

**COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH**

April 22, 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, B. Stoneberg. Absent: none.

Others present: A. Christianson 1, K. Gorsegner, K. Julien, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, D. Parker.

**Call to Order:**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mr. Reynolds led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:**

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by Platteter and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the April 15 and 16, 2019 Council meetings.

**Agenda:**

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

**Hearings and Appearances:**

**Licenses and Permits:**

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote to approve a tavern operator's license for Ceirra R. Trexler for Krist Oil, contingent upon LPD approval.

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by Platteter and carried by voice vote to approve a Fireworks Seller's Permit for Mark and Marena Michielson for a period from mid-June through mid-July at the Ace Hardware parking lot, 503 Lake Ave. W. The fireworks to be sold will be Class C, 1.4g consumer fireworks.

**Resolutions and Ordinances:**

Motion was made by Morgan and seconded by A. Hraban to approve Resolution #2019-04, a preliminary resolution authorizing curb and gutter, water main and sanitary sewer installation and street reconstruction and levying special assessments against benefited property along portions of both Summit Ave. and W. 5<sup>th</sup> St. N. pursuant to special assessment police powers under Section 66.0703 Wis. Stats. Roll call vote: Platteter-;

Motion was made by and seconded by to approve Resolution #2019-05 authorizing purchase of real estate located at 111 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. S. it was explained that this is the only property in this block that has (undersized) water service off E. 2<sup>nd</sup>; the others are served off Miner or Worden Avenues. Buying the building for \$5,000 is expected to be far less

costly than installing a new water main. [The City would need to decide at some time whether to raze the structure and convert it to parking, or to re-sell it, or whether to rehabilitate it for City use for sign, bench or table storage or some other use.] Motion was made by Reynolds and seconded by Stoneberg to approve Resolution #2019-05. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; Groothousen-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; Hraban-yes; Reynolds-yes. Motion carried.

### **District and Committee Reports:**

#### **District One, Mr. Platteter:**

Mr. Platteter reported that the Finance Committee met just prior to this meeting. Mr. Hraban then made a motion, which was seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to approve the monthly invoices.

#### **District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:**

Mr. Morgan noted he had attended the recent Animal Control fund raiser where he learned the Shelter is able to find takers for any cats that folks should want to surrender.

After recalling on again, off again challenges with getting the front end of vintage Soo Line locomotive #500 raised back to level, Mr. Morgan handed keys to rail display to Adm. Christianson. Iron Horse Railway had recently looked at doing the job for hire, but is apparently not going to be doing such work any longer.

Mr. Fields noted that, despite the frustrations, these displays are great attractions and Mr. Morgan's efforts to improve them have been appreciated.

#### **District Three, Mr. B. Groothousen:**

Mr. Groothousen had nothing to report.

#### **District Four, Mr. J. Fields:**

Mr. Fields expects the farmer's market Board of Directors will meet soon and, when it does, he will report back.

#### **District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:**

Mrs. Stoneberg had nothing to report.

#### **District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:**

Mr. Hraban reminded those present that the Public Works Committee will hold walk arounds April 23 and 25 along the Fritz and Worden Avenue reconstruction routes.

Mr. Hraban also advised that he will try to get bus service manager Sheryl Kisling in soon to update the Council on the status of that operation. He also advised that he will be attending the Rusk Cop. Emergency Government meeting May 10<sup>th</sup>.

made a motion Roll call vote: Platteter-; Morgan-; M. Hraban-; Fields-; Stoneberg-; A. Hraban-; Pearson-. Motion ed.

**District Seven, Mr. M. Reynolds:**

It was clarified that Mrs. Pearson had been Youth and Rec Committee Chair and that while record fish murals were planned by that Committee, sites for them haven't yet been finalized.

**Police and Fire Dept. Reports, K. Julien:**

Police Chief Julien reported receiving more complaints about disorderly conduct with ATVs of late, adding that he is able to see ATV traffic on the U.S.H. 8 bridge from his backyard, giving him a first-hand look. He also advised the P&FC has interviewed a p.t. officer candidate.

Fire Chief Gibbs reported that the Town of Willard will be leaving the Ladysmith Fire protection district to join the closer Sheldon district. When that happens mutual aid with Sheldon will be ended as to Willard, such that Willard will be charged for any calls to LFD.

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

The DPW Gorsegner reported that work started in earlier in the day on the Fritz and Worden Ave. reconstruction projects.

Mr. Reynolds asked if there will be any used asphalt left from the Summit Ave./W. 5<sup>th</sup> St. N. reconstruction project that might be used to temporarily patch Flambeau Ave. east of W. 5<sup>th</sup> St. N., which is in terrible condition. WAS THERE A RESPONSE?

Mr. Fields observed that the effort to clean up the area near the former WWTF is showing good results.

**Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:**

Adm. Christianson

**Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:**

Atty. Kenyon had nothing to report.

**Mayor's Forum, Mr. Christianson:**

Mayor Christianson called for folks to clean up properties now that the snow cover is gone. He stated he has picked up a number of cans and bottles that were not his, but were thrown onto his property.

**Adjourn:**

Upon motion by Hraban, which was seconded by Fields and carried by voice vote the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

**Recorded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

Alan Christianson  
Adm.-Deputy Clerk