

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH
May 8, 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: T. Anderson, T. Carter, A. Christianson 1 and 2, K. Gorsegner, K. Jeffress, S. Kavanagh, A. Kenyon, L. Klink. A. Lobermeier,

Call to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mrs. Pearson 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 24, 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. Mayor Reynolds stated that, when the Council reaches item 13) e., he will leave the Chamber and turn the gavel over to Council President Ron Moore as that item involves his property on a personal level and he does not want to influence that discussion or decision.

Licenses and Permits:

Clerk S. Kavanagh reviewed liquor license and tavern operator licenses up for annual renewals. She went on to say that the Building Inspector, Fire Dept. and Police Dept. have all completed inspections of the involved premises, which are the same as the previous year, although LPD has not yet filed its report. The following motions were then acted on:

- Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Moore and carried by voice vote to approve the attached list of liquor license applications.
- Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the attached list licenses for a Direct Seller's Permit; an Application for Temporary Class "B" Beer/ "Class B" Wine License; an Application for Beer Garden License; a Street Use Permit; and, a Provisional License (60 day license) for Tee Away Golf.
- Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote with A. Hraban abstaining to approve the attached list of operator's licenses contingent upon LPD approval.

Hearings and Appearances:

MSA rep Teresa Anderson appeared in regard to the proposed W. 2nd St. reconstruction, which there is support for doing on the same timeline as the adjacent Pederson Ave.

project. She touted the advantages of using DNR's Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) financing, which include 1% interest. She noted that to keep pursuit of that financing moving, the City needs to adopt two resolutions and a service contract with MSA, the latter which is not on the agenda. There was some misunderstanding of the project scope, which apparently involves completely replacing both water and sewer mains from Lake to Pederson. A key is upgrading the current 4" water main to 8".

Main Street Director A. Christianson 2 reviewed the attached downtown map depicting street closures that are planned for this summer to facilitate live music events downtown. He went on to say that, while Main Street will have one wine tasting event at Worden Avenue Exchange, it will be left to local taverns to offer any liquor. He also noted that \$1,200 in pledges have been raised, which should come close to covering costs of these events, including the music.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to adopt Resolution #2017-04 authorizing sidewalk, curb and gutter replacement, and levying special assessments against benefitted property. Roll call vote: Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote to adopt Resolution #2017-05 authorizing the Mayor, as the City's representative, to file applications for assistance from the State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund. This was one of the resolutions referenced by T. Anderson.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to adopt Resolution #2017-06 declaring official intent to reimburse expenditures. This was the other resolution referenced by T. Anderson 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 called attention to minutes of the April 11, Library Board meeting; the May 1, Youth and Recreation meeting; and, the May 8, Planning Commission meeting.

Mr. Platteter asked LHS Tech Ed instructor Kyle Jeffress to review plans for repairing the skate park using a combination of new and salvaged materials. The largest piece, the so-called "half pipe" will, however, have to be scrapped. Mr. Jeffress will volunteer to oversee the work of youth who use the skate park. Mr. Morgan reported that Ace will donate some fasteners for this project, and that Lamperts will donate some repair lumber. Total costs are expected to be around \$3,200. Mayor Reynolds reminded that the City will expect users to hold fundraisers and to repay 50% of the amount fronted, adding that funds raised will then be banked for further upgrades.

Mr. Moore made a motion and Morgan seconded to front \$2,500 from Fund Balance to pay for repairs to skate park. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Platteter advised that the Library Board will meet May 9th at 5 p.m.

Mr. Platteter reported that, earlier in the evening, the Planning Commission granted Brian Groothousen a conditional use permit to construct a garage where there is no primary dwelling and one is not currently planned. Minutes of that meeting were distributed.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan advised that staining of the covered footbridge had started; maybe prematurely. He is disappointed with the rusty red color. He suggested that the parks are likely underfunded. DPW Gorsegner responded that when the State first put limits on local government funding our parks were hit heavily with the presumption that would only be short term. In reality those cuts remained in place resulting in difficulty keeping up while our parks (Pioneer) have continued to grow. It was also mentioned that the Park Board's duties may need to be re-examined.

