

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH
June 12, 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: R. Carlson, A. Christianson 1 and 2, K. Gorsegner, L. Hesebeck, Lt. K. Julien, A. Kenyon, D. Parker.

Call to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by Moore and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the May 22, 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:

Loren Hesebeck appeared relative to Link Ford and RV's application for a direct Seller's Permit to sell used cars and RVs at Wal Mart from 7/06-07/15/2017. Motion was made by Moore, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve.

MS Director A. Christianson 2 appeared to provide a report on how the live music and car show held downtown turned out. About 20 cars were shown and the live music seemed well received. He noted that a couple Council members were present adding that he hoped others would stop by future events. He indicated, in response to a question, that skate park users, had raised \$200 from food sales for repairs, which are to be started next weekend. He commended Asst. DPW Parker for arranging for barricades and other preparations.

Mayor Reynolds called attention to a schedule indicating that the new animal shelter is expected to cost City residents with a \$100,000 property \$7 while costing other County residents with a \$100,000 property only \$1.83.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Mr. Hraban called attention to minutes of the May 25, 2017, Board of Review. He noted that he, Mrs. Stoneberg, Mr. A. Hraban and Mayor Reynolds represented the City. He reported that 10-12 people appeared at the "open book" session and that most seemed satisfied with explanations provided to them at that time. On June 1st Wal-Mart's request for a reduction was denied.

Attention was called to proposed Ordinance #2017-01 relating to confidentiality of information about income and expenses requested by the Assessor in property assessment matters in the City. Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to approve Ordinance #2017-01.

Attention was called to Resolution #2017-08 approving of the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report. And to a summary page indicating the City had done very well in all but the financing category. This was due to a financial loss realized because new user rates had only been in place for less than a year. This loss has likely corrected itself since. DPW Gorsegner advised that, if anyone is interested, he can provide copies of the full 28 page report. Motion was then made by Stoneberg, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to adopt the CMAR.

District and Committee Reports:

District One, Mr. Platteter:

Mr. Platteter advised that the Library Board meeting will meet June 13th at 5.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan called attention to minutes of the June 7, Personnel meeting.

Mr. Carlson reviewed a year to date report on rail display expenditures. He also reported that he had found kids in the locomotive and suspects it was those or other kids that found railroad flares and stuck them into the walls. If they had been lit considerable damage could have been done. He has the flares put away for safe keeping.

Mr. Carlson also asked about mention of an effort to approve surface drainage near the corner of North Ave. and W. 5th St. N. DPW Gorsegner explained that the McCain Trust, which owns adjacent property has asked permission to clean the ditch along W. 5th St. N. to enable water ponding at that corner to flow north to Flambeau Ave., then east in a ditch along Flambeau Ave., then southeasterly through a culvert to outfall over the riverbank.

Mayor Reynolds referred to the median trial conducted earlier in the day at the Lake Ave. rail crossing as a “solution waiting for a problem”.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban reported on the June 5, Property Committee meeting.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to accept Chimney Rock Appraisal’s proposal to value property in the City over a 3 year period from 2018 to 2020 at a cost of \$21,200 annually up \$6,400 from the current annual cost of \$14,800 for assessment services. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Hraban advised that the farmer’s market recently opened for the season.

Mr. Moore asked what happened since Mr. Gorsegner was hired to be assessor and PW Director. Mr. Gorsegner replied that only he and Mr. Parker replaced Bill Christianson, Jug Girard and Roger Herried.

Mr. Hraban highlighted minutes of the June 5, Property Committee meeting.

Mr. Hraban advised that the Rusk Co. Emergency Government Committee will meet at 8 a.m. on June 13th.

District Four, Mr. R. Moore:

Mr. Moore made a motion and seconded to approve the monthly invoices. Roll call vote: Morgan-; M. Hraban-; Moore-; Stoneberg-; A. Hraban-; Pearson-; Platteter-. Motion ed.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg reported that Linda Strop is willing to do a 4'x8' winter scene that might feature a cardinal on an evergreen.

