

**COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDING OF
THE CITY OF LADYSMITH**

Monday, June 27, 2022 5:15 pm Ladysmith Council Chambers

Members Present: Mayor Grotzinger, M. Platteter, N. Johnson, J. Pohlman, A. Christianson, J. West, A. Hraban, M. Reynolds

Others present: L. Klink, Ray Carlson, Dan Pentzkover of SEH, Richard Ostenso, A. Christianson, A. Kenyon, S. Kavanagh, D. Parker, T. Carter, K. Gorsegner and John Pohlman, II.

Call to order. Mayor Grotzinger called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

Roll Call. Clerk Kavanagh took roll call and a quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Hraban.

Adjust Order of Agenda. Motion by J. Pohlman, seconded by A. Hraban, to move Agenda Item 17) Licenses/Permits and Agenda Item 15b) Soil Boring Proposal to follow Agenda Item 3). Motion passes with unanimous voice vote. 7-yes, 0-no.

Licenses and Permits. Motion by J. Pohlman, seconded by A. Christianson, to approve Operator Licenses for Chris Keach, Operators at Walmart, Ladysmith Fresh Market, Miner Station, Krist Oil and LJ's American Bar. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote. 7-yes, 0-no.

Motion by J. Pohlman, seconded by N. Johnson, to approve the new Combination Class "B" Liquor License for LJ's American Bar, LLC. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote. 7-yes, 0-no.

Soil Boring Proposal/Rockwell Automation Site. Because Rockwell Automation is considering an addition to their Ladysmith plant on property owned by the City of Ladysmith and that property may contain residual soil contamination from historical discharges, there continues to be a deed restriction on the property that requires the property owner investigate "the degree and extent of solvent contamination". The DNR is requiring soil be sampled for contaminants that may still be underground prior to any development. Based on their investigation over a year ago, Mr. Pentzkover of SEH is hoping that this soil investigation won't find anything and if so, this deed restriction could be removed from the property. Motion by J. Pohlman, seconded by M. Reynolds to approve SEH's soil boring proposal in the amount of \$9,365, with additional DNR review fees estimated at \$1,050, if needed. J. Pohlman-yes, A. Christianson-no, J. West-yes, A. Hraban-yes, M. Reynolds-yes, M. Platteter-no, N. Johnson-yes. Motion passes 5-yes, 2-no.

Minutes and Agenda. Motion by A. Hraban, seconded by J. Pohlman, to approve the June 13, 2022 Council minutes and this evening's agenda. Motion passes by voice vote 7-yes, 0-no.

Resolution 2022-10. Motion by A. Christianson, seconded by A. Hraban, to approve Resolution 2022-10 Authorizing Issuance and Sale of up to \$328,433 Sewer System and Water

System Revenue Bonds, Series 2022A, and providing for Other Details and Covenants with Respect Thereto. M. Platteter-yes, N. Johnson-yes, J. Pohlman-yes, A. Christianson-yes, J. West-yes, A. Hraban-yes, M. Reynolds-yes. Motion passes 7-yes, 0-no.

Resolution 2022-11. Motion by M. Platteter, seconded by A. Christianson, to approve Resolution 2022-11 Authorizing Issuance and Sale of up to \$399,301 Sewer System and Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2022B and providing for Other Details and Covenants with Respect Thereto. N. Johnson-yes, J. Pohlman-yes, A. Christianson-yes, J. West-yes, A. Hraban-yes, M. Reynolds-yes, M. Platteter-yes. Motion passes 7-yes, 0-no.

District 1, Platteter. Mr. Platteter reported that the June 16th Finance Committee approved payment of the monthly invoices, discussed 2021 fund balance and its possible impact on next year's budget, and the possible additional impact on finances for adding additional maintenance position, if approved.

District 2, Johnson. Mr. Johnson reported that the Park Board did approve the rendering drawing and the location of the adirondack chair to be placed in Memorial Park. Ray Carlson would like council approval to discuss the need for a plant/rare species study at this time with the DNR before any quotes are sought. Motion by J. Pohlman, seconded by N. Johnson, to approve Ray Carlson and Doug Parker to talk with the DNR to ascertain the need for aquatic/rare species study at this time. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote. 7-yes, 0-no.

