

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH

April 9, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Council Chamber

Roll Call. Members present: A. Hraban, M. Hraban, R. Moore, B. Morgan, J. Pearson, M. Platteter. Absent: M. Reynolds, B. Stoneberg.

Others present: R. Carlson, A. Christianson 1 and 2, J. Fields, K. Gorsegner, K. Julien, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, D. Moore, C. and J. Pohlman, M. Rudack, J. West, D. Williams.

Call to Order:

Council President Moore called the meeting to order and served as chair, noting he would retain his right to vote.

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 March 26, 2018, Council meeting.

Agenda:

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

Licenses:

In the absence of objection, Council President Moore advanced item 19) so that Lions Club members present could get to that organization's meeting. Dick Moore then appeared to explain that this year marks all of the following anniversaries:

-100 years of Lions International, Rusk County Memorial Hospital, and the Green Bay Packers.

-50 years of Lions Club in Ladysmith.

Regarding the latter, Mr. Moore mentioned that he was recently awarded the Wisconsin Lions' fourth highest award for his involvement in the Ladysmith amphitheater project. He went on to say the Local Lions are seeking approval of a picnic license for a June 9 anniversary party to be held at the amphitheater and it is their preference that it not have to be caged in with a fence. The LHS band will play followed by The Lincoln Boys. Wrist bands will be used. Chief Julien stated he has no objection adding that he is a Lions member. Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote to approve with the fencing requirement waived.

Hearings and Appearances:

Mrs. Gardom thanked those who assisted in advancing adoption of new rules pertaining to feral cats. She is still seeing some in her area of the City.

Mr. West appeared to suggest the City consider pursuing adaptive reuse of the armory here as a regional juvenile center. He went on to say that the Lincoln Hills facility is set

to be closed and replaced by three more localized facilities intended to serve populations from the areas they are located in. And that such facility will employ a large professional staff.

Mayor elect Christianson advised there are new LED lights in Old Smoky's cab that he had purchased and installed.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

None.

District and Committee Reports:

District One, Mr. Platteter:

Mr. Platteter called attention to the upcoming April Library Board meeting.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan called attention to minutes of the April 3, Personnel meeting.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban advised that the R. C. Emergency Government Comm. will meet April 11th at 8 a.m.

District Four, Mr. R. Moore:

Mr. Moore advised that the most recent Finance Committee meeting was in closed session.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg was absent due to illness.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban distributed minutes of a Public Works Committee meeting held earlier in the day.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

Mrs. Pearson indicated she had talked with Sheriff Wallace about prospects for a juvenile center and he assured her that those residing in such facility would be from this area.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, Julián:

Chief Julián responded to questions about colors of LPD's newer squad vehicles.

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

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to approve Ken Adisek's Proposal of \$3,250, to repaint the exterior of City Hall. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

DPW Gorsegner explained a Proposal of \$9,900 to rebuild the retaining wall along the Highway 27 walkway, adjacent to Corbett Lake, which succumbed to salt damage. Mr. Morgan requested that Anderson Landscaping come before the Public Works Committee to discuss the option of using fieldstone to build a wall.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson called attention to a request from Impact Seven to reduce its "payment in lieu of taxes", or PILOT, on property located at 1200 Baker Ave. W. from \$12,000 to \$4,920. The latter number represents the \$410 average Impact Seven pays for PILOTS in other localities where it has units. He indicated that this same request has been made and denied previously (2015/2016).

Adm. Christianson advised that he was going to request approval to survey three lots on or near the corner of Highway 27 and Doughty Rd. so that this information is available when requested. He went on to say that he just found an older partial survey that may or may not reduce the amount of work needed.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Atty. Kenyon reviewed specifics of yet another case where lack of follow up on a CDBG housing loan has resulted in no payback when the loan recipient moved out five years ago. A relative has been living in it since and the dwelling is now up for tax deed with our loan program having \$17,800 into it that could be lost. He went on to say that NWRPC, which administers our loan, asks him annually to indicate that his taxes are paid on his office, that it is properly insured, that he still occupies it, etc. He wonders why the same questions aren't asked of those who have received City loans. Mr. M. Hraban stated that the City has lost over \$100,000 in this way in recent years. He then asked Atty. Kenyon to write a letter to the borrower in the case at hand seeking to recover he loan.

Licenses and Permits:

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the Street Use Permit summarized on the attached page.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote to approve the Temporary Class "B" Beer License summarized on the attached page.

Closed Session:

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to go into Closed Session under authority cited in the Meeting Notice. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Stoneberg-absent; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; Moore-yes. Motion carried.

In the Closed Session, motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by Morgan to hire Luke Stewart to fill a permanent full-time vacancy in the Public Works Dept. effective April 10, 2018, and, to authorize DPW Gorsegner to go down the established Public Works eligible to hire list in ranked order until someone accepts an offer of temporary full-time work with no promise of permanent hire. Mr. Stewart has been working in the

position on a temporary basis until now with no vacation or any promise of permanent work. Roll call vote: Moore-yes; Stoneberg-absent; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned from Closed Session at 7:24 p.m.

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Alan Christianson
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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