

**COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH**  
June 8, 2015 6:30 p.m. Council Chamber

**Roll Call.** Members present: K. Brown, A. Hraban, M. Hraban, B. Morgan, J. Pearson, M. Platteter, M. Reynolds, B. Stoneberg. Absent: none.

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

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Reynolds called the meeting to order and presided.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mrs. Stoneberg 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 May 26, 2015 Council meeting.

**Closed Session:**

In the absence of objection, Mayor Reynolds advanced that portion of item 21) authorized under S. 18.85 (1) (e), Wis. Stats. At 6:32 p.m. motion was made by Brown and seconded by A. Hraban to do into closed session under the authority cited in the meeting notice. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

At 6:43 p.m. motion was made by Brown and seconded by A. Hraban to return to open session. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

**Agenda:**

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by A. 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 and seconded by A. Hraban to adopt Resolution #2015-14, a final resolution authorizing water main, curb and gutter and sanitary sewer construction and levying special assessments against benefited property pursuant to special assessment police powers under S. 66.0701 Wis. Stats. as relates to property abutting portions of W. 8<sup>th</sup> St. N. and Roesler Ave. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

## **District and Committee Reports:**

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

Mr. Platteter had nothing to report.

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

Mr. Morgan commented that the cemetery looks really nice.

Next, he provided an update on the locomotive shelter extension noting Verdegan Construction has only about one day's work left before the roofer can start. Turning attention to the flat car display for Pioneer Park he advised that the next step is to get deck planks from Besse Lumber. He asked for approval to have Ernie Mogensen do some needed carpenter work and indicated need for a couple laborers for about three days to do general clean up work around the locomotive shelter. The PW Dept. will provide two seasonal workers.

Mr. Morgan made a motion, which was seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the attached pay rates for seasonal workers.

Mr. Morgan also reported that 45 load of gravel are estimated to be needed to provide a base for the plow museum and, perhaps, more if the parking area in front is to be installed at the same time. He will seek contributions from various vendors

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

Mr. Hraban reported that the County Property Committee will meet June 12th and the Emergency Government Committee at 8 a.m. on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

It was reported that E. Mogensen is willing to install chain link fencing along the sidewalk east of the fire hall, but hasn't provided a quote as such. Motion was then made by M. Hraban, seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote to grant the All Committees authority to award a contract for this work at its June 15, meeting.

### **District Four, Mr. K. Brown:**

Mr. Brown advised that the Animal Shelter Board will meet on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m., and called attention to minutes of the June 1, All Committees meeting.

There was discussion of a request from the Town of Flambeau for the City to participate in the increased cost of rebuilding the in-City portion of Old 8 Road. The City agreed in 2014 to contribute \$41,342.21 as its prorated share. The Town has since designed that project and increased the City's estimated share to \$52,850.64. There is some feeling that the City should stand by its initial commitment, but not increase it. It was the townspeople who insisted that the project be designed and bid, which led to the higher cost, which has gone from an initial estimate of \$163,000 to a low bid of \$295,000. There is also concern that the City hasn't seen plans so doesn't know exactly where the costs are. Mr. Brown noted concern that if the City doesn't participate fully on this project the Town may balk at participating in the cost of resurfacing W. 11<sup>th</sup> St. and Baker Ave.

Motion was then made by M. Hraban and seconded by Morgan to approve a higher City contribution of \$52,850.64. Roll call vote: Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes. Motion carried.

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

Mrs. Stoneberg highlighted the items considered at the Legal Affairs Committee meeting held earlier in the evening. She said ordinance amendments relating to accessory building regulations and adult entertainment will be forthcoming for Council consideration.

Mrs. Stoneberg also reported on issues facing the Rusk County Ambulance Service, which issues are increasing costs and have precipitated formation of the Ad Hoc Committee to plan how to deal with them. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- \*Scheduling an adequate number of responders.
- \*A shortage of EMTs.
- \*Training costs.
- \*Need to have nurses aboard on some responses.

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

Mr. Hraban reminded those present there will be a Public Works Committee meeting on June 11, at 4 p.m.

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

Mrs. Pearson had nothing to report.

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

Chief Lobermeier commented on difficulties of LPD operating short staffed, due to a combination of reasons:

- \*Elimination of one position through the 2015 budget process.
- \*An officer resignation.
- \*An officer out on injury leave.

And he provided a handout whereon Comptroller Verdegan estimated costs for filling an officer position for the second half of 2015, which he advocates doing.

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

The DPW agreed that a tour of the WWTF upgrade project should be scheduled soon.

The DPW reviewed a combination of charges comprising Change Order No. 3 with Staab Construction which, although it totals +\$6,449, still leaves the project cost below the original bid price when added to previous deductive change orders. Motion was then made by M. Hraban and seconded by Brown to approve this Change Order. Roll call vote: A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Brown to approve a invoice from SEH, in the amount of \$8,090.24, for construction oversight on the aforementioned WWTF

project. Roll call vote: Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

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

It was recalled that L. Gotham from Morgan & Parmley recently reported on progress with obtaining DNR permitting to install a new dam structure on the south side of Corbett Lake. The invoice for that work to date is \$1,590. Motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by Stoneberg to approve that invoice. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

Adm. Christianson called attention to a written agreement from ICAA to the City spelling out conditions wherein ICAA will donate a dwelling at 1108 Lake Ave. W. to the City to be used by the LFD in a fire response training exercise. WITC will provide the training and take control of the site. ICAA has an on staff asbestos inspector who performed that service. ICAA will, in turn, benefit from a lower cost of demolition than if the dwelling had been raised by usual excavate and haul methods. Motion was made by Morgan, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to enter into that agreement.

Adm. Christianson reviewed a summary of the City's major funds, prepared by the Comptroller, for purposes of clarifying what each fund can and cannot be used for.

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

Atty. Kenyon updated the Council on the status of a CDBG DPL assisted dwelling that has been repossessed and will be up for Sheriff's sale in mid-July. There is a first mortgage of about \$7,000 held by others, after which there is the DPL mortgage of about \$30,000. The Council should consider whether or not to submit a bid, and of how much, in an effort to recover the DPL dollars.

Atty. Kenyon also related an excerpt from Green Magazine wherein there is reference to a presumably very rare experimental plow owned by a collector from Wisconsin with the initials "ET".

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

Mayor Reynolds had no comments at this juncture.

**Licenses and Permits:**

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve tavern operator licenses for the following contingent upon LPD approval:

- \*Shirley Hraban as an independent.
- \*Johnathan Reisner for Krist Oil Co.
- \*Jessica and Anthony Vojtasek for Grandpa's Pizza.

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve a Temporary Class "B" Picnic License for Exhausted Roosters, Don Lemke agent, for the Mardi Gras Beer Garden to run July 16-19; Thursday 6-10 p.m.; Friday 5 p.m. to midnight; Saturday 1 p.m. to midnight; and Sunday 2-10 p.m.

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve temporary operator licenses for the following for the Mardi Gras Beer Garden: Roger Rhoads, Dennis Wiemer, Randall Scott and Donald Lemke.

**Closed Session:**

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

**Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned from closed session at 9:18 p.m.

**Recorded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

Alan Christianson  
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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