

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH
July 23, 2018 6:30 p.m. Council Chamber

Roll Call. Members present: A. Christianson 2, J. Fields, Hraban, M. Hraban, B. Morgan, J. Pearson, M. Platteter, B. Stoneberg. Absent: none.

Others present: R. Carlson, A. Christianson 1, D. Bailey, K. Gibbs, K. Gorsegner, K. Julien, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, M. Michielson, D. Parker, J. Pohlman, G. Pomeranke, M. Smart.

Call to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mrs. Pearson 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 July 9, 2018 Council meeting.

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:

Farmer's Market manager Martha Smart appeared along with fellow vendors Dave Bailey, Michielson and Gary Pomeranke to review results of recent customer and vendor surveys, copies of which are attached. This discussion ended just before 6 p.m. Among items covered were the following:

- Multi use facilities. Eau Claire's Phoenix Park farmer's market pavilion is also used monthly for arts and crafts sales.
- More is better meaning the more things to attract people the better. Many folks come primarily to socialize (like at Music on Miner).
- Why it is the market limits itself to products made by the sellers, and does not allow resale. Coffee is an exception as it promotes the important socializing aspect.
- Why it is that Rusk County should also be supportive.
- What market revenues go for.

The Mayor and others thanked the vendors for offering their insights.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to adopt Resolution #2018-16, a final resolution authorizing sidewalk, curb and gutter and sanitary sewer installation and street reconstruction and levying special assessments against benefited property along E. 8th St. S.; Center Ave.; and, Pederson Ave. pursuant to special assessment police powers under Section 66.073, Wis. Stats.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Fields and carried by voice vote to approve Resolution #2018-17 adopting a Citizen Participation Plan in preparation for making a CDBG application.

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve Resolution #2018-18 to authorize submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Planning grant application seeking \$25,000, to be combined with a like amount of local funds, to investigate the feasibility of converting either the former Ladysmith Elementary School or the former U.S. Army Reserve Center into a "community center".

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Fields to approve Resolution #2018-19 to commit \$25,000, in local match funds, to the aforementioned CDBG Planning Grant application, as a cost to The Mining Fund (290). Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

District and Committee Reports:

District One, Mr. Platteter:

Mr. Platteter reported that the Finance Committee met prior to this meeting for an initial discussion on developing the 2019 general operations budget. Dept. heads will be asked to have budget requests in by August 13th so a second meeting can be held that week to review them.

Mr. Platteter then made a motion and A. Hraban seconded to approve the monthly invoices. The motion was carried by voice vote.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan requested permission to take a derrick acquired for inclusion in a rail display to Conrath for sand blasting and priming. He also indicated he and Mr. Carlson will soon conclude their efforts on this project after which they will plan to turn over tools and materials they have acquired to the Public Works Dept. He asked that action to seek bids for a roof for the caboose and boxcar display be held over to the next meeting.

The Lake Ave. rail display units were placed prior to Mardi Gras and drew several positive comments. Mr. Morgan thanked the Public Works Dept. and many others for their last-minute effort to move the units to the site. A refurbished train "order board" remains to be installed.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban called attention to minutes of the July 16, All Committees meeting. He also advised that he had trimmed the planter under the industrial area sign so it would look better for Mardi Gras.

District Four, Mr. J. Fields:

Mr. Fields complimented those responsible for mowing around Corbett Lake, which has improved appearances considerably.

Mr. Fields called attention to minutes of the July 16, Community Development Comm. meeting. He stated that a lot of ideas were floated for increasing use of the river and credited fellow Committee members Jen Pearson and Bonnie Stoneberg with providing some very useful input.

He also stated that he recently learned that a State record albino musky was caught and released a few years ago in the Flambeau just outside Ladysmith. He feels strongly that the community needs to take advantage of this claim to fame. To that end, he is working with a local sports shop to plan a fishing tournament on Lake Flambeau. He also noted the following:

- Such tournament will have to be held on Lake Flambeau as the Ladysmith flowage is too small to accommodate the number of boats that would be anticipated.
- A DNR official advised that the Flambeau between the bridge and the dam here is some of the best musky water in the State.
- He will seek help from Kyle Jeffress and the LHS fab lab to make a plaque relating to the record albino musky.
- Recalled Mike Hraban's previous suggestions on this topic.

