

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH
May 23, 2016 6:30 p.m. Council Chamber

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

Others present: J. Becker, A. Christianson 1, A. Christianson 2, K. Gorsegner, A. Lobermeier, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, J. Pohlman, D. Rasmussen, L. Sprague.

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 A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2016 Council meeting.

Agenda:

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

Hearings and Appearances:

Jaycees Jody Becker, Lindsay Sprague and Alan Christianson 2 appeared to request that the Council consider the following:

- *Increasing the City contribution to Mardi Gras fireworks from the current \$2,000 to \$3,000, which will represent 50% of the annual cost. Business donations have been declining and button sales were not legal. The cover charge for the beer garden has helped. Pre-sales of ride tickets are popular.
- *Extend the Thursday night beer garden closing from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- *To limit granting of seller's permits in a zone around Memorial Park during Mardi Gras, particularly as to the area at the top of the bridge. Vendors who set up in Memorial Park pay \$250 to do so, such that it is unfair to them if someone sets up nearby without cost. These fees are the Jaycees startup money for the following year's Mardi Gras.
- *Provide Jaycees access to bathroom tissue so they can replenish it when City staff aren't available to do so.

Other information provided during this discussion included the following:

- *One lane of the bridge will be closed from early June through August as WisDOT resurfaces it with a slow curing product.
- *The Jaycees apparently offended the LFD when they hired a private firm to set off fireworks a few years ago. That has been addressed and the LFD will be doing the fireworks again this year.
- *Lions Club may be assisting with some parts of Mardi Gras.
- *There are currently 26 Jaycees, of whom 14 are active.

*Despite requests to the national Jaycee organization to raise the age limit for membership, it remains at 40. It was once 35. Some former members still help with some aspects of putting on Mardi Gras.

*A cornhole a/k/a bean bag tournament may be added as a new activity this year.

These requests were referred to the Youth and Recreation Committee for consideration.

Asst. DPW D. Parker explained how the City Hall computer system had crashed about a week earlier and E.O. Johnson had it up and operating on a temporary server until a new one can be built and installed in a couple of weeks. The cost of the new unit will be about \$20,000. Although Mayor Reynolds authorized ordering a replacement immediately after the crash, as it is essential to keep records in order among other functions, he requested that the Council take formal action to affirm his action. Mr. M. Hraban noted a very similar situation is at hand at the County Government Center. Motion was then made by Stoneberg and seconded by A. Hraban to do so. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent. Motion carried.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Mr. Dave Rasmussen from MSA Professional Services provided an overview of a three part street reconstruction project the Public Works Committee has suggested CDBG funding assistance be requested for. The involved street sections are as follows:

*E. 8th St. S. from Lindoo Ave. north to Adams Ave. extended.

*Center Ave. from E. 4th St. to E. 6th St.

*Pederson Ave. from W. 2nd St. to W. 5th St.

Applications are due this Friday, and funding decisions are expected in August. Actual construction would be in 2017. The estimated cost of this project is \$1,083,000 toward which a maximum available grant of \$500,000 will be requested.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to adopt Resolution #2016-11 an authorizing resolution for the submission of an application seeking CDBG assistance for reconstruction of portions of E. 8th St. S., Center and Pederson Avenues. 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 A. Hraban seconded by M. Hraban to adopt Resolution #2016-12 regarding WI Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan for CDBG Programs. Mr. Rasmussen noted that if CDBG monies were to be used to relocate households to facilitate the project that would have to be pursuant to an approved plan. Nothing of the sort is anticipated in conjunction with this project. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Moore and carried by voice vote to adopt Resolution #2016-13 to adopt an updated Excessive Use of Force Ordinance. Roll call

vote: Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stoneberg, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to adopt Ordinance #2016-05 approving chicken keeping rules.

District and Committee Reports:

District One, Mr. Platteter:

Mr. Platteter advised that he will call a meeting of the Youth and Recreation Committee.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan reported that a baggage cart, which had been displayed at the visitor center but was damaged in the 2002 tornado and then stored for some time is just now being finish painted by a Bruce High School class. Initial restoration work had been done by an Amish craftsman. It will soon be on display again.