Mr. Morgan asked if the industrial area ball fields get used. It was noted, in response, that they do indeed. Mrs. Pearson asked if portable toilets can be placed there. Little League will be contacted to see if that organization does so.

Mr. Morgan recommended that the City have Doc's Lawn Care continue to mow the armory property for \$180 each time as he had done it for the Army so is familiar with it. The DPW noted that, even with summer help present, the City's crew would not have time or resources to do it.

It was mentioned that a Personnel meeting needs to be slated to review summer hiring plans.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban provided a lengthy report on an ambulance planning hearing he recently attended, and expressed hope that other City officials will attend the three upcoming hearings. He went on to say that the process used has been very good. He noted that some of the outlying squads are "up" for very limited periods and that there are not enough responders. State rules are also requiring that these responders have upgraded credentials. Current pay rates are not adequate to attract responders now let alone any with higher credentials. Goals revolve around providing an efficient and quality service, which is likely to operate out of the hospital at some point.

Mr. Hraban advised that the Emergency Government Committee will meet May 10th at 8:30 a.m. and the Joint Management Committee will meet May 10th at 11 a.m.

In response to Mr. Hraban's question, Clerk Kavanagh reviewed the procedure and timeline for Board of Review appearances.

Mr. Hraban reported receiving 7 calls in the past two weeks about smoke from neighbor's campfires bothering a constituent. He recommended that the Legal Affairs Committee look at current rules to see if they should be tightened up, or enforcement altered.

District Four, Mr. R. Moore:

Mr. Moore indicated he plans to begin holding monthly Finance meetings. He also stated a desire to see actual invoices, although already paid, rather than just a listing of them.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg had nothing to report.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban reported on the May 3, Public Works meeting. It was decided to hold another meeting on Thursday, May 11, at 4:30 p.m. There was discussion of authorizing the PW Committee to decide how to handle the Armory mowing.

Mr. Hraban reported that the Transit Commission Board met last week and reviewed finances, including how to deal with deficits. When a plan is in place he will provide an update.

There was discussion of serving as a work site for those sentenced to Community Service, as was requested by the Rusk Co. DHHS. It remains uncertain who is responsible if an individual doing such work is injured. There seemed to be a consensus that, rather than the City possibly being held responsible, the City is better off just not getting involved.

Mayor Reynolds left the Chamber.

Motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by M. Hraban to pay the \$11,000+ cost of replacing the private deck at 101 Lake Ave. E., which was destroyed in the process of emergency repairs being made to a major City storm water outfall at that address. A question was raised whether the deck might have been salvaged. DPW Gorseger stated that there wasn't time under the circumstances and that access to the deck was near impossible given the washout under the outfall. Time was of the essence. Roll call vote: Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes. Motion carried.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

Mrs. Pearson advised that the Park Board will meet on May 10th at 5:30 p.m.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, A. Lobermeier:

Chief Lobermeier indicated he has been dealing with the same camp fire complaints that M. Hraban referenced earlier in the meeting. He agrees that the Legal Affairs Committee should look at possible ordinance revisions to address such situations.

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

The DPW reported the following:

- That Shady Lane is ready to pave.
- That restoration has been completed along E. 6th St. N.
- That previous repairs to the roof on Well No. 6 did not work out such that a better repair will need to be devised.

The DPW referenced bids received for the Phillips Ave./1st St. reconstruction. Motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by Morgan to award the construction contract to the low bidder, Haas Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$289,703.53. 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 and seconded by M. Hraban to award the contract for sidewalk, curb and gutter repair and replacement to the sole bidder, D C Crete, in the amount of \$26,570.50. Roll call vote: Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson reported that WisDOT has notified the City of plans to upgrade the Hwy. 27 bridge in 2023 and that agency is seeking input at this time.

Adm. Christianson requested approval of a Proposal from Ayres Associates to prepare construction plans for a 30,000 sq. ft. addition to the Rockwell plant, at a cost of \$87,229, to be paid from The Mining Fund. Motion was made by Moore and seconded by M. Hraban to approve. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Atty. Kenyon called attention to the Northwoods Escape insert in the past week's Ladysmith News, and suggested it contains some good information that folks should look at if they haven't already done so.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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Alan Christianson
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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