

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH
May 11, 2015 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. Others present: R. Carlson, A. Christianson, A. Emmons, K. Gorsegner, A. Lobermeier, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, D. Parker, D. Rubow.

Call to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. M. Hraban led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the April 27 and 29, 2015 Council meetings with a correction in the former being that "B. Stoneberg" be listed as a member present rather than "J. West".

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:

Annie Emmons appeared in regard to concerns about safety in and around her place of business owing to the seeming lack of progress in cleaning up the fire damaged tavern next door. It was noted that, while the City has called the owner and vice versa, connections have been limited. A lengthy discussion followed. The Building Inspector will continue to call while the City Attorney will write a letter to the owner asking that he appear to update the Council on his clean up plans. This discussion ended at 7:06 p.m.

Licenses and Permits:

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote, with A. Hraban abstaining, to approve all annual beer and liquor license and accompanying operator licenses, City wide, with the exception that approval of those for Westcove Lanes are contingent upon completion of a satisfactory inspection of that premises.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to adopt Resolution #2015-08 adding flexibility to the City's façade incentive program.

Motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by Brown to adopt Resolution #2015-12 approving purchase of property located at 411 Sabin Ave. W., to both provide better access to that area and to secure outlet from Corbett Lake, as a cost to TIFD #9. Attorney Kenyon explained that the version in front of everyone was revised to indicate that Mrs. Drum and her two children are currently the owners of record. Roll call vote: Platteter-

yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

After Mr. Parker and Mr. Gorsegner explained that adoption of this preliminary resolution is just the first step toward levying special assessments, and that a public hearing must precede any final resolution, motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Brown and carried by voice vote to adopt Resolution #2015-13, a preliminary resolution declaring intent to exercise special assessments police powers under Section 66.07 Wis. Stats. relative to the planned W. 8th St. and Roesler Ave. reconstruction.

A resolution was introduced which, if adopted, will amend the 2015 budget to add \$100,000 of general fund balance to total revenues applied, and \$100,000 of expenditures under public works equipment. A public hearing will need to be slated prior to any action to approve such budget amendment. If noticed on May 21, the hearing could be held at the June 1, All Committees meeting.

District and Committee Reports:

District One, Mr. Platteter:

Mr. Platteter had nothing to report.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan made a motion which was seconded by A. Hraban to approve hiring the attached roster of seasonal workers, as recommended at a Personnel Committee meeting held earlier in the evening. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-abstain; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

Referring to the plow museum project, Mr. Morgan reported that he has lined up contractors to install a new water lateral and extend or tie into an existing cast iron sewer lateral to serve a future restroom. And that he is seeking a gravel donation to assure good drainage away from the building.

Referring to the rail display, Mr. Morgan reported that the flat car to be displayed at Pioneer Park should be sandblasted soon to enable repainting it.

After noting he was sorry he missed the site tour, Mr. Morgan questioned the need for storm sewer work proposed as part of the W. 8th St. and Roesler Ave. project.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban reported that the County is forming an ad hoc committee to look at how to pay for escalating ambulance service costs.

Attention was called to a list of proposed cost saving measures relating to the planned plow museum as were attached to minutes of the May 6, Property Committee meeting. After listening to the brief comments about the plow museum, Mr. Rubow stated that he appreciates the City's efforts to improve the quality of life in our area by pursuing

projects such as the plow museum, rail display and Corbett Lake upgrades that make the area more attractive to both visitors and folks who are considering whether or not to stay here or to move here to work. He went on to remind those present of the theory of The Power of Ten that suggests a community needs at least ten diverse attractions to cause folks to make day trips to a given area. One that may be the primary attraction for any given individual, and the others to fill out the visit.

Mr. Hraban reported that posts are in for the chain link fence being built to separate the farmer's market from the adjoining railroad tracks. Someone with experience needs to be found to help with the fence stretching. Ernie Mogensen was mentioned as a possibility. It was also suggested that, perhaps, advertising signs could be placed on the finished fence as a fund raiser and wind break.

Mr. Morgan also asked about any plans to repaint the fading sign at the visitor center.

