

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH

June 26, 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, P. Farrington, R. Gehrke, K. Gorseger, A. Kenyon A. Lobermeier, M. Mendleski, D. and T. Moore, J. Pohlman, E. and J. Spooner, K. Welke.

Call to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Moore 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 June 19, 2017 Council meeting.

Agenda:

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

Hearings and Appearances:

Motion was made by M. Hraban to allow Kingdom Hall to hook a plastic lateral to a steel water main in Edgewood Ave. despite of City rules, which currently don't allow this. Atty. Kenyon stated that he doesn't see a way that the City can get away from furnishing water if this lateral should ever freeze. So no way to grant exception. Roll call vote: Platteter-no; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-no; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-no. Motion carried. It was informally recommended that Legal Affairs review current ordinance and consider revisions to it that will reduce likelihood of City becoming responsible for furnishing water owing to freeze ups. And create the ability to approve certain installations without creating exceptions. One new criteria might be to allow them where installed 9' deep such that freeze ups are highly unlikely.

Attention was called to a request that pavilion rental fees be waived for WRA presentation of its summer work program, which focused on construction of the new amphitheater in Memorial Park. Motion was made by Moore, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Attention was called to Resolution #2017-12. Mayor Reynolds asked that those present for this subject to limit their comments to any new information and not repetition of previously provided information. A lengthy discussion followed.

Motion was made by Stoneberg, seconded by Pearson and carried by voice vote to adopt Resolution #2017-12 providing for fair and equitable City-County animal shelter construction cost sharing. Roll call vote: Platteter-no; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-no; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-no; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

District and Committee Reports:

District One, Mr. Platteter:

Mr. Platteter had nothing to report.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan made a motion, which was seconded and carried by voice vote, to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation to send the revised Administrator job description to the City's labor attorney for review.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban had nothing to report.

District Four, Mr. R. Moore:

Mr. Moore made a motion, which was seconded by A. Hraban, to approve the monthly invoices. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg had nothing to report.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban had nothing to report.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

Mrs. Pearson advised that the P&FC will meet June 28th at 5 p.m., and handed out minutes of the recent Park Board meeting.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, A. Lobermeier:

Chief Lobermeier reported that new p.t. officer Adam Sternweis will start July 5th. He will get the first hours of available o.t. each pay period.

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

Mr. A. Hraban made a motion, which was seconded by M. Hraban to authorize purchase of a 2004 Freightliner bucket truck in the amount of \$25,000. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

DPW Gorsegner explained that a private party has been sampling wetland plants around both Corbett Lake and the industrial area for a time, although the City was not aware this was occurring. In any case, DNR has now agreed to continue that sampling and is

seeking City concurrence to do so. Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve of DNR continuing this plant sampling.

The DPW discussed seeking a proposal from Fahrner Asphalt to some fiber patching for the City.

There was discussion of Rands Trucking's ability to work on City equipment on a timely basis.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson reported that he is following through with the LHS tech ed department to see if it can assist with cutting out soldier silhouettes for the rail display ramp.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Moore to approve expenditure of \$890 from The Mining Fund to paint features on the City-owned building at 1506 Barnett Rd. to improve its curb appeal. Roll call vote: Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

Adm. Christianson asked the Council to consider erecting "City Limits" signs at the four main entrances on Highways 8 and 27, as folks who travel through continue to ask how the City can allow the unkempt properties, which are often actually located just outside it. At least, that way, travelers should know when they are in and out of the City.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Atty. Kenyon reviewed a list of several CDBG housing program assisted properties that appear to be in violation of original loan requirements. He concluded, however, that current home values probably don't financially justify pursuing them in most cases.

Licenses and Permits:

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote to approve an application for Direct Seller's Permit for Tree Ripe Citrus to sell peaches and blueberries in summer and citrus and pecans in winter at Ace Home Center. The permit would run from 7/1/2017 through 6/30/2018, contingent upon LPD approval.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to approve a Street Use Permit for the Greater Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce, Arlene Knops agent, for the Mardi Gras Arts & Craft sale to be held Saturday, July 22, 2017, contingent upon LPD approval. A Certificate of Liability Insurance will be delivered prior to the event.

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

-For Tina Parrish for Wal-Mart.

-For Alexis J. Severson for Gordy's County Market.

Closed Session:

Due to the time it was decided to hold the planned Closed Session over to a future meeting.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Recorded by: _____

Alan Christianson
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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