

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH

June 27, 2016

6:30 p.m.

Council Chamber

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

Others present: A. Christianson, K. Gorsegner, A. Lobermeier, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, D. Parker.

Call to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Kenyon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Moore, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2016 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:

None.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Motion was made by M. Hraban seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote to adopt Resolution #2016-15 declaring intent to exercise special assessment police powers under Sec. 66.0703 Wis. Stats.

District and Committee Reports:

District One, Mr. Platteter:

Mr. Platteter had nothing to report.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Gorsegner reported that the City is currently operating with four fewer seasonal workers than 2015 and that the lead workers have advised they need more help to get the work done. Morgan made a motion, which was seconded by A. Hraban to extend offers of seasonal employment to two additional applicants. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-absent; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Morgan advised that he missed the most recent Animal Shelter Board meeting, but plans to attend the August 2, Highway Safety Committee meeting.

Mr. Morgan advised that he hasn't heard from Eric Thompson, who the City has acquired rail equipment from, but doesn't want to push him as he has been our sole source.

Mr. Morgan noted that with reconstruction of the 400 W. block of Corbett Ave. nearly done it will be nice if some brushing can be done along the north side of Corbett Lake east of the library. He noted that, in the past, it was often burned off by the LFD. Adm. Christianson will look into availability of a Camp Flambeau crew. Using City seasonal workers later in the season is another manpower option.

There was discussion of an abundance of hay in the area resulting in a reduced offer for what the City has north of the Cemetery to just \$150. It was suggested that offer be accepted. This will be placed on the next Public Works agenda as an action item.

Mr. Morgan observed that the Wisconsin flag at the visitor center is tattered. Mayor Reynolds advised that he believes he has one.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban reported on the Property Committee meeting held just prior to this meeting.

Mr. Hraban recounted how he observed someone dump their ash tray on the ground while going through the P.O. drive through, and how much that bothered him. He went on to say that he personally trimmed around the industrial area sign and will continue to do so, as needed. Mr. Hraban also advised that he had gotten rid of some rock and debris under the military mural, and that there are weeds growing under it that need to be removed.

Mr. Hraban called attention to a need for some demarcation at the end of W. 5th St. S., next to so called Pioneer Park, as there is currently nothing to prevent an unfamiliar motorist from driving right off the end into the river; particularly after dark.

Adm. Christianson explained that DNR is assisting a local (Cedar Brook) school district class with setting up a timber sale on 40 acres of school forest located along Cemetery Rd. The DNR forester suggested thinning the pine on the old landfill site which is adjacent and owned by the City as part of the same sale. He estimates it will net the City \$6-7,000. And desired water uptake from trees removed will be offset by faster growth on remaining trees, which will result from the thinning. M. Hraban made a motion, which was seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote, to thin the pine at the old landfill along Cemetery Rd.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to authorize construction of another 30 depiction veteran's mural frame expected to be completed by Memorial Day, 2017. A site was not specified allowing time to consider options to locating it west of the Post Office. Mrs. Pearson advocated selecting a site where the mural screens something unsightly.

Mayor Reynolds noted that Mrs. Pearson's idea of placing directional signs to other murals at each of the existing ones is a good idea.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Pearson and carried by voice vote to authorize placing a for sale sign on the wood fence in front of the former Finish Line tavern site.

District Four, Mr. R. Moore:

Mr. Moore advised that he had missed the recent Tourism Committee meeting. Mr. M. Hraban stated that the meeting focused on presentation of the branding study, which he will try to bring to the next meeting.

Mr. Moore also mentioned the Lions Club's involvement with a planned amphitheater in Memorial Park, adding that the Club will be selling raffle tickets over Mardi Gras as a fundraiser for that project. Top prize will be a pair of tickets to a Green Bay Packers game. The Lions came up with the idea and have already raised \$3,000.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg was absent.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

It was reported that an abutting owner has requested that weight limits be considered for Garfield Ave. between the CN line and W. 5th St. N. as CN maintenance traffic is doing damage to that road, which is likely not even built to alley standards. The City ditched the road last year to get storm water to flow better. Recent tire tracks indicate a large truck crushed the shallow culvert that provides drainage. Adm. Christianson wrote to the CN maintenance manager, but has not received a reply. Upon motion by M. Hraban, which was seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote, it was recommended that barricading this road be placed on the next PW agenda for action.

