

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH
May 2, 2016 5:15 p.m. Council Chamber

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

Others present: A. Christianson, K. Gorsegner, A. Lobermeier, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, D. Parker, E. Van Doorn, T. Verdegan.

Call to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. A. Hraban 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 25, 2016 Council meeting.

Agenda:

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

Hearings and Appearances:

None.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Morgan to adopt Ordinance #2016-04 amending the City's sewer user rates. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes, Motion carried.

District and Committee Reports:

District One, Mr. Platteter:

Mr. Platteter distributed copies of the April 12, Library Board minutes.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan inquired as to the status of brushing around Corbett Lake. Adm. Christianson advised that WRA is reluctant to do the work unless the City makes a long term commitment to maintain it thereafter. Mr. Morgan then asked if Camp Flambeau might do the brushing under WRA supervision. This item will be added to the agenda for the May 4, Property meeting.

Mr. Morgan also reported that painting contractor Bob Bundgaard has looked over Old Smoky and that Ace Hardware has been cooperative in making cleaning water available. There is some body work to be done on the locomotive before it is painted.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban advised that the Property Committee will meet at 4 p.m. on May 4th.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to approve the monthly invoices, which Finance Committee members reviewed prior to this meeting. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Hraban advised that he will begin mowing and trimming around the Victory Tree, Lookout Park and Old Smoky later in the week.

District Four, Mr. R. Moore:

Mr. Moore had nothing to report .

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg had nothing to report.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban highlighted minutes of the April 25, Public Works meeting, which he described as lengthy. He went on to say that a number of motions were approved at that meeting, some of which were acted upon this evening.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

Mrs. Pearson advised that the Police and Fire Commission met on April 20th. She then highlighted those minutes.

Mr. Morgan asked about the Commission's discussion of on-board water tanks. Mrs. Pearson replied that water tanks on some LFD trucks are rusting through. Repairing them was considered as was installing replacement tanks on the present truck(s). The LFD now believes it doesn't make sense to put new tanks in older trucks and that it may be more cost effective to order an all-new truck. Mr. Morgan then stated that a local welding shop had previously repaired truck tanks when the same problem arose before.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, A. Lobermeier:

Chief Lobermeier stated that a recent homicide investigation is still consuming a lot of time for LPD. He also reported that 19 applications have been received for a pending officer vacancy as Dane Lihman will be leaving LPD. That is about double the number received the last time there was a vacancy.

Chief Lobermeier also reported that a meeting is planned with the Ladysmith School District to discuss how best to deal with safety issues that may arise as a result of transferring elementary classes to the present Middle School.

It was also reported that local and area law enforcement recently participated in a legal updates briefing held at J&S Supper Club.

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

The DPW reported that a Digger's Hotline ticket was received for the last street light on Eagle Court such that installation should be completed soon.

The DPW also reported that the landscapers are on-site at W. 8th and Roesler restoring construction easement areas.

He also advised that a pre-construction conference for the Corbett Ave. rebuild project is slated for 9 a.m. on May 12th, in the Council Chamber.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to allow use of plastic water service lines in locations where the main is already plastic such that electrical current cannot be used to thaw such lateral or main if it freezes, and provided that the service line otherwise meets applicable State Codes. The comparative advantages of newer plastic lines were then noted. It was noted that 90% of water lines in rural wells are estimated to be (HDPE) plastic. The motion was then carried by voice vote.

Mr. Morgan advised that James "Doc" Bishop is planning to submit a bid to mow the WWTF slopes and grassy areas. Another vendor has also submitted a quote although nobody had responded to an earlier request for bids. Both Bishop and the other vendor were, however, solicited to provide bids.

It was also reported that the City's new jetter left the plant where it was manufactured and is in Michigan for some final outfitting. It should be in service before long.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson noted the need to replace a DNR required sign that draws attention to a circa 1970s landfill the City owns and had operated along Cemetery Rd. Motion was made by Stoneberg and seconded by A. Hraban to approve expenditure of \$120 to have the replacement sign made [by D. Wiemer]. Roll call vote: Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes. Motion carried.

Adm. Christianson noted that, owing to concerns about whether the April 25 action to purchase a new snow blower was properly posted, it was decided to redo that action to be certain nobody could find fault. Motion was then made by Stoneberg and seconded by A. Hraban to approve purchase of the Sno Go model offered by MacQueen Equipment for \$104,721. Mr. Morgan reasserted his previous objections to purchase of this machine on the grounds that a unit offered by Fair Mfg. is about \$30,000 less costly and has comparable capabilities, while being considerably lighter as it has fans rather than heavy augers in front. Others countered that the City of Hayward, which traded a five year old Fair unit in on a Sno Go finds the latter does a superior job. The Fair units fans tend to push some snow out ahead of it requiring front end loaders to be brought in to clean up after it. Roll call vote: A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-no; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-no; Stoneberg-yes. Motion carried.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Atty. Kenyon reviewed with the Council an excerpt Mr. Gorseger from Sec. 13-1-71 of the Municipal Code, which describes the procedure to be followed if the recipient of a Conditional Use Permit does not comply with its terms and conditions.

Mayor's Forum, Mr. M. Reynolds:

Mayor Reynolds expressed his desire to see input for Council meeting notices in place on Wednesdays so that they can go out Thursdays to be received by Saturday so that the Council has ample time to acquaint themselves with the contents. He acknowledged that there might have to be last minute additions from time to time. Atty. Kenyon noted the Code of Ordinances currently provides for a noon Friday deadline for getting agenda items in. Mrs. Stoneberg will have the Legal Affairs Committee look at revising that.

Mayor Reynolds presented his appointments to City Board and Commissions and thanked the Council for allowing him time to get these in order. Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to approve these appointments.

Licenses and Permits:

None.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 6:30 p.m.

Recorded by: _____
Alan Christianson
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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