

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH

May 22, 2017

6:30 p.m.

Council Chamber

Roll Call. Members present: A. Hraban, M. Hraban, R. Moore, B. Morgan, J. Pearson, M. Platteter, M. Reynolds, B. Stoneberg. Absent: none.

Others present: A. Christianson, K. Gorseger, A. Lobermeier, A. Kenyon, L. Klink. Also, see hearings and appearances.

Call to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Platteter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve minutes of the May 8, 2017 Council meeting.

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:

Agenda item 11) d. was advanced. Animal Shelter Manager Karen Welke reviewed both monetary needs and other aspects of a request for City financial participation in a new animal shelter. The following additional folks also appeared in support: Mrs. Bader, Ken Brown, Paula Carow, Tawn Clark, Kathy Mai, Mike Mollett, Tammy and Dick Moore, Deb and Jim Moss, Ken Pederson, Kevin Smith, Mary Stibak, Karen Welke. Among comments made in discussion that ensued were the following:

- Pets originating in the City represented 54% of the 2016 total and the balance of the County 46%. Those originating in the City have represented 48.7% so far in 2017 and the balance of the County 51%. The cost sharing formula currently in place for annual operations of 40% City and 60% County.
- The City is the only municipality that will pay in more than its portion of Rusk County taxes. This is inequitable.
- There is a remaining need for \$289,000, of which \$117,000 is needed from the City.
- The 10 year lending rate is 3.5% and the 20 year rate 4%.
- After the bid is awarded we can work with the contractor to substitute materials and make other cost saving adjustments.

Motion was made by Stoneberg and seconded by Moore to approve of City financial participation in the new animal shelter project. Roll call vote: Platteter-no; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-abstain; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Moore and carried by voice vote to adopt Resolution #2017-07, a preliminary resolution declaring intent to exercise special assessment police powers under Sec. 66.073, Wis. Stats.

District and Committee Reports:**District One, Mr. Platteter:**

Mr. Platteter.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan made a motion, which was seconded by Stoneberg to increase the payout at retirement for unused sick leave from 50 to 60% so that all employees are treated the same. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-; Moore-; Stoneberg-; A. Hraban-; Pearson-. Platteter-; Morgan-Motion carried.

Mr. Morgan noted that the Personnel meeting that had been scheduled for May 24th will need to be put off a week.

It was noted, in response to a question, that the sculptor has completed the 10 metal sculptures for downtown, but that the City's concrete vendor suffered tornado damage at this home, so may not be available to ready bases by this Saturday.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Mr. M. Hraban made a motion which was seconded by Morgan to award the contract for City Hall remodeling to Verdegan Construction in the amount of \$58,464.42. Mr. Gorsegner advised that he will go over possible cost saving measure with the contractor as start time approaches. He added that, while it is likely that some cost savings will be realized by doing so, that because it was designed in-house some items were also likely overlooked that will need to be done and probably offset the savings. Roll call vote: Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-no; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes. Motion carried. The Mayor noted his appreciation to staff who designed this security and general upgrade project, probably saving around \$10,000.

District Four, Mr. R. Moore:

Mr. Moore called attention to minutes of the May 15, All Committees meeting. He also noted his preference to see the actual invoice rather just a listing of them.

Motion was then made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to approve the monthly invoices. Roll call vote: Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes. Motion carried.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg reported that the Legal Affairs Committee met earlier in the day, adding that these same items will be considered further at that Committee's next meeting.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban made a motion, which was seconded by M. Hraban to approve expenditure of \$2,000 from the bridges and culverts budget line to pay for a new culvert and end wall for High School Drive. Roll call vote: A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve revised (last in 2009) equipment rates plus a 5% annual increase when services such as sewer jetting and street sweeping are provided to nearby locales.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to pay for paint for the Brooklyn Memorial bridge paint from fund balance until such time as another source is identified. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent. Motion carried.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

No report.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, A. Lobermeier:

Chief Lobermeier reported that an offer of Employment has been extended to a part-time officer candidate. He also reminded those present that the Law Enforcement Memorial service will be held the following evening at the LHS gym at 7 p.m. and that the Mayor will be providing a welcome and that the Governor will also be offering remarks.

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

The DPW reported that a pre-construction conference was held earlier in the day and that work on the Phillips Ave. reconstruction is expected to start June/July 5th. It was noted that A-1 Excavating will be doing the pulverizing on Phillips Ave.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to approve payment of an invoice from MSA in the amount of \$12,578.75, for design work on the Center Ave./Pederson Ave./E. 8th St. S. project. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Morgan to approve proceeding with 8 manhole replacements on 1st St., E. 2nd St. and Lindoo Ave. by Hydro Klean at a cost of \$40,815. This is the third year in this effort. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson commended Mayor Reynolds for the way he handled the earlier discussion about the animal shelter, which was difficult in that many of those present to ask the City for extra money reside in towns or villages not being asked to put in extra as City residents are being asked to do.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Atty. Kenyon commented on the nature of rat problems. They are often more abundant in areas where large amounts of bird seed falls onto the ground. The rats are not always seen as they use systems of underground tunnels. Dog food placed outdoors is another common food source. Often the properties themselves are well kept and folks don't realize these are primary food sources. Instead people point to poorly kept property. While poorly stored garbage at these properties is also a food source, well kept older property is neither habitat or a food source.

Mayor's Forum, Mr. M. Reynolds:

Mayor Reynolds suggested holding over the decision on the State Municipal Agreement for the next meeting, so that Mrs. Pearson can have input. The Lake Ave. project impact area is in her district. The next meeting will be Monday, June 5th.

Licenses and Permits:

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote to grant a provisional operator's license to Jessica Thorpe for Krist Oil, contingent upon LPD approval.

Motion was made by Moore, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to grant tavern operator's licenses to the following contingent upon LPD approval:

- Jessica Thorpe and Veronica Haag for Krist Oil Co.
- Kelli Grotzinger for 211 Club.
- Patricia Bisson and Walter E. Johnson for VMA.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Recorded by: _____

Alan Christianson
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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