

**COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH**  
August 22, 2016 6:30 p.m. Council Chamber

**Roll Call.** Members present: A. Hraban, M. Hraban, R. Moore, B. Morgan, J. Pearson, M. Platteter, M. Reynolds, B. Stoneberg.

Others present: A. Christianson, Z. Gotham, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, B. Kusmirek, A. Lobermeier, D. Parker, P. Smuda.

**Call to Order:**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mr. Platteter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:**

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2016 Council meeting. It was later noted that a reference under the Public Works Report needed to be changed from Mr. Brown to Mr. Moore.

**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:**

None.

**Resolutions and Ordinances:**

None.

**District and Committee Reports:**

**District One, Mr. Platteter:**

As Chair, Mr. Platteter set a Youth and Recreation Committee meeting for Tuesday, August 30, at 5:30 p.m. The skate park will be the focus of this meeting.

**District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:**

Mr. Morgan reported that he attended two Animal Control Board meetings the previous week. He also advised that rail display workers plan to get the flat car in Pioneer Park painted soon and within their budget allocation. He asked when Old Smoky will be lettered. He then passed around a sketch of a protective roof he advocates be built over the caboose and boxcar display. And that he is still looking for someone to install the motor and transmission in the motorcar.

**District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:**

Mr. Hraban advised that, once Mr. Naczas has estimates in hand for seven repairs needed at the library, the Joint Management Committee will meet there. He went on to say that folks need to be patient as there is a process to be followed.

**District Four, Mr. R. Moore:**

Mr. Moore reported that the Finance Committee met earlier today in regard to development of the 2017 general operations budget and that it will meet again next week.

Mr. M. Hraban stated that the Finance Committee would like to meet at the fire hall to look first hand at the trucks. The Chief's budget request includes a request for \$200,000 to replace unit 234, a rural tanker acquired in 1991 [by gift from Flambeau Mining]. It was noted that fire apparatus trucks need to be certified annually.

**District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:**

Mrs. Stoneberg advised that the Legal Affairs Committee will plan to meet at 5 p.m. on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

**District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:**

Mr. Hraban called attention to minutes of the August 16, Public Works meeting.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to approve seeking bids for the E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. N. project. The cost is estimated at \$90,000. It is hoped that this project can be started about September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Motion was made by Stoneberg and seconded by M. Hraban to approve seeking bids for the Shady Lane project. Motion was then made by Morgan, seconded by Moore and carried by voice vote to table action on this pending further review by the Public Works Committee. He went on to say that proposed drainage work isn't necessary.

Designer Zech Gotham reviewed details of the proposed Phillips Ave. project, including water system upgrades and replacement of clay tile sanitary sewer with plastic pipe, both of which he recommends be done. Mr. Morgan stated that we can't afford to replace tile sewer on every project.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Moore to approve Morgan and Parmley's Proposal to provide additional design services relating to the Phillips Ave. project, planned for 2017, at a combined cost of up to \$12,535. Roll call vote Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote to authorize sale of two fixed blade snowplows with the intent of applying sale proceeds toward purchase of a new trip blade plow, the latter which is more user friendly as it reduces the whiplash that can occur if a fixed blade plow hits a manhole, valve, railroad

track or other immovable object. These are the City's last two fixed blade plows such that it will only use trip blades after one is purchased.

Motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by Morgan to approve payment of a Morgan & Parmley invoice, in the amount of \$1,100, for design work on the Shady Lane project. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by M. Hraban to approve payment of a Morgan & Parmley invoice, in the amount of \$8,497.50, for engineering on the Corbett Ave. W. project. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

**District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:**

Mrs. Pearson highlighted minutes of the August 17, Park Board meeting:

- A letter was reviewed wherein a volunteer who tends some flower beds noted some items in need of attention at Memorial Park.
- A neighbor's comments about both a proposed amphitheater and adding speed bumps in Memorial Park were reviewed.
- It was noted that, although specific reasons weren't stated, the Jaycees would prefer an amphitheater be located nearer the bingo pavilion.
- Action was taken to allow Arts on the Flambeau to set up displays in Memorial Park in June, 2017.
- Asst. DPW Parker led a review of the proposed 2017 parks budget.
- Dennis Wiemer is donating two signs for the John Terrill Trail through Greenwood Park.
- New sign designs for both Falge and Memorial Parks were reviewed. The triangular shapes will be retained, but the backgrounds will be changed from brown to blue. Mrs. Pearson will bring sketches in for the Council to see.

Mrs. Pearson called attention to minutes of the Aug. 15, Community Development Committee meeting. Rather than reviewing these minutes, Adm. Christianson stated that a follow up meeting needs to be held to further expand on items considered.

Mrs. Pearson made a motion and A. Hraban seconded to hire Morgan & Parmley to prepare conceptual plans for locating an amphitheater near the basketball courts in Memorial Park. It was noted this could be paid from TIFD #8 as a professional services cost. Roll call vote: Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

**Police and Fire Dept. Reports, A. Lobermeier:**

Chief Lobermeier stated that a new officer, Packer Makinia, will start on August 29th.

**Public Works Dept. Report, Mr. K. Gorseger:**

Asst. DPW Parker reported the following:

- Only two seasonal workers are still available although there is much work to do.
- Some pavement patches will be done on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

-Chip sealing should be done in the next two weeks.

Mr. Parker also reviewed bids received for a number of pieces of obsolete public works equipment. These bids, which totaled \$11,159, are attached. Motion was made by Stoneberg, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to accept these bids. It was clarified that buyers are responsible to pick up these items. It was noted, in response to Mrs. Pearson's question, that auction proceeds will go into the general fund balance.

It was clarified, in response to a question, that the pedestrian island at the south end of the Brooklyn Memorial Bridge will be replaced with a mountable island with removable signs to facilitate occasional passage by specially permitted oversized trucks.

**Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:**

Adm. Christianson reminded those present that they are invited to the RCMH main entrance at 3 p.m. on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at which time a sculpture will be unveiled.

He also advised that the WHEDA CFO and WEDC CEO will conduct a joint listening session in the Council Chamber from 9-11 on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, as part of the Governor's Northern Tour.

**Get Acquainted:**

Sgt. Brian Kusmirek and Officer Paul Smuda dropped in to meet briefly with the Council.

**Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:**

Atty. Kenyon had nothing to report.

**Licenses and Permits:**

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by Moore and carried by voice vote to approve a tavern operator's license for Brody Closs, for Krist Oil, contingent on LPD approval, and William J. Clark as new agent for Wal-Mart.

Motion was made by Stoneberg, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve a street use permit for Ladysmith Main Street, for Leaf it to Rusk downtown events to be held Saturday, September 24, from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. This includes closure of Miner Ave. from E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. to W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. (100 Miner Ave. E. to 200 Miner Ave. W.) Although a Certificate of Liability Insurance needs to be dropped off, a Petition with abutting owners' consent has been completed.

**Closed Session:**

At 7:54 p.m. motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by M. Hraban to go into closed session under authority cited in the Meeting Notice. Roll call vote: Stoneberg-yes; Al Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes. Motion carried.

Within the course of the Closed Session motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by M. Hraban to enter into a Lease Termination Agreement with Weather Shield Mfg., Inc.

relating to City-owned property at 1506 Barnett Rd. Roll call vote: A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-absent; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned from closed session shortly after 8 p.m.

**Recorded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

Alan Christianson  
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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