

## COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH

June 19, 2017

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. Absent: none.

Others present: P. Boss, R. Carlson, J. and P. Carow, A. Christianson, P. Farrington, R. Gehrke, K. Gorseger, K. Hess, A. Lobermeier, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, M. Mendleski, D. and T. Moore, D. Parker, D. Pavlik, K. Pederson, J. Pohlman, R. Rhoads, R. Schmit, K. Welke.

### **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 minutes of the June 12, 2017, Council meeting.

### **Agenda:**

Motion was made by Moore, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to refer item 8) a. to the Finance Committee. Agenda item 8) b. was then advanced in view of the number of people present for that topic. A lengthy discussion ensued. Mayor Reynolds made it clear that, while he and the City support the purpose of the new animal shelter, we don't support cost sharing that will require City residents to pay about five times more per capita than County residents toward the construction cost. Nobody disagreed. There seemed to be consensus that this split should be negotiated. Discussion ended at 6 p.m.

### **Hearings and Appearances:**

At 6:05 p.m. Mayor Reynolds convened a Public Hearing on proposed levying of special assessments in conjunction with the 1<sup>st</sup> St. and Phillips Ave. reconstruction project, expected to start in a couple weeks. Asst. DPW Parker briefly reviewed the DPW's Report and tentative Schedule of Assessments. The hearing was closed at 6:08 p.m. with the only abutting owner appearing, Roger Rhoads, having described it as "a needed project". It is expected to be completed by mid August. Motion was then made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the Report.

### **Resolutions and Ordinances:**

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to adopt Resolution #2017-10, a final resolution authorizing curb and gutter, sanitary sewer and street reconstruction along portions of 1<sup>st</sup> St. and Phillips Ave. and levying special assessments against benefitted property pursuant to special assessment police powers granted under S. 66.071 Wisconsin Statutes.

Motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by M. Hraban to adopt Resolution #2017-11, a preliminary resolution indicating intent to authorize curb and gutter, water, sanitary sewer, and street reconstruction and levying special assessments against benefitted property pursuant to special assessment police powers granted under section 66.071 Wisconsin Statutes. This was in relation to a planned CDBG assisted project involving portions of Pederson Ave., Center Ave. and E. 8<sup>th</sup> St. S.

It was mentioned that WisDOT is still seeking a decision on whether the City wants the pedestrian lights at the intersection of W. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Lake removed in conjunction with the 2020 resurfacing project, replaced at City cost. If they are removed and set up after the project that will be entirely at City cost. Motion was made by Moore, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to have WisDOT take these lights down and store them.

### **District and Committee Reports:**

#### **District One, Mr. Platteter:**

Mr. Platteter distributed copies of the Library Director's Report.

#### **District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:**

Mr. Morgan mentioned using similar new car siding to replace the rotting material on the restored boxcar at the Visitor Center rail display. A labor quote is being sought.

Mention was made of letting Corbett Lake re-fill if there is no near term prospect for dredging. Others noted that it needs to be kept down for a couple years to effectively dry out exposed sediments. Jerry Carow clarified that only the now exposed upper 3.7 feet will dry out unless further work is done. Mr. Morgan asked why it is that work has not continued to seek grant funding and why other locales such as Bloomer and Hawkins have done so and we can't. The distinction may be that in those communities there is water flowing through their lakes or ponds, which are behind dams. They silt up and there seems to be money available to help remove the silt such as in the Duluth-Superior harbor where that is an ongoing process. The natural flow through Corbett Lake was removed when the Bruno Lake Drainage Ditch was installed in 1915 and made worse when drain tile was later installed in a futile attempt to farm it. Mr. Carow and Mr. Christianson, who were involved with 1991 dredging, agreed that it would take a long time for Corbett to re-fill if the only water source remains City storm sewers and natural springs. It is generally felt that the bottom aeration system installed many years ago hasn't lived up to its promise to deepen the lake by accelerating decomposition of vegetative materials decaying on the bottom. The electric motors on the pumps that feed the bottom aerators burned out about three years ago and have not been replaced.

There was discussion of power washing units in the rail display. There is money in the budget to cover Ken Phillips' cost to do this work, whether \$300 or \$500.

