

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH

April 19, 2016

6:30 p.m.

Council Chamber

Roll Call. Members present: K. Brown, A. Hraban, M. Hraban, B. Morgan, J. Pearson, M. Platteter, M. Reynolds, B. Stoneberg. Absent: none.

Others present: R. Carlson, A. Christianson, K. Gorsegner, A. Lobermeier, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, D. Parker, J. Pohlman.

Seating:

Newly elected Council member Ron Moore, newly re-elected Council members Bill Morgan and Al Hraban, and newly re-elected Mayor Marty Reynolds took their seats at the Council table. Mr. Christianson then administered the Oath of Office to them.

Call to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mrs. Stoneberg 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 11, 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:

Mr. Carlson appeared to say that he and his wife have decided he needs to spend more time on personal projects, so is resigning from the Park Board, Cemetery Board and Planning Commission. He went on to say that the chicken keeping debate was more than he could deal with. He will, however, continue working on the rail display and documenting efforts with Corbett Lake. Mr. Carlson noted, in response to a question, that he has used a fabric paint on the rail car seats which doesn't crack when somebody sits on them. He has nearly completed all the seats that were acquired and explained where they will be installed.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

None.

District and Committee Reports:

District One, Mr. Platteter:

Mr. Platteter called attention to minutes on the April 11, Planning Commission which continued on April 12th.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan advised that Ernie Mogensen is willing to build replacement cab windows for Old Smoky if the City furnishes materials.

Mr. Morgan reported that a recent meeting with Bill Rands and Casey Mincoff about Corbett Lake dredging provided considerable insight into logistical issues and costs, which will be considerable.

Mr. Morgan called attention to a 2016 Rail Display project budget proposal Mr. Carlson prepared.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban agreed with Mr. Morgan about the cost of Corbett Lake dredging. He suggested that residents need to know and understand what will be involved in such project and suggested that once they do whether or not to proceed should be decided by public referendum.

Mr. Hraban made a motion, which was seconded by Morgan to accept JL Electric's proposal to light the current military mural for \$5,300 in hopes of seeing it up by Memorial Day. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

A question was raised how this is going to be paid for. Adm. Christianson noted that there is a provision in the Project Plan for TIFD #8 to pay for signage and, presumably, lighting of signage.

District Four, Mr. R. Moore:

Mr. Moore had nothing to report, but thanked those who voted for him and advised that he will serve to the best of his ability.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg requested that efforts be made to get meeting notices/attachments out earlier so that both the public and Council members have ample time to review them. Mr. Pohlman suggested more use needs to be made of the internet.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban made a motion, which was seconded by Morgan to approve lowering the level of Corbett Lake from its current 1120.5 MSL to 1116.7 MSL; about 4', as allowed by DNR permit.

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote to authorize the PW Dept. to block culverts underlying Falge Park Dr. to divert water west under Hwy. 27 rather than into the main body of Corbett Lake. It is believed that beavers have been removed from the land on the west side, owned by Bill Rands, who gave verbal permission to the City to divert the water across it.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

Mrs. Pearson reported that the Police & Fire Commission will meet April 20th at 5 p.m.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, A. Lobermeier:

Chief Lobermeier had nothing to report.

It was mentioned that the Fire Chief feels that, if monies are being transferred from the general fund balance for street work, they should also be transferred into the LFD equipment line to pay for replacing leaking on-board water tanks in some vehicles.

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

The DPW reported that bid ads are out for a new pickup, a V box and snowblower, and are due later this week.

DPW Gorsegner led a brief review of an updated street project plan for 2016. Changes from the previous version included the following:

- *Bids are in for rebuilding the 400 W. block of Corbett Ave.; the lowest being \$108,263.20 from John S. Olynick.
- *A recent photo of Shady Lane east of Old 8 Road was provided, which shows that it has completely failed in part of that section.
- *Although not quite as bad, similar blacktop failure has occurred on portions of Rocky Ridge Rd., which were annexed into the City when the high school was about 45 years ago.

It was reported that the Tn. of Flambeau is waiting to see if a soft spot in Old 8 Road stiffens up before completing that project.

It was noted, in response to a question, that Digger's Hotline has been contacted for locates to facilitate placement of the last of the three new streetlights along Birdie and Eagle Courts.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson reported that the second military mural across from the Post Office has now been sold out as has the one planned for the east side of the former True Value Hardware. There is still interest in additional depictions.

Mr. Morgan inquired as to the status of brushing City-owned lands around Corbett Lake, which Adm. Christianson didn't have an answer for.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Atty. Kenyon advised that he had sent a letter to the owner of a property along North Ave. advising of the City's intent to condemn that property and seeking the owner's input. As he received no response from the owner, he is sending a second letter before any irreversible action is taken.

Mayor's Forum, Mr. M. Reynolds:

Mayor Reynolds distributed copies of his annual appointments advising Council members that if they are not okay with their assignments they may work out trades between them. These will then be approved at the April 25, Council meeting.

It was mentioned that Connie Thompson has names for possible Park Board members.

Attention turned to election of a Council President. Mayor Reynolds asked for and repeated his request for nominations.

*Mr. Morgan nominated Mr. Moore.

*Mr. A. Hraban nominated Mrs. Stoneberg, who declined.

*Mrs. Pearson nominated Mr. Morgan, who declined.

*Mrs. Stoneberg nominated Mr. M. Hraban, who declined.

*Mrs. Pearson nominated Mr. A. Hraban, which Mrs. Stoneberg seconded.

Mayor Reynolds then gathered secret ballots, which Mr. Christianson and Mr. Carlson counted. Mr. Carlson then reported that Mr. Moore was elected Council President.

Licenses and Permits:

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve tavern operator's license for Carol J. Paus for Ladysmith Motel & Suites, contingent upon approval by LPD.

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by Moore and carried by voice vote to approve a tavern operator's permit for Gwen A. Anderson for Veteran's Memorial Association.

Motion was made by Stoneberg, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve a private alarm permit for Richard Tuma at 1402 Parkridge Drive.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Recorded by: _____

Alan Christianson
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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