District Four, Mr. K. Brown:

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

After Mr. Brown noted that the annual financial report has to be filed in the very near future Mr. M. Hraban made a motion, which was seconded by A. Hraban to approve the 2014 year end general fund balance indicated in SCHEDULE B-2, attached. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg reported that the Legal Affairs Committee met earlier in the evening, but is still working on all items considered such that the Committee has no recommendations as yet.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban called attention to minutes of the previous week's Public Works meeting and reported that the Transit commission also met May 8th to consider problems relating to State funding assistance.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

Mrs. Pearson will report on Library business at a later date.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, A. Lobermeier:

Chief Lobermeier reported that members of his staff have been involved in some violent incidents of late owing in part to some citizens having no respect for authority. He went on to say that the position that was left vacant should be refilled to provide double coverage.

The Chief also noted that candidate interviews will be conducted May 19th and that the Law Enforcement Memorial service will be held at the Methodist Church at 7 p.m. on May 21st. He invited all present to attend.

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

In his Building Inspector role, Mr. Gorsegner reported there is a lot of activity underway at this time.

Referring to the WTP project reported he met once with SEH to work begin to work through who is responsible for what costs relating to extra work that was necessary on that project. The new breaker seems to be working thus far.

The DPW reported that the WWTF upgrades project is done except for site restoration. He asked approval of both Application for Payments No. 7 and No. 9 from Staab construction in the amounts of \$349,600 and \$70,369.23, respectively. Motion was made by Brown and seconded by M. Hraban to approve both. Roll call vote: Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes. Motion carried. \$33,553.85 remains owing.

DPW Gorsegner also requested approval of two SEH invoices relating to the WWTF project; one of \$1,500 for Clean Water Fund loan administration and one of \$6,381.51 for construction oversight. One more \$1,500 payment remains and one more \$6,000 payment remains. Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Brown to approve payment of the two current invoices. Roll call vote: Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes. Motion carried.

It was reported that the library sidewalk joints have been temporarily patched with cold mixed asphalt. The staff has been asked to place an extra rug to minimize tracking in of the asphalt's oil component.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson reported getting a request from the Village of Sheldon for the City to sweep their streets once annually. This would almost certainly have to be done after hours or on a weekend and so involve payment of overtime. It was suggested that the Village be responsible for transporting the sweeper by private hauler. The City's charge rate will need to be \$135/hour to essentially break even. DPW Gorsegner recalled how this was once done for Bruce, Sheldon and Weyerhaeuser but, as the old sweeper became less reliable it was discontinued. Motion was made by Brown and seconded by A. Hraban to offer this service to the Village at this rate. Roll call vote: A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote to move the second meeting in May to the 26th as the usual date would be May 25th, which is Memorial Day.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Nothing to report.

Mayor's Forum, Mr. D. Gudis:

Mayor Reynolds asked the Council to approve appointment of Ray Carlson to fill a vacancy on the Cemetery Board. Motion was made by Brown, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned 8:28 p.m.

Memo

Date: May 27, 2015

From: Al Christianson

To: Pat Vanderwerf

Re: Ladysmith Plow Museum

Following are further changes to the scope of work for the plow museum made at the City of Ladysmith's Committee of the Whole meeting held last evening:

- *Install standard **insulated** o.h. doors and have local artist paint decorative crossbucks on just the east o.h. doors after the building is complete.
- *Remove monitor section of roof, in its entirety. **It should not be mentioned either as part of base bid or as an alternate. It is just gone.**
- *Remove prow section on east end of roof. **It still shows on plan.**
- *Install foundation pads, center posts and center beam to reduce size of truss members needed.
- ***Use Hixwood non-glare siding in "rural red".**
- ***BY OTHERS:** Provision of materials for and installation of in-floor heat tubes to facilitate possible future addition of a heating system.
- ***BY OTHERS:** Extension of new water lateral from curb stop and extension of existing cast iron sewer lateral to building.
- ***BY OTHERS:** Provision of under floor piping to exterior of building (**by Doug's**) to facilitate **two** future restrooms in SE corner of building.
- ***BY OTHERS:** Assume windows will be furnished **by City.**
- ***BY OTHERS:** Assume fill will be installed to approximate desired height under building footprint.
- ***BY OTHERS:** Install electrical service to building, panel within building, and lighting within.
- *Reduce size of faux haymow door to 4' x 4', lower it down 2', and put a small porch roof over it and a matching porch roof over the man door below it at ground level.

In addition to the above, the following remain under consideration and will not be resolved before a May 26, meeting, if they are then:

- *Your concern about proposed inside wall surfaces being more costly than original white steel liner panel.
- *Possible donation of gravel lift under building footprint.