#### **District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:**

Mr. Hraban reported on dates and times of upcoming meetings.

**District Four, Mr. R. Moore:**

Mr. Moore asked if members could make a Finance meeting on June 22nd at 5 p.m. In addition to considering how to pay for the City's portion of the new animal shelter, some preliminary work on the 2018 budget will be considered. Mr. M. Hraban observed that with no more ability to apply significant monies from the general fund operating reserve it "will be a lot easier putting Humpty Dumpty together than balancing this [2018] budget".

**District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:**

Mrs. Stoneberg requested a copy of the minutes of the May 22, Legal Affairs meeting.

**District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:**

Mr. Hraban had nothing to report.

**District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:**

Mrs. Pearson reported on the June 14, Park Board meeting.

Mr. Parker reviewed an amphitheater lighting Proposal from Zeigler Electric. It was noted that only one proposal was sought, in part because a competitor indicated he didn't have time and, in part, because Zeigler has done previous work on the project so is more familiar. Motion was made by Pearson and seconded by Moore to approve the Proposal, in the amount of \$11,000, provided, however, that does not cover the \$361 by which this proposal exceeds the \$25,000 allocated. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

It was also suggested that the Park Board give consideration to establishing user rules for the amphitheater before problems are encountered. One item of consideration is how to curtail basketball noise during amphitheater use.

**Police and Fire Dept. Reports, A. Lobermeier:**

Chief Lobermeier had nothing to report.

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

The DPW advised that the PW Dept. may go look at a bucket truck in the Milwaukee area later in the week. He also reported that Shady Lane has been shouldered.

After some disagreement on the necessity of full time CDBG project inspection, motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by Stoneberg to approve the following agreements with MSA relating to the 2016 CDBG assisted project to rebuild portions of Pederson Ave./ Center Ave./ E. 8<sup>th</sup> St. S.

- Bidding and construction services-\$40,500.
- Full time on-site inspection services-\$59,000.
- Total \$99,500, or 11% of \$908,000 construction cost.

Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Moore-no; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-abstain; Morgan-no. Motion carried.

Motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by M. Hraban to approve the following services agreements with MSA relating to the adjacent W. 2nd St. N. project:

-Bidding and construction services-\$8,100.

-Full time on-site inspection services-\$8,500.

-Total \$16,600, or 13.9% of \$119,085 construction cost.

Roll call vote: Moore-no; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-abstain; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

**Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:**

Adm. Christianson passed around a photo of the City-owned manufacturing building at 1506 Barnett Rd., which he feels lacks curb appeal. He reported that, in addition to having received a \$640 quote to repaint all bollards and truck dock plates at 1506, he also has a quote of \$250 to repaint the exposed concrete, most of which is on the south side. A total of \$890. The purpose is to improve the curb appeal of this vacant industrial building. The work would be paid for from The Mining Fund.

Adm. Christianson reported that, some months, back the Council had asked if we could find out the likelihood of obtaining necessary permits before spending a lot of money on engineering a bridge for Falge Park Drive. After several reschedules, he was finally able to meet last week with a DNR dredging specialist in regard to the covered bridge proposed to be built over Falge Park Drive. It was his understanding that individual saw no obvious red flags. As expected, obtaining permit approvals will require following a process to obtain a dredging permit. The next step then would seem to be to have M&P proceed to follow the required process.

Mr. Pohlman asked why we would spend money building something that isn't necessary when there doesn't seem to be money available to adequately maintain current park facilities. He cited the wetland walkway as an example. Adm. Christianson responded that the community is shrinking and needs to reinvest in itself with things that attract people. Mayor Reynolds added that we made an effort to create jobs and now have more openings than people to fill them. Now we need to make efforts to attract and retain workers. It is hard to do. There is no magic bullet.

**Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:**

Nothing to report.

**Mayor's Forum, Mr. M. Reynolds:**

Mayor Reynolds

**Licenses and Permits:**

None.

**Closed Session:**

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban to go into closed session under authority cited in the meeting notice. Roll call vote: Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned from closed session at 7:50 p.m. with no further action having been taken therein.

**Recorded by:**

*Alan Christianson*

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Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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