

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH
July 9, 2018 6:30 p.m. Council Chamber

Roll Call. Members present: A. Christianson 2, J. Fields, A. Hraban, M. Hraban, B. Morgan, J. Pearson, B. Stoneberg. Absent: M. Platteter.

Others present: R. Carlson, A. Christianson 1, K. Julien, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, D. Parker, J. Pohlman.

Call to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. A. Hraban led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

After Ray Carlson's question was answered, motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2018 Council meeting. Mr. Carlson advised that while he was credited for being involved with brushing around Corbett lake, he should not have been.

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:

It was mentioned that the First Church of Christ held services Sunday at the amphitheater the previous day, which were well attended.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

None.

District One, Mr. Platteter:

Mr. Platteter was absent. It was noted that the Library Board will meet at 5 p.m. on July 10th.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan advised that Tony Zeisler has sketched a design for a roof/cover for the caboose and boxcar at the visitor center rail display. After Lamperts converts this sketch into a construction drawing bids may be sought.

Mr. Morgan asked that consideration of snow removal equipment needs be placed on the next Public Works agenda along with the 2019 Public Works budget.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban referenced minutes of the July 2, All Committees meeting. He also reported the following:

- That he received calls about a stranger taking photos of houses. This “stranger” was the City’s contracted assessor.
- That he has also received calls from Everett Ave. property owners expressing concerns about consideration of relocating the skate park there.
- That the relocated yield sign at the top of the bridge is too high as motorists are watching traffic at eye level.
- That the Rusk Co. Emergency Government Committee will meet July 11th.

Mr. Hraban also noted that if semis use W. 4th St. and Pederson Ave. to get to the fertilizer plant they will destroy the new pavement on the latter. He went on to suggest that the turn arrow on the nearby section of U.S. 8 should be moved back to the west.

Mr. Pohlman suggested that the previously approved one-way street signs be erected soon on the involved sections of E. 6th St. and Miner Ave. so that motorists can get accustomed to them before school starts.

Mr. Hraban stated that the most needed facility in our community is a birthing center.

District Four, Mr. J. Fields:

Mr. Fields reported that he attended the Music on Miner event July 6th and found it both well attended and enjoyable. He suggested anyone who hasn’t attended one of these do so. It was noted that the next event is slated for August 1st.

Mr. Fields also indicated he had spoken to a CenturyTel rep who reported that parking near the past weekend’s farmer’s market was arranged such that it didn’t interfere with that operations at that business.

Mr. Morgan reported that some vendors don’t like the current market location due to heat coming off the pavement.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

It was suggested that a rep from the Police and Fire Commission should be invited to participate at any Legal Affairs meeting where an ordinance might be considered which authorizes charging for certain services performed by the Fire Department.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

It was noted that a reason to keep Corbett Lake’s level down is to facilitate culvert replacement. Mr. Hraban made a motion which was seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote to keep Corbett Lake’s level down for the time being.

Mr. A. Hraban made a motion and M. Hraban seconded to accept John S. Olynick’s bid of \$2,800 to construct a gravel alley in the 500 block of Fritz Ave. W. as a cost to the

2018 street construction budget. Roll call vote: Platteter-absent; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. A. Hraban made a motion and M. Hraban seconded to pay the following invoices from Glen Hetchler as a cost to the 2018 bridges and culverts budget:

-In the amount of \$500 for a third coat of paint on light posts and installation of an electrical cover.

-Completion of Brooklyn Bridge painting in the amount of \$2,500.

Mr. Morgan asked if this work is done to which Adm. Christianson responded yes.

Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-absent; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. A. Hraban made a motion, which was seconded by M. Hraban to approve City payment for relocation of curb stop on E. 5th St. S. from the curb pan to the adjacent boulevard as a cost to the water utility. Roll call vote: Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-absent; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

Mrs. Pearson noted that talk of moving the skate park is just discussion. It was noted that leaving it where it also remains an option. It was also mentioned that, to their credit, current users have been doing fund raisers in conjunction with Music on Miner events. They hope to apply these earnings to purchase additional pieces. She added that a portable toilet has been set by the current skate park.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, K. Julien:

Chief Julien had nothing to report.

