

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH
April 15, 2019 6:30 p.m. Council Chamber

Roll Call.

Members present: A. Christianson 2, J. Fields, A. Hraban, M. Hraban, B. Morgan, J. Pearson, M. Platteter, Absent: B. Stoneberg.

Others present: S. Berg, A. Christianson 1, K. Gorseger, B. Groothusen, J. Hoover, K. Julien, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, R. Kromrey, D. Lane, J. Nawrocki and Mrs. Nawrocki, D. and J. Olsen, D. Parker, M. Reynolds, M. Russell, C. Schultz.

Call to Order:

Mayor Christianson called the meeting to order and served as chair.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Morgan 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 April 8, 2019 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:

Ray Carlson advised that he will be out of town in an upcoming week so will not be able to open and close the rail display. The Mayor stated that he will cover that week as he did last year. Mr. Carlson also questioned when the ramp might be put back up to the rail display. That remains uncertain.

Mr. Carlson also stated that, after thinking about it, he isn't sure it is right that a trail be named after him. He was assured that other facilities, including streets, have been named after people.

Later in the meeting, Mr. Carlson asked that close out of Corbett Lake folders #17 and #18 be placed on the next PW agenda. He also stated that an un-named woman had expressed interest in learning more about that lake. He will provide her a copy of the Corbett Lake Management Plan.

Licenses and Permits:

None.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Motion was made by and seconded by to approve Resolution #2019-03, a final resolution authorizing sidewalk, curb and gutter, water main and sanitary sewer installation and

street reconstruction and levying special assessments against benefited property pursuant to special assessment police powers under Section 66.0703 Wisconsin Statutes. Mayor Christianson announced that he has appointed Steve Berg and Jessie Olsen as citizen members and Brian Groothousen and Mark Platteter as Council members on the Ad Hoc Committee. Mike Hraban will head up to review the City's special assessment policies and recommend changes to that they may deem useful. Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to approve. After a question was raised, it was suggested that an interest rate of 2-2.25% be applied to fill in that blank on the Resolution. After some discussion, M. Hraban amended his motion and A. Hraban amended his second to approve with an interest rate of 2%. The amended motion to approve was then carried by voice vote.

Mr. M. Hraban stated that the aforementioned Ad Hoc Committee will probably meet for the first time after next week.

District and Committee Reports:

District One, Mr. Platteter:

Mr. Platteter distributed copies of the Director's Report from the recent Library Board meeting.

It was explained that, at its April 10, meeting, the Planning Commission approve a site plan for a new Jump River Electric Co-op facility.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan stated that he had attended a dog park fund raiser at J&S Supper Club.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban reported that something happened to him the previous night that hadn't in over 20 years.

District Four, Mr. J. Fields:

Mr. Fields had nothing to report, but noted he would have to leave at 6:30.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg was absent.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban had nothing to report.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

Mrs. Pearson asked that LPD monitor traffic flow at the intersection of W. 4th and Pederson, which is busier now that the painted median at W. 5th and Lake only allows limited turning movements there. She stated that several cars that park on the west side of the former intersection combine with children running between them to create a hazard.

Mrs. Pearson also thanked constituents for allowing her to serve and the Council for their support.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, K. Julien:

Chief Julien advised that P&FC will meet April 17th to interview a candidate for part-time police officer.

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

The DPW thanked Mr. Hraban and Mrs. Pearson for their service to the City.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson also thanked Mr. M. Hraban and Mrs. Pearson for their service on the Council.

Adm. Christianson asked that, when the Finance Committee meets next, it consider how the budget might be amended to enable publication of informative articles in the Ladysmith News, not unlike the columns previous mayors wrote. He stated that the amount of misinformation spread primarily on social media needs to be combated not only there, but in the print media that grayer haired residents still use.

Adm. Christianson also asked that a Proposal from SFB to provide a line of credit for the pending street project be considered to assure the City of adequate cash flow this summer when construction invoices may peak prior to financial aid being received. He went on to say that, if the Council isn't ready to approve it this evening, the Finance Committee should also review it.

Attention was also called to a series of informative articles in the April, 2019, issue of The Municipality. The common theme in these articles seems to be how our State has limited or hamstrung local government ability to generate revenue to provide services.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Atty. Kenyon reported that 100 years ago today his grandfather had hernia surgery during WWI, adding that seemed to be quite common then. He also noted that, of 120,000 deaths during that conflict, 50,000 resulted from combat and 70,000 from the flu.

Atty. Kenyon also noted that since it has operated under State imposed levy limits for over a decade the City is left without choices for raising monies. So, providing money for one effort requires taking it from another. That is difficult as each use has its constituencies.

Mayor's Forum, Mr. Christianson:

Mayor Christianson noted the following:

- Acknowledged all the time Mr. M. Hraban and Mrs. Pearson spent trying to make our City a better place, and that he respected them very much for doing so.
- That, although much smaller than it once was, hopefully the alumni basketball tournament held the past weekend generated some activity for local businesses.

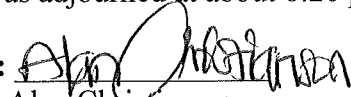
Closed Session:

None.

Adjourn:

Upon motion by A. Hraban, which was seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote the meeting was adjourned at about 6:20 p.m.

Recorded by:



Alan Christianson
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 03

FINAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIDEWALK, CURB & GUTTER, WATER MAIN AND SANITARY SEWER INSTALLATION AND STREET RECONSTRUCTION AND LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AGAINST BENEFITED PROPERTY PURSUANT TO SPECIAL ASSESSMENT POLICE POWERS UNDER SECTION 66.0703, WISCONSIN STATUTES

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Ladysmith, Wisconsin, held a public hearing at the City Hall at 5:15 p.m. on the 8 day of April, 2019 for the purpose of hearing all interested persons concerning the preliminary resolution and report of the Director of Public Works on proposed sidewalk, curb & gutter, water main and sanitary sewer installation in conjunction with reconstruction of the following described streets.

1. ALL PROPERTY FRONTING WORDEN AVE BETWEEN EAST 4th STREET SOUTH & WEST 4TH STREET SOUTH
2. ALL PROPERTY FRONTING FRITZ AVE WEST BETWEEN WEST 5th STREET SOUTH & WEST 2ND STREET SOUTH


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Ladysmith, as follows:

1. That the report of the Director of Public Works pertaining to the construction of the above-described public improvements is adopted and approved.
2. That the City of Ladysmith has advertised for bids and will carry out the improvements in accordance with the report of the Director of Public Works.
3. That payment for the improvements shall be made by assessing the cost to the property benefited as indicated in the report.
4. That the assessments shown on the report, representing an exercise of the police power, have been determined on a reasonable basis and are hereby confirmed.
5. That the assessments for all the projects included in the report are hereby combined as a single assessment but any interested property owner may object to each assessment separately or all assessments jointly for any purpose.
6. That the assessments may be paid in cash or in up to 30 annual installments to the City Clerk, deferred payments to bear interest at the rate of ____% per annum on the unpaid balance. Installments or assessments not paid when due shall bear additional interest on the amount due at the rate of ____% per annum.
7. That the City Clerk shall publish this resolution as a Class 1 notice in the assessment district and mail a copy of the final assessment against the benefited property to every property owner whose name appears on the assessment roll whose post office address is known or can with reasonable diligence be ascertained.

Approved by a vote of 6 for and 0 against at a regular meeting of the Common Council held the 15th day of April, 2019.

Dated: April 15, 2019

Signed: _____


Alan Christianson, Mayor

Attest: Shari Kavanagh
Shari Kavanagh, City Clerk

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