

AUGUST 20, 2018, FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

3 p.m. Council Chamber. Members present: M. Hraban, M. Platteter, B. Stoneberg. Others present: A. Christianson 1 and 2, K. Gorsegrner, R. Grey, C. Hanson, K. Julien, S. Kavanagh, A. Kenyon, J. and L. Opsal, D. Parker, T. Verdegan.

Call to Order:

Committee Chair Platteter called the meeting to order and presided.

Appearance:

Lighthouse homeless shelter reps Connie Hanson, Judy and Leroy Opsal appeared to explain that entity's role, why costs are exceeding revenues, and to ask if the City will consider a donation to help cover the shortfall. Among comments made, information provided, or questions answered were the following:

-Rusk County currently provides "zero" financial support, but these reps will be meeting with the County in September to seek assistance.

-Federal assistance is about \$18,000 annually.

-Salvation Army has written grant requests to provide two new shelters in the region, which may attract some financial support away from the men's and women's shelters here.

-The shelter takes people from Embrace if the latter is full. The maximum stay at both the shelters and also at Embrace is 90 days.

-Mrs. Opsal, who ran Ladysmith Housing Authority for 20+ years, stated it always had a waiting list.

-Section 8 vouchers were discontinued over two years ago.

The attached informational booklet was also provided. This discussion concluded at 6:13 p.m.

2019 Budget:

Doug Parker

Mr. Parker reviewed proposed budgets for the cemetery, parks, engineering, celebrations and entertainment, and solid waste.

Kevin Julien

Mr. Julien reviewed the proposed budget for the police department.

Shari Kavanagh

Mrs. Kavanagh reviewed the proposed budget for elections and municipal court.

Adjourn:

The meeting concluded shortly before the start of an All Committees meeting at 5:15.