

**COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY OF LADYSMITH**

Monday, June 8, 2020

5:15 pm

Ladysmith Council Chambers

Members present: M. Platteter, B. Morgan, B. Groothousen, G. Schueller (@ 5:25 pm), A. Hraban, M. Reynolds Absent: B. Stoneberg Others present: D. Parker, S. Kavanagh, Adm A. Christianson, Chief K. Julien, A. Kenyon, John Pohlman, Cora Schultz. Callers on the phone lines: Cindy Pohlman, Luke Klink.

Call to Order. Acting Mayor A. Hraban called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

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

Pledge of Allegiance. A. Hraban led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes and Agenda. Motion by M. Reynolds, to approve the May 26, 2020 Council Minutes and the June 8, 2020 Council Agenda, seconded by B. Groothousen. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Appearances. B. Morgan mentioned several agenda items he would like discussed at the next council meeting:

- Clean up of ditches and shoulder areas off County Road J.
- The practice of topping off manhole covers with pea rock and tar.
- Contracting out the mowing of the cemetery and Pioneer Park.
- Plans for the former City Shop building and the former ranger station.

District 1, Platteter. The Farmer's Market will hold its first sale on Saturday, June 13, from 8:30 am-12:00 pm. The market will continue to be held every Wednesday and Saturday through the growing season. There will be no customer seating, no food samples offered and social distancing will be in place. Each vendor will have bleach wipes to keep surfaces disinfected.

District 2, Morgan. Mr. Morgan reported communities in our area seem to conduct their business with one council meeting a month and questioned the need for the number of meetings that are currently scheduled in Ladysmith between the council and committee meetings. Mr. Hraban offered a proposal to schedule necessary committee meetings on the 1st or 3rd Monday and not schedule any committee meetings on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

District 3, Groothousen. The Community Development Committee met last Tuesday to review the final BERF applications; Park Board meets next Tuesday; Planning Commission met last Thursday to approve a Conditional Use Permit and also to revise TID #9 and create TID #12 and

TID #13. The Community Development Committee will meet again on Tuesday to walk through the former elementary school and determine a location for the veteran's mural that is currently on display on the Clark building.

Ord. 2020-02. Motion by B. Groothousen, seconded by M. Platteter, to adopt Ordinance 2020-02 Amending Sec 2-4-8(a) Park Board Appointments; to comprise the Park Board of 6 city residents and 1 alderperson. Motion carried by voice vote.

Train Display. Motion by B. Groothousen, seconded by B. Morgan, to hire JL Electric for \$955 to reconnect power between the rail cars on the Soo display at the Rusk County Visitor's Center; expense to be covered by TIF #9. M. Platteter-yes, B. Morgan-yes, B. Groothousen-yes, G. Schueller-yes, A. Hraban-yes, M. Reynolds-yes. Motion carries.

Behavioral Policy for Park Use. The Park Board will be meeting next Wednesday and will bring a recommendation back to the counsel on any additional rules that may be needed.

District 4, Schueller. Mr. Schueller will be attending the Library Board meeting on Tuesday. The Rusk County Community Library has reopened with revised "open to the public" hours.

District 5, Stoneberg. Absent.

District 6, Hraban. Mr. Hraban will be attending the Emergency Government Meeting at the Rusk County Courthouse on Wednesday, June 10, 2020.

District 7, Reynolds. The Joint Review Board met on June 4 and discussed revisions to TID #9 and the creation of TID #12 and TID #13. The Board also approved the Resolution approving disbursements out of TID #8 for the BERF program.

Mr. Reynolds also shared his concern with the train noise in the city and asked if the council supported the possibility of creating a "quiet zone" through the city. It would require installation of barriers at all "quiet zone" intersections, along with other requirements.

Mr. Morgan asked if the Legal Affairs Committee was going to be updating antiquated ordinances in our current Code of Ordinances and if so, to review stricter regulations when it comes to property upkeep in the city.

Former LES. Motion by M. Reynolds, seconded by A. Hraban to accept the proposal from SEH for \$5,850 to prepare project cost estimates including the cost of separating utilities from the commercial area and community center area; expense to be a cost to TID #8. B. Morgan-yes,

B. Groothousen-yes, G. Schueller-Abstain, A. Hraban-yes, M. Reynolds-yes, M. Platteter-yes. Motion carries.

Community Fireworks Show: Motion by M. Reynolds, seconded by B. Groothousen, for the purchase of fireworks up to \$3,000 for a community fireworks show, if the 2020 Northland Mardi Gras is cancelled. B. Groothousen-yes, G. Schueller-yes, A. Hraban-yes, M. Reynolds-yes, M. Platteter-yes, B. Morgan-yes. Motion carries.

Police and Fire Report. Chief Julien was planning to introduce new Police Officer Renee Stoll to the council tonight but she was dispatched on a call prior to the meeting. Any “after hours” calls that are “social services” related are being referred to DHHS after the PD completes the initial report.

