

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH
April 11, 2016 6:30 p.m. Council Chamber

Roll Call. Members present: K. Brown, A. Hraban, M. Hraban, B. Morgan, J. Pearson, M. Platteter, B. Stoneberg. Absent: Reynolds. Others present: A. Christianson, K. Gorseger, A. Lobermeier, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, R. Moore, D. Parker, J. Pohlman.

Call to Order:

Mr. Brown called his last Council meeting to order and served as chair.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Brown 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 28, 2016 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:

John Pohlman observed that meeting notices haven't been posted on-line and suggested doing so would be a good idea even though it is not required. He specifically noted that this Council agenda was not on-line the previous evening, although it was this morning. The posting indicates it was posted to the website on April 7th.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to adopt Resolution #2016-07 to authorize conveyance of real property to Rusk County Farm Supply. 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 and seconded by Morgan to adopt Resolution #2016-08 to amend the 2016 general operations budget to apply \$400,000 in revenues from the general fund balance and to add it to the street construction line item. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

District and Committee Reports:

District One, Mr. Platteter:

Mr. Platteter briefly reviewed the Planning Commission meeting that preceded this one. He noted that a major item of contention was whether the Council or Commission should have the duty to develop rules to "regulate" chicken keeping.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan stated that he feels we are “spinning our wheels” so far as a decision on mural lighting.

He also reported that, last week, the motor and transmission were delivered for the rail motorcar currently displayed at the RCHS museum. The seller is also interested in trading for other equipment although none has been identified as available at this time.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban reported that the PW Committee, along with Jerry Carow, Larry Gotham and City staff recently met with Mr. Rands and Mr. Mincoff about prospects for dredging Corbett Lake. He went on to say the meeting helped identify realistic costs to be expected and hurdles that need to be overcome. Of immediate concern was to obtain permission to cause water to flow west across Hwy. 27 and the Rands property into Bruno Lake Drainage Ditch so it doesn't refill the lake while it is being drained. That permission was granted verbally. Of longer range concern is possible disposal of dredge spoils on Flambeau Mining (FMC) property, which adjoins another Rands property along Blackberry Lane. In this case treated effluent from the City's WWTF would, conceptually, be piped across both City and Rands properties to flood the spoils if FMC allows them to be disposed of in a former gravel pit there. This would be for purposes of turning the disposal site into a wetland bank, which could, perhaps, generate monies to help pay for the dredging.

Mr. Hraban also advised that the Rusk Co. Emergency Government Committee will meet April 13th at 8 a.m.

District Four, Mr. K. Brown:

Mr. Brown called attention to minutes of the April 4, All Committees meeting.

Mr. Brown made a motion, which was seconded by A. Hraban, to approve the 2015 year end fund balance to include adding \$400,000 from the undesignated fund balance to the street construction line item thereby designating it. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Brown to approve entering into a seven year lease to purchase arrangement Tax-Exempt Leasing Corp. for the new sewer jetter that is on order from RNOW, Inc. Roll call vote: Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

Lastly, Mr. Brown reported that a train recently blocked the College Ave. rail crossing from about 10:15-11:05 a.m.; over 45 minutes. He went on to say that is reason to support Mr. Morgan's proposal to keep one fire pumper housed on the east side of the tracks.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg had nothing to report.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban called attention to minutes of the April 7, Public Works meeting.

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to authorize seeking bids for a new end loader snow blower. It was noted that the Sno Go model is available at State pricing; the same price the State and its agencies can buy an identical unit for.

Asst. DPW reviewed lists of crack filling and crackfill, polyseal and chip sealing the Committee agreed it would like to see done this year and asked permission to seek bids for this work. Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to authorize seeking bids for this work.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

Mrs. Pearson advised she will not be able to attend the next Library meeting.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, A. Lobermeier:

Chief Lobermeier thanked Alderman Brown for his service and support as a Council member.

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

The DPW advised that he didn't have much new to report, but welcomed questions.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson advised that the Wisconsin State Historical Society has determined that a certified archaeologist must be present when a new utility pole is installed to replace an existing one in the right of way of W. 5th St. S. adjacent to Pioneer Park. The new pole base will tentatively be dug and set May 11th, about two months prior to work to realign Xcel structure 49, and to rebuild Xcel structure 50 in that vicinity. The archaeologist's fee will be \$60/hour. It is anticipated this will be completed in one day.

A motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Morgan to approve expenditure of about \$1,600 to buy frosted white acrylic sheets for window inserts for the third passenger car at the visitor center rail display and to pay the mural artist to paint silhouettes of passengers on them. Roll call vote: Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes. Motion carried.

Lastly, Adm. Christianson thanked Mr. Brown for his lengthy service on the Council and invited those present to stay after the meeting to share a cake in recognition of that service.

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

Mayor's Forum, Mr. Reynolds:
None.

Mr. Brown observed that, for most part, he enjoyed the 31 year period over which he served on the Council.

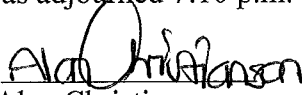
Licenses and Permits:

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the following licenses and permits:

- A tavern operator's license for Melissa Miller for 211 Club contingent upon LPD approval.
- A tavern operator's license for Susan Schmick for West Cove Lanes.
- A Sidewalk Permit for Phil Ruege d/b/a Fine Arts Center & Gallery for a sidewalk chalk art event for young kids and teenagers on June 18, at 105 Miner Ave. W.
- A Direct Seller's Permit for James Baroka d/b/a Baroka's Wreaths to allow selling wreaths for Memorial Day at the former information center parking lot. An annual permit fee of \$50 has been paid.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned 7:10 p.m.

Recorded by: 
Alan Christianson
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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