage downtown property owners to fix up the exteriors of their buildings. Over the years, program guidelines were changed to encourage additional participation in the program. Mr. Pohlman II asked that if such a program is created, sources and uses of the funds should be available for inspection by the public as public funding will be used.

***No action.***

### **Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned 6:15PM by Chair Reynolds