Mr. Morgan made a motion, which was seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the seasonal hiring list. It was noted that applications may still be accepted, because it is unlikely that all on the list will accept offers. There were just enough initial applicants for the available positions.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban advised that the Board of Review met earlier in the day with no public appearances and that there will be a Property committee meeting at 4 p.m. on May 25th.

There was brief discussion of having a sign made to direct log haulers exiting the north rail yard clean their wheels and tires before doing so. Mr. Morgan advised that it is quite muddy owing to dirt and bark coming off logging trucks not being cleaned up. He went on to say that a previous yard operator had Thompson Excavating clean it up on a weekly basis. The current operator is Verso Paper, which is in bankruptcy proceedings. Mr. DuSell and Mr. Van De Voort will be asked to impress upon the yard operator the need to keep the yard up.

Mr. Hraban made a motion which was seconded by Morgan to approve use of \$3,500 from 2016 contingency budget line to pay for materials to upgrade buildings and structures at the former ranger station. Mrs. Stoneberg questioned the planned investment to upgrade the former ranger house without having a role in mind for it. A tour of it may be arranged at the beginning on the May 25, Property Committee meeting. Roll call vote: Stoneberg-no; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Stoneberg made a motion and A. Hraban seconded to apply \$9,500 from the 2016 garages and sheds budget line to pay for needed lighting, heating and o.h. door

improvement at the City shops. Roll call vote: A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Hraban made a motion, which was seconded by A. Hraban to expend \$665 from TIFDs and the 2016 contingency line to make six more tube launch/take out signs. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent. Motion carried.

District Four, Mr. R. Moore:

Mr. Moore had nothing to report.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg highlighted items of business considered at the May 19, Legal Affairs Committee meeting.

Mrs. Stoneberg observed that Transit Commission business seems to revolve around budget concerns.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. M. Hraban expressed concern about possible proliferation of requests to remove end sections of sidewalks. Mr. Kenyon, as the current applicant, explained his position in regard to removal vs. the City replacing his defective walk. He also noted that he didn't recall an apparent rule change made in 2011, which created the option to seek Council approval to remove sections. Mayor Reynolds restated his position that requiring just some people to pay for and maintain walk in unfair adding that, if the City requires it, the City should pay for it. After some discussion, Mrs. Stoneberg made a motion which was seconded by Moore and carried by voice vote to allow removal of a dead end sidewalk at 203 College Ave. W.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

Mrs. Pearson was absent.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, A. Lobermeier:

Chief Lobermeier had nothing to report.

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

DPW Gorsegner reported that, at long last, the highway patch at the bottom of the Brooklyn Bridge has been paved such that it can soon be opened to traffic. He also noted that work on the 400 W. block of Corbett Ave. may be delayed due to rainy weather this week.

The DPW responded to a question by advising that the crew members who went to look at the used slope mower were happy with it and brought it back with them.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by M. Hraban to approve expenditure of \$2,625 from The Mining Fund to add a segment to the proposed plow museum promotional video, which shows Mr. Tomasovich doing a plowing demo at the Central Wisconsin Steam Engine Show. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Reynolds asked if there are plans for signage for the plow museum. Adm. Christianson responded that the intent has been to put a sign reading "Ed's Machine Shed-Wisconsin's Plow Museum" above the o.h. doors across the east end of the building. It was suggested that advance signage should also be developed.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Atty. Kenyon repeated comments he made previously to the Legal Affairs Committee about a need to revise the City's procurement policies to better fit actual practices.

Atty. Kenyon reminded members that a decision needs to be made whether to attempt to recover the approximately \$30,000 in CDBG Housing funds the City has in a dwelling on the corner of E. 10th and Fritz, whether by paying a couple years taxes to buy time, or by foreclosing on it, which sometimes works out financially, and sometimes doesn't.

Atty. Kenyon reported that the owner of a fire damaged dwelling along Fritz Ave. east of E. 3rd St. S. has had it razed as the City directed.

Licenses and Permits:

Motion was made by Moore, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to issue "provisional" tavern operator's licenses to Tiffany Woldmuis for Gordy's County Markey, and to Jamie Leija for The American Bar, the latter contingent upon LPD approval.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Recorded by: _____

Alan Christianson
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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