Public Works Report. Motion by M. Reynolds, seconded by B. Morgan, to donate a “junk” fire hydrant to Jeff Busse, as long as it leaves the community. Motion carries by voice vote.

Motion by A. Hraban, seconded by B. Groothousen, to approve a 5 year contract for sprinkler system monitoring at the new PW shop for \$432/annually with a \$50 set up fee. G. Schueller-yes, A. Hraban-yes, M. Reynolds-yes, M. Platteter-yes, B. Morgan-yes, B. Groothousen-yes. Motion carries.

Motion by M. Reynolds, seconded by A. Hraban, to approve Change Order #2 for a time extension to June 19, 2020 to finalize the 5th St and Gates Ave project. Motion carried by voice vote.

K. Gorsegner is expecting that the completion date of July 15 for the new PW shop project will also need to be extended due to COVID-19 and other issues.

Administrator’s Report. Motion by M. Reynolds, seconded by B. Groothousen, to approve the bid received from DC Crete in the amount of \$1,850 to replace the concrete stairs at Westlake Enterprises, expense to come out of rent revenue. A. Hraban-yes, M. Reynolds-yes, M. Platteter-yes, B. Morgan-yes, B. Groothousen-yes, G. Schueller-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Groothousen, seconded by G. Schueller, to approve emergency replacement cost of two water heaters at Westlake Enterprises for \$1,623.72 from Brant’s Plumbing Services. A. Hraban-yes, M. Reynolds-abstain, M. Platteter-yes, B. Morgan-yes, B. Groothousen-yes, G. Schueller-yes. Motion carries.

Attorney’s Report. Nothing to report.

Licenses and Permits. Motion by M. Reynolds, seconded by A. Hraban to approve the Firework's Seller's Permit for Quent Nelson and a Class A Liquor License to Artisan's Northwoods Boutiquelet. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Reynolds, to approve the Operator Licenses for the 2020-2021 license year, see attached listing for individual applicants. Motion carried by voice vote.


Motion by A. Hraban, seconded by B. Morgan, to approve a Direct Seller's Permit to Tree Ripe Citrus. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mayor's Forum. With the news of additional event cancellations, Acting Mayor Hraban is not comfortable with hosting the Northland Mardi Gras this year. With recommendations to continue practicing social distancing and avoiding large gatherings, it would be very difficult to ensure a safe atmosphere for our community. Motion by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Reynolds, to recommend that the Jaycees not hold the 2020 Mardi Gras event. Motion carries with 5-yes votes (Platteter, Morgan, Groothousen, Hraban, Reynolds), 1-no vote (Schueller).

Closed Session. Motion by A. Hraban, seconded by B. Groothousen, under authority granted in WI Stat. 19.85(1)(e) and 19.85(1)(g) to deliberate or negotiate the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session and to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is likely to become involved; to wit: discuss BERF program and possible litigation with property owner involving the Lake Ave repave project. M. Reynolds-abstain, M. Platteter-yes, B. Morgan-yes, B. Groothousen-yes, G. Schueller-yes, A. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Hraban, seconded by B. Morgan, to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Shari Kavanagh, City Clerk

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Fireworks Seller's Permit (Approved by Fire Chief)

Applicant: Quent Nelson, Eau Claire, WI

Location of Sale: Holly's Last Stand

Firework Description: Class C consumer fireworks

Certificate of Liability Insurance naming Bob/Holly Nawrocki as Certificate Holder

Liquor License (New) Class A Liquor

Applicant: Artisans, Inc.

Location: Artisans Northwoods Boutiquelet

105 W Miner Avenue, Ladysmith

Agent: Brenda Petkovsek

Operator Licenses 2020-2021

Artisans Northwoods Boutiquelet

Rhonda Klein (Pending PD Approval)

LuAnn Robertson (Pending PD Approval)

Lynnea S. Holman (Pending PD Approval)

5th Quarter

Brandon W Haag (Pending PD Approval)

Trista Camren (Pending PD Approval)

Mataya Jenness (Pending PD Approval)

DJ's American Pizza & Pub

Krista Morris (Approved by PD)

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Melissa Miller (Approved by PD)

LaCasa Mexicana

Leivy Lopez (Approved by PD)

Walmart

Jane Lessor (Pending PD Approval)

Ethan Turenne (Pending PD Approval)

Antoinette Bruce (Pending PD Approval)

Anthony Bain (Pending PD Approval)

Laura Stapleton (Pending PD Approval)

Nicholas Shufelt (Pending PD Approval)

Ladysmith Fresh Market

Tyler Racoma (Approved by PD)

Tee Away

Catherine Dyson (Pending PD Approval)

Cheryl Smith (Approved by PD)

Direct Seller's Permit (Pending PD Approval)

Business: Tree Ripe Citrus

Applicant: Skylar Black

Location of Sale: Ace Hardware, 503 Lake Ave W

Summer- Peaches, pecans and blueberries