

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH
May 13, 2019 6:30 p.m. Council Chamber

Roll Call.

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

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

Call to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Platteter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Hraban, seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2019, Council meeting.

Agenda:

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

Hearings and Appearances:

Financial Advisor Sean Lentz from Ehlers and Associates appeared along with co-worker Josh Low to explain why it is necessary to refinance a previous loan note at this time. First, it will save on interest costs going forward. Second, by moving this debt from utility supported to a general obligation the City will be better positioned to show repayment ability on new WDNR utility loans.

Mr. Lentz also explained the most recent Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Procedures and action to approve recommended updates, as suggested by the Securities and Exchange Commission to improve transparency; an area where public finance has lagged behind private finance. Ehlers will assist the City in seeing that the desired disclosures are made. Motion was made by Reynolds, seconded by Groothousen and carried by voice vote to approve the recommended updates.

Mr. Carlson asked what rail display keys Mr. Morgan had passed along to Adm. Christianson. Mr. Morgan advised those were for the rail display. Mr. Carlson also asked if someone will be assigned to report on display progress and when action on folder reviews will be continued. It was noted that will happen, but that it may be a while as the City needs to focus attention for now on the street reconstructions underway.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Motion was made by Stoneberg and seconded by Hraban to approve Resolution #2019-06, a resolution providing for the issuance and sale of general obligation promissory notes, Series 2019A, of the City of Ladysmith, Wisconsin. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; Groothusen-yes; Fields-absent; Stoneberg-yes; Hraban-yes; Reynolds-yes. Motion carried.

Licenses and Permits:

Clerk Kavanagh appeared to present for consideration both current license requests and annual liquor license and operator license applications for the period July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, both attached. Motion was made by Hraban, seconded by Reynolds and carried by voice vote to approve the current license applications. Motion was then made by Reynolds, seconded by Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the annual license applications.

District and Committee Reports:

District One, Mr. Platteter:

Mr. Platteter advised that the Library Board will be meeting May 14, at 5 p.m.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan made a motion, which was seconded by Platteter to have William Mast continue mowing the former armory grounds. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; Groothusen-yes; Fields-absent; Stoneberg-yes; Hraban-yes; Reynolds-yes. Motion carried.

Morgan made a motion, which was seconded by Reynolds to donate kitchen equipment from former armory to VMA d/b/a The Drop Zone. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; Groothusen-yes; Fields-absent; Stoneberg-yes; Hraban-yes; Reynolds-yes; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

Morgan made a motion, which was seconded by Stoneberg to have Barrientos Associates evaluate the feasibility of converting former armory to a public works shop at a fee of \$10,255. Roll call vote: Groothusen-yes; Fields-absent; Stoneberg-yes; Hraban-yes; Reynolds-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Morgan questioned why the City would move the circa WWII "Quonset" from the former WWTF grounds to the former armory where current structures are attractive. It was noted, in response, that it has been painted before and can be painted again. It had been suggested that the City do as Rusk County did with its Quonset, which was to mount it atop a 6' poured concrete wall to increase its usable height and, presumably, eliminate contact between the steel sheeting, road salt and sand which would be planned to be stored in it; essentially making the actual Quonset a roof only.

Mr. Morgan also asked that the concrete blocks used to hold the baggage cart on display at the Visitor Center be removed and the built-in brake on the cart be used instead to keep it in place as doing so will look better.

There was discussion of a Pederson Ave. apartment owner's interest in having a platted alley lying north of and parallel to that avenue extended 66' to her west property line so that tenant parking can be constructed on her property eliminating the need for those tenants to park on the street in winter where they create an obstacle to plowing. It seems the next step is for the property owner to submit a formal request for the extension.

District Three, Mr. B. Groothousen:

Mr. Groothousen advised that the Community Development Committee will meet at 4:30 on May 15, and that the Park Board will meet at 5:15 p.m. that same day.

Mr. Carlson advised that he and Mr. Parker need to get together to lay out the route for a new trail section planned to be constructed in Falge Park.

District Four, Mr. J. Fields:

Mr. Fields was absent.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg advised that the Police and Fire Commission will meet May 15th at 5 p.m., and that the Legal Affairs Committee will meet May 16th at 4 p.m.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban called attention to minutes of the May 9, Public Works meeting.