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

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded Morgan and carried by voice vote to authorize conversion of "yield" signs at E. 6th and Sabin to "stop" signs.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to authorize purchase and installation of two blinker equipped "pedestrian crossing" signs near the intersection of W. 7th and Miner as a cost to the 2018 signs budget. The estimated cost is \$1,300 each. Roll call vote: Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-absent; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes. Motion carried.

Atty. Kenyon advocated that, to create a more pedestrian friendly community, that consideration also be given to extending sidewalk along the north side of Miner from W. 7th to W. 9th St. and, once that is completed, to investigate routes to extend it north to Gordy's.

Motion was made by Pearson and seconded by M. Hraban to authorize purchase and installation of "slow-children at play" signs near Pederson Avenue's intersections with W. 6th St. and W. 9th St. as a cost to the 2018 signs budget. Roll call vote: A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-absent; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes;

Motion carried. A request was noted for similar signs for another area. A couple temporary signs on display in the Council Chamber will be used for the latter area.

Motion was made by Pearson, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve seeking bids for the attached list of street sections to be crack filled. This will be cost to the 2018 street construction budget line. The cost is estimated at \$10-13,000.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to hire PUSH, Inc. to bore a 2"/1" water service to the office building located north of JREC along Hwy. 27 N. at a cost of \$6,102.50. This cost will initially be paid by the water utility, but will then be invoiced in full to the customer. Mr. Morgan stated he would like to look at options. Roll call vote: Morgan-no; M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-absent. Motion carried.

The Asst. DPW reported that saw cutting around manholes and valves was done today on Phillips Ave. to prep it for the second coat of asphalt. Mr. Fields observed that the signage in use in conjunction with that work was "not great".

Asst. DPW Parker responded to a question by indicating the trucks that were working on Miner Ave. near the fire hall were televising the sanitary sewer.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson stated that Ed Tomasovich told him that the past Saturday was the best day he has had at the plow museum.

At Adm. Christianson's request, motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Stoneberg to use The Mining Fund (#290) to pay off the following CDBG mortgages to clear titles at the identified industrial locations.

-\$5,683 at 901 Barnett Rd.

-\$450 at 511 Fritz Ave. W.

Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-absent; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Atty. Kenyon reported that about one year ago he called to NWRPC's attention that taxes were past due on a property assisted through the CDBG housing revolving loan fund. He received a response from NWRPC indicating the family was working to take care of this and related matters. Now, a year later, the taxes remain unpaid.

Mayor's Forum, Mr. Christianson:

The Mayor reported that the newly created Youth Commission met informally earlier in the day with five of ten applicants present. Another meeting will be held with the others. Atty. Kenyon briefed those present on Robert's Rules of Order. Clerk Kavanagh reviewed services the City provides. The Mayor also commented on the status of the Rusk County Youth Council.

Mayor Christianson referenced the skate park noting that some of those who used it in years past have gone on to become notable people in the community. He cited the high school tech ed teacher who is now guiding the current park users. Mr. Fields stated that he, too, has witnessed this as well as skate park users out fund raising.

The Mayor reported that the Ladysmith Black Mambazo appearance, toward which the City made a contribution, is going to happen.

Licenses and Permits:

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Pearson and carried by voice vote to approve the temporary operator licenses listed on the attached page, contingent upon LPD approval.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the regular tavern operator licenses listed on the attached page, contingent upon LPD approval.

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the Application for Temporary Class "B" Beer License to Exhausted Roosters listed on the attached page, contingent upon LPD approval. It was noted that Mardi Gras beer garden hours will be the same as last year.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve a Street Use Permit for Jeffrey Busse on August 2, as specified on the attached page, and contingent upon LPD approval.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve a Street Use for Mardi Gras Parade Permit for the Ladysmith Jaycees for Sunday, July 22nd, as specified on the attached page, and contingent upon LPD approval. The "kiddie parade" is expected to start at 12:30 and regular parade at 1 p.m.

Adjourn:

Upon motion by A. Hraban, which was seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Recorded by: _____
Alan Christianson
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

Publication:
Date submitted: _____
Date published: _____