Mr. Pohlman mentioned that he observed many people using the new Memorial Park river trail. Unfortunately, the lights have been damaged and a repair is in the works.

District 3, Pohlman.

WWTP Superintendent, Asst WWTP Operator and Refuse Worker. Motion by J. Pohlman, seconded by A. Hraban, to approve the appointment of Travis Vollendorf as Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent, Sam Fuchs as Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator and Riley Herbes as a new hire as Refuse Worker. Motion passes by 7-yes, 0-no.

Eligibility List for Public Works. DPW Gorseigner noted that there is only one person left on the Public Works eligibility list, so is asking for council approval to begin the process of creating a new eligibility list. Motion by J. Pohlman, seconded by A. Christianson, to begin the process of creating a new Public Works eligibility list. Motion passes by 7-yes, 0-no.

Contract for Purchase of Cemetery Lots. Atty Kenyon will provide a revised Contract for Purchase of Cemetery Lots by the Servants of Mary in the July 11th council packet for council members to review.

District 4, Christianson. Mr. Christianson updated the council that the Industrial Development Corp is currently focused on potential reuses of the current hospital and the Joint Management Committee is focused on upgrading industrial spaces so they can be filled up with good paying customers.

District 5, West. Mr. West reviewed the minutes of the June 15th Police & Fire Commission meeting noting that all doors at the Fire Hall have been replaced. The electronic sign for the Fire

Hall is “a go”; it is being funded by a \$20,000 donation and the additional \$5,000 will be covered in the budget. Chief Julien advised that the 2020 squad continues to have mechanical problems.

District 6, Hraban. Mr. Hraban reported that the Public Works Committee met prior to the Council meeting and tabled the two items listed on the council agenda as Item 11(a) proposals related to Request for Qualifications for BIL funded projects and Item 11(b) proposals related to Request for Engineering Proposals for CDBG funded project. These items will be discussed at the future July 5th Public Works Committee meeting.

School Signage Request by North Cedar Academy. Motion by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Reynolds, to approve the school signage request made by North Cedar Academy. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote. 7-yes, 0-no.

Phillips Ave W “Slow-Children at Play” Sign. Motion by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Platteter, to approve “Please drive slow, we love our children” sign to be placed on Phillips Ave W. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote. 7-yes, 0-no.

District Seven, Reynolds. Nothing to report.

Police and Fire Report. Nothing was reported.

Public Works Report. DPW Gorsegner responded to a question regarding why the City compiles an eligibility list for the Public Works Department and it is done so vacancies can be filled more rapidly.

Administrator’s Report. Adm Christianson reviewed Ordinance 2016-07 that requires agenda items and proposed ordinances be provided to the City Clerk by Wednesday before noon for placement on an upcoming Council agenda. Three comments were received that supported not revising the ordinance which currently allows the public and city officials time to review and prepare for the council meeting.

Adm Christianson received interest from council members and mayor for taking a bus tour of City industrial areas and City owned properties on a Monday that the council is not meeting.

Attorney’s Report. Mr. Kenyon reviewed an article in the National Association of Homebuilders monthly magazine which noted that millennials are now hitting their peak home buying years and their top priority is to live near “stuff to do”. The article also reports that millennials who have children or are planning to have children place school quality on the top of their priority list.

Mayor’s Forum. Mayor Grotzinger thanked the city crew for doing the brush and yard waste pickup today.

Closed Session. Motion by A. Hraban, seconded by J. Pohlman, to go into closed session under authority granted in Sec. 19.85(1)(e) when deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; to-wit: Discussion of possible real

estate donation. A. Christianson-yes, J. West-yes, A. Hraban-yes, M. Reynolds-yes, M. Platteter-yes, N. Johnson-yes, J. Pohlman-yes. Motion passes 7-yes, 0-no.

Mayor Grotzinger announced that a motion was made in closed session to accept the donation of property from Don and Joanne Rubow but the motion died for lack of a second. Atty Kenyon was asked to respond to Atty. Terry Nussberger's donation letter.

Motion by A. Hraban, seconded by J. Pohlman, to adjourn at 6:30 pm, motion passes unanimously 7-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Kavanagh, City Clerk