Mr. Hraban made a motion and Stoneberg seconded to approve purchase of an asphalt hotbox trailer for \$21,599 and to purchase a portable infrared heater for \$10,440, both from Monroe Truck Equipment. While supporting acquisition of a hotbox trailer, Mr. Morgan asked that the purpose of the infrared heater is and suggested each be voted on separately. DPW Gorsegrner replied that the two pieces of equipment are different. Each will be used to address different conditions. Mr. Morgan also said the infrared heater will use considerable fuel. Mr. Hraban noted that money is included in the 2019 budget for purchase of these items. Mr. Morgan also asked why not consider Adm. Christianson's suggestion to hire a firm like Farhner Asphalt Maintenance to assist the City to "catch up". Mr. Reynolds stated that potholes are the number one complaint he hears, adding that the City needs to make every effort it can to patch streets. He advocated approval. He and Mr. Hraban noted purchasing this equipment doesn't rule out contracting some patching, although it may be better to do so in the 2020 budget. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-no; B. Groothousen-yes; Fields-absent; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Reynolds-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Hraban made a motion, which was seconded by Groothousen and carried by voice vote to approve seeking Proposals for engineering services for selected street reconstruction projects anticipated to be done in 2020 or after.

It was noted that the Public Works Committee will meet May 16th to walk the Summit Ave./W. 5th St. N. project and to meet with abutting owners along the way to answer any questions they may have.

Motion was made by Hraban and seconded by Morgan to approve D C Crete's Proposal to replace designated sidewalk, curb and gutter at a total cost of \$39,850. Roll call vote: Hraban-yes; Reynolds-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; Groothousen-yes; Fields-absent; Stoneberg-yes. Motion carried.

District Seven, Mr. M. Reynolds:

Mr. Reynolds advised that the Board of Review will convene from 10 a.m.-12 noon on May 14th.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, K. Julien:

Chief Julien had nothing to report.

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

DPW Gorsegner called attention to a written update from Project Engineer Zech Gotham on the Fritz/Worden Ave. reconstruction now underway. He added that the new water main should be tied in at the corner of E. 2nd and Worden yet this evening.

Motion was made by Hraban and seconded by Groothousen to approve an engineering services invoice from Morgan & Parmley, in the amount of \$1,238.60, for work on the Summit Ave. project. Roll call vote: Reynolds-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; Groothousen-yes; Fields-absent; Stoneberg-yes; Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Hraban and seconded by Stoneberg to approve an engineering services invoice from Morgan & Parmley, in the amount of \$20,925.88, for work on the Fritz/Worden Ave. project. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; Groothousen-yes; Fields-absent; Stoneberg-yes; Hraban-yes; Reynolds-yes. Motion carried.

A question was raised about the status of the clean fill disposal site construction. DPW Gorsegner replied that he hadn't been there this week, but that last week the berm and bowl were being formed.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson requested approval of J L Electric's Proposal to extend underground power from the 1920s House to the former mine visitor center at the RCHS museum at a cost of \$898, to be paid from The Mining Fund. Motion was made by Hraban and seconded by Morgan to approve. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; Groothousen-yes; Fields-absent; Stoneberg-yes; Hraban-yes; Reynolds-yes; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stoneberg, seconded by Hraban and carried by voice vote to hold the second Council meeting of the month on May 28, as Monday, May 27, is Memorial Day.

Adm. Christianson asked the Council to grant All Committees authority to approve an Option to Purchase City property at its May 20, meeting. He advised that because the Planning Commission needs to weigh in on this at its meeting May 14th, this will provide an opportunity to consider that input. Motion was made by Hraban, seconded by Platteter and carried by voice vote to approve.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Atty. Kenyon had nothing to report.

Mayor's Forum, Mr. Christianson:

Mayor Christianson noted a few other communities that allow limited alcohol consumption along parade routes and asked that Ladysmith consider doing so for the Mardi Gras parade or other special events. He asked that the Legal Affairs Committee consider this. A variation could allow drinks to be carried a limited distance outside licensed establishments.

Closed Session:

At 6:15 p.m. motion was made by Hraban and seconded by Stoneberg to go into Closed Session at 6:18 p.m. under authority cited in the Meeting Notice. Roll call vote: Groothousen-yes; Fields-absent; Stoneberg-yes; Hraban-yes; Reynolds-yes Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes, Motion carried.

Adjourn:

Upon motion by Hraban, which was seconded by Morgan, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. from Closed Session with no action having been taken therein.

Recorded by: _____

Alan Christianson
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - _____

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 20th day of May, 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 SUMMIT AVE BETWEEN WEST FIFTH STREET NORTH & WEST NINTH STREET NORTH
2. ALL PROPERTY FRONTING WEST FIFTH STREET NORTH FROM SUMMIT AVE EXTENDING SOUTH APPROX. FOUR HUNDRED FEET

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.

_____ by a vote of _____ for and _____ against at a regular meeting of the Common Council held the ___ day of _____, 2019.

Dated: _____

Signed: _____
Alan Christianson, Mayor

Attest: _____
Shari Kavanagh, City Clerk

Published: _____