Others present mentioned they believe the following State record fish have also been taken nearby: The record musky caught through the ice. The record black bullhead.

Mr. Fields also commended the many groups, organizations and individuals who made the recent Mardi Gras a success, specifically highlighting LPD and LFD efforts. And he reported that he is working with some folks to consider creating a frisbee golf course.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg advised there will be a Legal Affairs meeting at 3 p.m. on Monday, August 13th.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban distributed minutes for the July 19, Public Works meeting. He also distributed copies of a flyer entitled Share the Road, which explains changes in State law allowing localities to sign any or all roads where posted limits are less than 35 m.p.h. for ATV/UTV use. And, he advised that the Public Works Committee plans to meet Thursday, July 26th at 2 p.m. to take up this and other matters.

Chief Julien was asked if he receives notice of many ATV/UTV infractions. He stated that he does not. Councilman Fields did, however, note that he has observed the same rider hit speeds he estimates at 40 m.p.h. on Phillips Ave. creating a hazard there.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

Mrs. Pearson called attention to minutes of both the July 11, Park Board meeting and the July 9, Youth and Rec meeting. She went on to say the Park Board will meet at the amphitheater Aug. 8, adding that facility rents for \$26 per use as do pavilions with power.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, K. Julien:

Chief Julien reported that LPD responded to a few scuffles and will need to increase its Mardi Gras staffing next year.

Fire Chief Gibbs reported that LFD's involvements with Mardi Gras went very well:

-Fireworks.

-Pancake breakfast and water fights.

-\$611 was donated for Sun Prairie FD, a member of which was killed in a gas explosion there that also injured Ladysmith fireman Doug Pavlik's son.

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

The DPW reported that seasonal workers have already changed out over 80 street signs.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to approve an MSA invoice, in the amount of \$2,943.78, for construction oversight on the W. 2nd St. N. project. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by M. Hraban to approve an MSA invoice in the amount of \$21,174.50 for construction oversight on the E. 8th St./Center Ave./Pederson Ave. project. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to approve Northern Roofing's Proposal to replace the rubber roof on garage south across alley from main City shop for \$11,000, as a cost to 2018 PW equipment budget line. Roll call vote: Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes Motion carried.

Motion was made by Pearson, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve a recommendation to repaint the Hwy. 8 portion of Lake Ave. curbs.

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to have Atty. Kenyon send a letter to NW Sanitary indicating service to that firm will be stopped unless the firm pays the City what it owes in full and continues to stay current on payments. Other haulers which use the City's SRS remain current.

The Legal Affairs Committee was asked to investigate opening all City streets to ATV/UTV traffic, as permitted by recent changes in State law.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson distributed copies of an article indicating that one thing cities are doing which have retained young people is to create affordable housing.

Adm. Christianson asked approval of the following invoices from Glen Hetchler:

-In the amount of \$150 for touch ups to the Falge Park footbridge.

-In the amount of \$225 for supplies for the Brooklyn Memorial Bridge repaint.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Fields to approve. Roll call vote:

Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes. Motion carried.

Adm. Christianson will look into what to do with any remaining paint.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Pearson to approve Anderson Landscaping's Proposal to repair access ramp to Door A-5 at Rockwell as a \$3,850 cost to the corresponding rent revenue account. Roll call vote: A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; Motion carried.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Atty. Kenyon had nothing to report until closed session.

Mayor's Forum, Mr. Christianson:

Mayor Christianson apologized for being overly quiet to this point adding that time spent on Mardi Gras activities over the weekend had caught up with him. He noted, however, that the event went well for the most part with Saturday seeing record crowds for recent years. He thanked the many individuals and organizations it takes to put the event on.

He also talked about farmer's markets in other locales, including Bruce, and handed out an article heralding opening of a market in Altoona this very evening.

Licenses and Permits:

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to grant a tavern operator's license to Aubrey Smith for Krist Oil.

Closed Session:

At p.m. motion was made by Fields and seconded by Stoneberg to go into Closed Session just before 7 p.m. under authority cited in the Meeting Notice. Roll call vote: Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

Upon motion by A. Hraban, which was seconded by Morgan the meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Recorded by: _____
Alan Christianson