Mr. Hraban advised that the PW Committee will meet at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5th.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

Mrs. Pearson reported on the June 22, Community Development Committee meeting. Some items from that meeting will be on the July 11, Council agenda for action.

Mrs. Pearson also provided a detailed item by item review of matters considered at the June 22, Park Board meeting.

Mrs. Pearson also reported that Timothy Aldrich will begin work as a police officer on July 6th.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, A. Lobermeier:

Chief Lobermeier had nothing further to add.

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

The DPW reported that Corbett Ave. W. should be ready to pave June 29th.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Morgan to approve Application for Payment No. 4 (final) from McCabe Construction, for work completed on the W. 8th and Roesler project, in the amount of \$13,091.28. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-absent; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Morgan to approve Application for Payment No.1 from John S. Olynick, in the amount of \$21,576.12, for work completed on the Corbett Ave. W. project. Roll call vote: Moore-yes; Stoneberg-absent; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Morgan to approve an Application for Payment from John S. Olynick, in the amount of \$26,805, for reconstruction of the sanitary sewer in the 400 W. block of Corbett Ave. Roll call vote: Stoneberg-absent; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes. Motion carried.

DPW Gorsegner also advised that a Change Order for the Corbett Ave. project will be forthcoming, which include the following additional work:

- Dig out and repair of a valve box-\$500.
- Add a conduit under the street to facilitate and simplify later installation of fiber optic or similar cable to the library-\$1,200.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson explained that WisDOT is seeking City input on the pedestrian crossing lights at W. 2nd and Lake, which it says need to be moved off the sidewalk area as part of the planned 2020 resurfacing project. Apparent choices are to re-install the current City-owned lights behind the walk, close to where they are now, or to install a new style single pole mounted digital light. The new style hardware would cost \$5-7,000 in addition to wiring costs. It was noted that two small parcels outside the current right of way will need to be acquired to facilitate moving the lights off the sidewalk.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Atty. Kenyon had nothing to report.

Mayor's Forum, Mr. M. Reynolds:

Mayor Reynolds showed those present a sample of plaques he had made to recognize service to the community of Mayors and Council members who have left office in recent years. He invited current members to volunteer to present these to the recipients at a July meeting.

The Mayor also asked members to think about where they would like to see the City be in 20 years and to consider what we can do to get it there. He challenged not only members, but the general public, to think about what each can do to help advance the community.

Mayor Reynolds also advised that, owing to Mrs. Stoneberg's experience doing something similar for Rusk County, he will ask her to take the lead in developing a handbook for new Council members.

Licenses and Permits:

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by Moore and carried by voice vote to approve temporary tavern operator's licenses for Dave Scott and Dennis Wiemer.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Morgan to approve tavern operator's licenses for the following, contingent upon LPD approval:

- Megan Dennis for Tee-A-Way.
- Jamie Leija for American Bar.
- Kelli Grotzinger for Bob and Rose's 211 Club.
- Melody Barber and Allen Hraban as independents.

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by Moore and carried by voice vote to issue a direct seller's permit to Kristopher Dean, d/b/a Deano's Donuts, to locate a concession stand by Quick Lube during Mardi Gras.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Moore to approve a Chicken Keeping Permit for 6 hens for Kathrin Lockburner at 224 E. 9th St. S. A WI Livestock Premises Registration Card has been issued and a Neighbor Notice Form has been completed, except as to a vacant dwelling, which is adjacent. Mr. Gorsegner advised that he had inspected the premises and found it to be fine. The motion was then carried by voice vote.

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve a Street Use Permit for the Chamber of Commerce, Arlene Knops agent, for the Mardi Gras Craft Fair.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:20 p.m.

Recorded by: _____
Alan Christianson
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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