

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH
July 24, 2017 6:30 p.m. Council Chamber

Roll Call. Members present: A. Hraban, M. Hraban, R. Moore, B. Morgan, J. Pearson, M. Platteter, M. Reynolds, B. Stoneberg. Absent: none.

Others present: A. Anderson, R. Carlson, T. Carter, A. Christianson, K. Gorsegner, K. Julien, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, B. Kusmirek, A. Lobermeier, A. Sternweis, T. Verdegan, D. Williams, G. Zillmer, J. Zweifelhofer.

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 A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2017 Council meeting.

Agenda:

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Moore and carried by voice vote to approve the evening's agenda.

Hearings and Appearances:

Jeff Zweifelhofer from Citizen's Community Federal Bank appeared to at Atty. Kenyon's behest to introduce himself and to offer his services on the Ladysmith Housing Authority or other board where help might be needed.

Chief Lobermeier appeared along with officers Adam Sternweis and Brian Kusmirek. After introducing Officer Sternweis as LPD's newest member, he gave Sgt. Kusmirek a pin recognizing the latter's 20 years of service to LPD. A round of applause followed. Sgt. Kusmirek expressed his thanks and stated that he has been glad to serve the City.

Rusk County ATV Club President Dave Williams appeared to request that Doughty Rd. be approved as an ATV route with a 35 m.p.h. speed limit. Motion was made by Moore, seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote to approve designation of the portion of that road under City jurisdiction. The Town of Grant will need to take similar action.

Terry Carter appeared to request that North Ave. from W. 2nd to W. 5th St. also be approved as an ATV route. Mr. Carlson stated his objection to this designation stating that there are no shoulders and poor visibility along this section, where he resides. Motion was made by Moore, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve that portion of North Ave. as an ATV route with a 10 m.p.h. speed limit.

Auditor April Anderson, from the CliftonLarsonAllen accounting firm, appeared to review results of the City's 2016 audit. A summary of highlights she mentioned is attached. This presentation concluded at 7:13 p.m.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

None.

District and Committee Reports:

District One, Mr. Platteter:

Mr. Platteter arrived late so did not make a report. He did join the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan stated that the purpose of the Personnel meeting held earlier in the evening was to continue preparations for Adm. Christianson's retirement.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Referring to what to do about poorly kept properties along Hwy. 8 east of the City, Mr. Hraban suggested meeting with the Tn. of Flambeau, with the County Zoning Administrator also present. He noted that 11 other towns in the County have the type of rules that allow enforcement.

Mr. Hraban reported on the July 17, Property meeting.

Mr. Morgan made a motion which was seconded by M. Hraban to approve D C Crete's Proposal to construct the 12' x 24' footing for the planned Lake Ave. Rail Display for \$2,000. The footing will be 18" x 18". A semaphore taken down at the RCHS museum, is also planned to be added to the new display.

Mr. Hraban made a motion, which was seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to authorize sending a letter declining interest in acquiring land along Doughty Rd.

District Four, Mr. R. Moore:

Mr. Moore made a motion, which was seconded by M. Hraban to approve the monthly invoices. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

It was mentioned that Comptroller Verdegan sent out letters to department heads seeking budget proposals in advance of anticipated August budget planning meetings. With Finance Committee member Platteter planning to be in Russia the entire month of August, it was requested that Finance meeting notices be sent to both Mrs. Pearson and Mrs. Stoneberg, one or the other of whom will serve as his substitute. Mrs. Pearson expects to be able to attend meetings slated no earlier than 4 p.m. on Mondays.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg reported on the items considered at the July 19, Legal Affairs Committee meeting. These have been slated for Public Hearing at the August 14th, Council meeting.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. Morgan asked what plans are to deal with the surface of Worden Ave. from E. 3rd to W. 4th, which is in poor condition. He advocated milling and grading it as a temporary measure until monies can be identified to do a more complete rebuild.[There is nothing more permanent than a temporary solution.] DPW Gorsegner is awaiting a proposal from Ayres Associates to do some additional investigative work on this section.

Mr. Morgan also advocated mowing along the Corbett Lake shoreline so that monies spent cutting it earlier in the year aren't wasted.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

Mrs. Pearson advised that she is going to advocate for developing a splash pool at Memorial Park as part of the 2018 budget. The Park Board will meet July 26th.

Mrs. Pearson advised that the Police and Fire Commission is set to meet on August 16th, and reported that Kyle Gibbs is the new Fire Chief.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, A. Lobermeier:

Chief Lobermeier advised that the Falge Park vandalism case has been solved.

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

The DPW reported that pavement pulverizing was performed today at the P.O. parking lot; on 1st S. and Phillips Ave. (1st St. to E. 4th St.); and, at the High School.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to approve an MSA invoice in the amount of \$16,581.50, for 2016 CDBG project application work. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-no; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by M. Hraban to approve an MSA invoice in the amount of \$10,180, for work on the W. 2nd St. reconstruction design. Roll call vote: Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-no; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-no; Motion carried.

It was reported that the Camp Flambeau crew is back to mowing and, hopefully, to assist with other work as well.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson brought up a request to use a building at 1506 Barnett Rd. to accommodate a 500 guest wedding. The City's insurance carrier had suggested that if the City wants to do so, it should require that the user procure a temporary public liability to

approve this request. Those present declined o make a motion noting the downsides seem to outweigh the upsides.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Atty. Kenyon had nothing to report.

Mayor's Forum, Mr. M. Reynolds:

None.

Licenses and Permits:

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Moore and carried by voice vote to approve a Beer Garden License for 211 Club, Rose Grotzinger, for August 4, 2017, in conjunction with "Music on Miner". Ladysmith Main Street will erect the fence on the street in front.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Moore and carried by voice vote to approve tavern operator's licenses for the following, which were all approved by LPD:

- Sean Schmick for Krist Oil.
- Juan A. Campos for LaCasa Mexicana.
- Melissa Miller for 211 Club.
- Makayla Pearson as an individual.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Moore and carried by voice vote to approve a tavern operator's license for Yvonne Nelson for Tee-A-Way, contingent upon LPD approval.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 8 p.m.

Recorded by: _____
Alan Christianson
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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