



City of Ladysmith

Police & Fire Commission **Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2015** **5:00PM at the Ladysmith Fire Hall**

Present: Commission Members: Cora Schultz, Rick Nash, Rick Nelson, Mike Closs, , LFD Chief Dave Tuma, LFD Assistant Chief Kyle Gibbs, LPD Chief Allen Lobermeier, LPD Lieutenant Kevin Julien, City Council Member Mike Hraban.

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:02P.M. by Chairman Cora Schultz.
2. Motion to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2015 meeting was made by R. Nelson; seconded by M. Closs. Motion carried.
3. Motion to approve the evening's agenda made by R. Nelson; seconded by R. Nash. Motion carried.
4. Motion to approve the monthly invoices was made by R Nelson; seconded by M. Closs. Motion carried.
5. Mike Hraban made an appearance to voice his opinion and his objection to the raised median on Lake Ave. proposed by the DOT. Mike made many good points and everyone agreed there were only negatives concerning the project. Mike also related his concerns with the deterioration on the railroad tracks he personally found in the downtown area. He spoke with the railroad cop who addressed the issue. A motion was made to move to item 7. On the agenda to vote on the resolution #2015 Objecting to Plans to use raised medians at the Lake Ave. rail crossing. Motion made by R. Nelson, 2nd M. Closs, motion carried. A motion was made by M. Closs, 2nd R. Nash to go on record as opposing the plans for raised medians. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

6. *Chief's Report:*
Chief Tuma reported we are at 118 calls for the year. Chief Tuma reported the fire dept. has a house burn scheduled for a house on Hwy 8. The Bruce and Hawkins departments will participate. The Chief reported that is it time to update our pagers and will budget for 30 new pagers. Chairman Schultz suggested the Chief budget for a truck even if the council throws it out. The commission agreed it is time the council considers budgeting for items just like any household or business needs to budget for items.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

7. Addressed earlier. See item #5.
8. The Chief reported Officer Schmidt is doing well and is gaining much valuable experience.
9. Chiefs report:
 - Chief Lobermeier reported our overtime continues to be high due to our short staffing.
 - The "National Night Out" went well.
 - We will be updating our uniform standards policy to allow well kept beards from Sept. 1 to April 1.
 - Two officers will be attending a leadership training on-line.
 - We discussed vehicle budgeting.
 - A table top exercise for emergency government responders will be held Sat. Sept. 11th at 9am
- 10-12. No need to go into closed session.
13. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 16th at 5:30 P.M.
14. Motion to adjourn made by R. Nelson; seconded M. Closs. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.