

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

Monday, July 25, 2022

5:15 pm

Ladysmith City Council Chamber

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

Absent: A. Hraban

Others Present: T. Devine, Adm A. Christianson, A. Kenyon, D. Parker, J. Pohlman II, L. Klink, Tyler Sheeran, K. Gorseigner, Chief Julien, Chief Gibbs, Jeremy Jacobs, Dave Willingham, Pete Boss

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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr Platteter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes and Agenda:** Motion by J. West to approve the July 11, 2022 Council Minutes, and the July 25, 2022 Council Agenda, seconded by J. Pohlman. Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote.

**Introductions, Hearings & Public Comments:**

- a) Appearance by Sheryl Kisling of Rusk County Transit Commission
- b) Review and possible approval of Rusk County Transit Commission Charter and Bylaws.

Jeremy Jacobs presented on behalf of the Rusk County Transit Commission (RCTC). Mr. Jacobs explained that the RCTC Charter and Bylaws had not been updated since its formation in 2014. The Charter updates were mainly to use more clarified language. The Bylaws were updated to establish a procedure to bring proposed Commission members to the County Board Chair for appointment. Mr. Jacobs explained that the City's contribution, of roughly \$13,000, helped access additional inputs from other funding sources. The annual RCTC budget is around \$500,000.

Motion to approve the Rusk County Transit Commission's revised Charter and Bylaws by A. Christianson, seconded by J. Pohlman. Motion carries by 6-0 voice vote.

**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 M. Reynolds, seconded by J. West.

Roll call vote: M. Platteter-yes, N. Johnson-yes, J. Pohlman-yes, A. Christianson-yes, J. West-yes, M. Reynolds-yes,. Motion carries 6-0.

Motion to return to open session by J. Pohlman, seconded by M. Platteter. Motion carries by 6-0 voice vote.

**District 1, Platteter:**

Mr. Platteter advised that the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> would be rescheduled to Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00pm.

**District 2, Johnson:**

- a) Discussion and possible action to donate 11 lost/abandoned bicycles to charitable organization that are currently being stored in the park garage.

Mr. Johnson advised that there were actually 9 bikes. Most have been delivered to Social Services/Foster Care Network. The remaining bikes needed some repairs, then would be donated.

**District 3, Pohlman:** Nothing to report.

**District 4, Christianson:** Nothing to report.

**District 5, West:** Nothing to report.

**District 6, Hraban:** Mr. Hraban was absent.

**District 7, Reynolds:**

Mr. Reynolds has been working on the sprinkler system at the Fritz Avenue building that Rockwell is renting. Seems to be working well now.

**Police & Fire Commission:**

Chief Gibbs advised that the Mardi Gras activities of the pancake breakfast and water fights served over 800 people.

There will be another fundraiser. The Fire Department will hold a chicken cook-out on September 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm.

The Rural Fire District wants to sell the two tankers that they provide funding for to the City for \$1 each. Chief Gibbs suggests getting an inspection done on each of the tankers to understand what needs to be done to them before the Council makes a decision. There are still 2 years on the existing contract with Rural Fire. No action taken.

**Public Works:** The ad for the Public Works Eligibility List would be in this week's paper.

Mr. Gorsegner explained that the Haas' schedule opened up, and they could be on site to begin construction on E 10<sup>th</sup> St N on Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. A Public Works meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday at the 10<sup>th</sup> St construction site at 5:00pm. The meeting for the Summit Ave Cul-De-Sac will be on Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm. Summit will be pulverized on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Administrator's Report:**

- a) Review and possible approval of additional work requested for EDA grant application:

Administrator Christianson hasn't gotten the proposal back from the engineers. It involves rebuilding Barnett, Gustafson, and completing the water loop.

Mr. Christianson wanted to thank everyone for helping make Mardi Gras a success.

There will be a 'young adults' talent showcase during Music in the Park.

**Attorney's Report:** Nothing to report.

**Licenses and Permits:**

No licenses or permits this meeting.

**Mayor's Forum:** Mayor Grotzinger went to New Orleans on vacation. He visited the National WWII Museum, and recommends it to anyone that get to that area.

Motion to Adjourn by M. Reynolds, seconded by J. West. Motion carries by unanimous voice vote.

Adjourn at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Devine, Deputy Clerk