It was suggested that the Ladysmith News print photos or that the two winter greeting cards now completed be placed somewhere visibility is good to advertise that the City is seeking sponsors for them.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban noted items considered at a PW meeting held earlier in the day.

Mr. A. Hraban made a motion, which was seconded by M. Hraban to authorize A-1 Excavating to pulverize both a portion of High School Drive off U.S. 8 and the so called P.O. parking lot. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Reynolds explained how it came to pass that, in the course of ongoing remodeling, Kingdom Hall errantly installed plastic water lateral to hook up to a steel main in adjacent U.S. 8. Current rules require that only metal laterals be connected to steel mains while plastic or metal laterals may be connected to plastic mains. The lateral has not yet been connected so there is no violation at this time. In question is where to go from here. There seem to be options for Kingdom Hall:

- Continue use of current well. Church wants to get away from using its well owing to its proximity a septic field; a desire to eliminate need to maintain an on-site pump; and, the ease of using City water.
- Dig in a new metal lateral at an estimated cost of \$3,000, and don't connect the plastic lateral.
- Amend the City code to allow connection of the plastic lateral even though others have been required to comply with the rule as is. It was suggested that an amendment could provide an exception where plastic laterals are buried to a depth of 9' or more, which would almost certainly negate the chance of freezing, which is the basis of the metal to metal limitation. Metal laterals may be thawed by use of electrical current even though it

is not advised. Plastic laterals have to be thawed by injection of hot water or hot salt water, which can be a tedious and costly endeavor. Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to table this discussion until the June 19, All Committees meeting.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

Mrs. Pearson advised that the Park Board will meet June 14th at 5:30 p.m., and that the Police and Fire Commission will meet June 28th.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, Lt. K. Julien:

Lt. Julien also mentioned the upcoming P&FC meeting.

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

DPW Gorsegner reported that, owing to recent heavy rains, crews have spent considerable time clearing roads of branches and trees and clearing clogged catch basins.

Mr. Morgan made a motion was seconded by A. Hraban to approve the lower of two very close quotes from Northern Seamless Roofing and Northland Siding to re-roof Well No. 6 at a cost of \$2,600 to the water utility. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson noted that none of the leads provided a previous meeting to cut out metal silhouettes of military figures to ascend the ramp in the trial at the rail display has panned out. He indicated that making them out of wood remains an option.

Adm. Christianson recommended approval of an MSA invoice in the amount of \$3,000 for 2016 CDBG grant administration work as a cost to 2017 street construction fund. Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to approve. Roll call vote: Stoneberg-; A. Hraban-; Pearson-; Platteter-; Morgan-; M. Hraban-; Moore-.

Attention was called to the current budget for the 2016 CDBG assisted reconstruction of portions of Pederson Ave., Center Ave. and E. 8th St. S.

Motion was made by Moore, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to authorize All Committees to decide on June 19th whether to execute the State-Municipal Agreement relating to the Lake Avenue resurfacing project presently slated for 2020. Roll call vote: Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Moore and seconded by A. Hrabn to approve expenditure of up to \$775 from The Mining Fund to purchase a 10" x 12-15' sign post for the elevated plow sign. Roll call vote: Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes. Motion carried.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Nothing to report.

Mayor's Forum, Mr. M. Reynolds:

Mayor Reynolds asked approval of his appointment of Georgi Anderson to fill a Park Board vacancy. Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve.

The Mayor also noted copies of letters/info he has sent to the OCR regarding the City's opposition to a raised median at the Lake Ave. rail crossing are available should anyone wish to.

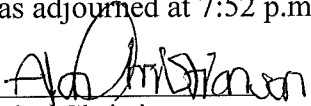
Licenses and Permits:

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

- For Matthew C. Busko at Krist Oil.
- For Deborah Hraban and Peter C. Schroeder at Theatre Lounge.
- For Trista DeWitt and Jessica LeRoy as independents.
- For Therese Love at 211 Club.
- For Oludolapo Abokede at Walmart.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Recorded by: 
Alan Christianson
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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