

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

Monday, July 11, 2022

5:15 pm

Ladysmith City Council Chamber

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

Others Present: T. Devine, Adm A. Christianson, A. Kenyon, D. Parker, J. Pohlman II, T. Carter, L. Klink, Ray Carlson, Tyler Sheeran, Eric Barclay, K. Gorseger, Chief Julien

Call to Order: In the Mayor's absence, Council President Reynolds called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr Reynolds led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes and Agenda: Motion by A. Hraban to approve the June 27, 2022 Council Minutes, and the July 11, 2022 Council Agenda, seconded by J. West. Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

Introductions, Hearings & Public Comments: No items brought forth for discussion.

District 1, Platteter:

Mr. Platteter advised that there would be a Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, July 27th at 4:45pm.

District 2, Johnson:

Mr. Johnson advised that there would be a Library Board meeting on July 12th at 5:00pm, and a Park Board meeting on July 13th at 5:15pm.

Discussion and possible action to donate lost/abandon bicycles to Indianhead, or other charitable organization, that are being stored in the park garage:

It was pointed out that Indianhead (Connections Store) was not taking donation at this time. Mr. Johnson advised that he has communicated with Social Services/Foster Care Network, and they do take bikes on occasion. He will talk to them. There are 11 bikes total.

District 3, Pohlman:

Discussion and possible approval of the contract for purchase of cemetery lots by The Servants of Mary:

Mr. Pohlman presented the new contract for the purchase of cemetery lots by the Servants of Mary. Motion to approve contract by Mr. Platteter, seconded by Mr. West. It was clarified that each site would be bound by the 'current regulations', meaning the regulations that are in place at the time of burial. Further discussion pointed out that all markers would be flush mounted for both immediate use, and future use sites. Mr. Christianson questioned whether the prayer monument would be constructed in such a way to allow mowing without needing trimming. Mr. Pohlman advised that the construction of said prayer monument would need to be approved by the Cemetery Board.

Roll call vote: M. Platteter-yes, N. Johnson-yes, J. Pohlman-yes, A. Christianson-no, J. West-yes, A. Hraban-no, M. Reynolds-Abstain. Motion carries 4-2-1.

District 4, Christianson:

Mr. Christianson advised that there seems to be healthy market for the industrial property overseen by Joint Management, and Community Development. The down side is it's difficult to get corrective/repair/altering work done, as the people available to do that work are short-staffed.

District 5, West:

Review and approval of the Rusk County Transit Commission (RCTC) charter and by-laws:

Mr. West presented the RCTC's Bylaws and Charters. Administrator Christianson is willing to contact Sheryl Kisling from RCTC, and have her go over the bylaws and charters at the July 25th Council meeting. No motions made.

District 6, Hraban:

a) Action on Public Works recommendation on proposals related to request for qualifications for BIL funded projects:

Motion to approve Morgan & Parmley as engineers for BIL funded projects by A. Hraban, seconded by J. West. Motion carries by a 7-0 voice vote.

b) Action on Public Works recommendation on proposals related to request for engineering proposals for CDBG funded project:

Motion to approve MSA as engineers for CDBG funded project, for \$204,000, by A. Hraban, seconded by A. Christianson. Further discussion clarified that the project would replace road and infrastructure on Miner Avenue from the Fire Hall to the Courthouse. Mr. Gorseigner explained that the engineering plans need to be in place before applying for the CDBG grant.

Roll call vote: N. Johnson-yes, J. Pohlman-yes, A. Christianson-yes, J. West-yes, A. Hraban-yes, M. Reynolds-yes, M. Platteter-yes. Motion carries 7-0

District 7, Reynolds:

Move reconsideration of action taken at the June 27th Council meeting regarding soil boring proposal for commercial site in the Industrial Park:

Mr. Reynolds reviewed the process for a reconsideration motion, then moved that the June 27th motion to adopt and approve a proposal to investigate and do soil boring on property owned by the City of

Ladysmith in the Industrial Park be reconsidered. Seconded by A. Christianson. Mr. Reynolds shared his concerns that new soil boring *could* reveal contamination that would **require** remediation. Therefore, since we are not adding a building now, doing the soil boring now constitutes the proverbial “putting the cart before the horse”.

Roll call vote: J. Pohlman-yes, A. Christianson-yes, J. West-yes, A. Hraban-yes, M. Reynolds-yes, M. Platteter-yes, N. Johnson-yes. Motion carries 7-0

Police & Fire Commission: Mr. Hraban clarified that there is an ordinance against bicycles and scooters on sidewalks. Mr. West clarified that the next Police & Fire Commission meeting was set for July 20th. Mr. Pohlman related that he had some complaints on illegal fireworks over the 4th of July weekend. Chief Julien explained the process the officers go through when a complaint is filed.

Public Works: Mr. Gorsegrner explained that the new road projects would be late August or into September before they would be started. The contractors are having a difficult time getting all the materials they need.

Administrator’s Report: Administrator Christianson noted that Indeck has renewed its lease for another 3 years.

Attorney’s Report: Nothing to report.

Licenses and Permits:

Motion to approve Temporary Operator Licenses for Randy Scott and Dennis Weimer by A. Hraban, seconded by J. West. Motion carries by unanimous voice vote.

Motion to approve regular Operator’s Licenses for Morgan Diamond and April Richardson by A. Christianson, seconded by A. Hraban. Motion carries by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor’s Forum: Mayor Grotzinger was absent.

Closed Session: Action to go into closed session under authority granted in Sec. 19.85(1)(e) 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 on housing proposal.

Motion to go into closed session by A. Hraban, seconded by A. Christianson.

Roll call vote: A. Christianson-yes, J. West-yes, A. Hraban-yes, M. Reynolds-yes, M. Platteter-yes, N. Johnson-yes, J. Pohlman-yes. Motion carries 7-0.

Motion to Adjourn by M. Reynolds, seconded by A. Hraban. Motion carries by unanimous voice vote.

Adjourn at 6:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Devine, Deputy Clerk