

**COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH**  
August 24, 2015 6:30 p.m. Council Chamber

**Call to Order:**

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

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

Others present: T. Carter, C. Christian, A. Christianson 1, A. Christianson 2, K. Gorsegner, A. Lobermeier, B. Grunseth, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, G. Lazar, M. Meyer, J. Platteter, E. Tomasovich.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mr. Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:**

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve minutes of the August 10, 2015 Council meeting.

**Agenda:**

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Brown and carried by voice vote to approve the evening's agenda.

**Hearings and Appearances:**

Mr. Platteter briefly reviewed the Youth and Recreation Committee's recommendations regarding changes to the City's ATV/UTV user rules. A map was also provided illustrating both currently approved routes and additional routes being proposed. It was noted there will be a public hearing on this subject at the Aug. 31, All Committees meeting.

Terry Carter, Bob Grunseth and Greg Lazar, representing local ATV clubs, appeared to comment on the proposed rule changes. In discussion that followed, the following were among points made for and against:

- \*If you support these changes, you are working at odds with tourism promotion.
- \*The intent of looking into changes was to add a few routes.
- \*The current proposal represents a step backwards.
- \*These rules go beyond what State and County governments require.
- \*Under these rules, people may have to trailer ATVs through the City.
- \*The proposed rules don't make Ladysmith ATV user friendly.
- \*There have not been many ATV related complaints to date.
- \*Ladysmith is not going to be inundated with ATV traffic.
- \*More people are now paying attention to ATV user behavior.
- \*As with boats and snowmobiles, 12-15 year olds must be accompanied by an adult.
- \*The City's ordinance requires operators be 16 and hold a driver's license.
- \*Manufacturers advise against passengers on ATVs unless the vehicle is equipped with

extra seats.

\*Rules just need to be enforced.

\*LPD has enough to do w/o having to do more ATV enforcement.

\*The proposed rules tell people they are not welcome.

\*The proposed rules are pro safety rather than anti tourism.

Mayor Reynolds thanked those who appeared and invited them back for the August 31, public hearing. He did ask that they avoid repetitive comments at that time.

This discussion ended shortly before 7 p.m.

### **Resolutions and Ordinances:**

None.

### **District and Committee Reports:**

#### **District One, Mr. Platteter:**

Mr. Platteter called attention to the Park Board minutes, noting that the sand plant at Weyerhaeuser will donate sand for the Memorial Park beach provided, however, that the City arranges for transporting it.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Morgan to award a contract to S D Ellenbecker of Athens, WI to build the plow museum at a cost of \$280,000 [as a cost to The Mining Fund]. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-abstain; Pearson-no. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Brown and seconded by M. Hraban to approve Change Order No. 1 with S D Ellenbecker on the plow museum project, in the amount of (-)\$5,750, which includes the following:

\*Constructing floor to accept in-floor heat tubing.

\*Using cantilevered trusses to eliminate the planned support post and footing system.

\*Frame in restroom and mechanical room walls so display room walls don't have to be altered later to add these. It was clarified that the mechanical room should be against the east exterior wall with both restrooms west of it.

Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-abstain; Pearson-no; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Morgan and seconded by M. Hraban to award a contract for furnishing and installing in floor heat tubes in the plow museum floor to the firm with the lower cost proposal, in the amount of \$4,000. A second proposal was for \$5,500. Both firms submitting proposals were described as reputable local contractors. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-abstain; Pearson-no; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

Concern was expressed about how the plow museum will be marketed. Mr. Tomasovich responded that he has given this considerable thought and has ideas in this regard.

Contractor rep Craig Christian responded to a question by indicating that his firm will start in a couple weeks and, indeed, get the project done this fall.

Rusk County Museum Curator Janet Platteter explained that a new and more up to date security system is being installed at the Rusk County museum at this time, which is set up to be extended to both the plow museum and the "20s House". Mrs. Meyer added that this \$4,000 update is a strong indication of the Historical Society's support of these projects.

Mrs. Platteter also described development of the "20s House", a lesser known companion effort to the plow museum. It was originally envisioned as a display that might appeal to women whose male companions are visiting the plow museum. Moving household items that were already at the museum into this vintage home setting has put them in the context of their original uses. A secondary benefit is that doing so has created additional space within the military area and others to display items appropriate to those areas that had previously been in storage.

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

Mr. Morgan reported he is awaiting a second quote to convert rail display locomotive lighting to LED.

Mrs. Pearson reported being questioned how what was intended to be a detention basin along W. 5<sup>th</sup> St. S. became a cemetery reclamation project without any apparent approval. It was noted that it started with a tube launch followed by a detention basin to facilitate draining Corbett Lake, but that concern about getting into the cemetery apparently caused the crew on-site to minimize the basin. One thing led to another. It was also stated that the City would be remiss to turn down volunteer efforts. It was questioned whether the City can afford to maintain another park.

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

Mr. Hraban reported that, at its recent meeting, the Police and Fire Commission approved a resolution objecting to planned installation of a raised median at the Lake Ave. rail crossing. He went on to say that he will take a similar resolution to the Rusk County Emergency Government Committee next, and then to the Rusk County Board.

Mr. M. Hraban made a motion, which was seconded A. Hraban by to pay \$35 for a replacement Victory Tree. Roll call vote: Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

**District Four, Mr. K. Brown:**

Mr. Brown called attention to minutes of the August 17, All Committees meeting. He also reported that Rusk County Tourism met earlier in the day. And that the Animal Control Board will meet August 25<sup>th</sup>. He then cited some statistics from the Wisconsin Tourism Economic Fact Sheet which cite tourism's significant impact in both Rusk County and the entire State of Wisconsin.

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

Mrs. Stoneberg had nothing to report.

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

Mr. A. Hraban made a motion and Morgan seconded to approve Superior Sealers' low bid of \$25,500 for crack sealing. Roll call vote: Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. A. Hraban made a motion, which was seconded by M. Hraban to approve Scott Construction's low bid of \$96,325 to perform chip sealing using trap rock. Roll call vote: A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes. Motion carried.

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

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

Chief Lobermeier reported that the new full time officer will be on his own starting September 6th. He added that the new part time officer started today.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to approve Ladysmith Main Street's request to close the 300 W. block of Miner Ave. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the Leaf it to Rusk tractor show and also, on behalf of 211 Club, to close the public sidewalk in front of both 211 and 213 Miner Ave. W. and the City-owned lot west of 213 for a cookout between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. that same day; also in concert with Leaf it to Rusk. The cookout will actually be put on by 211 Club, as applicant. Approval of the motion is contingent upon the necessary street use permit being completed and filed with the Clerk.

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the 211 Club's application for a beer garden license at the aforementioned location to include serving beer along with grilled hamburgers and brats.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve LFD's request to close Miner Ave. between W. 5<sup>th</sup> and W. 6<sup>th</sup> Streets from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> to accommodate a safety fair put on by LFD, LPD and EMS. The closing will accommodate a helicopter landing. Approval of the motion is contingent upon the necessary street use permit being completed and filed with the Clerk.

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

The DPW provided an update on the City's request for a permit to install a new dam structure on the south side of Corbett Lake.

DPW Gorsegner reported that the new packer truck had to be briefly sent back to the manufacturer to raise the rear lift bar as it was a few inches too low to align properly with

City dumpsters. He also noted, in response to questions, that the new pickup is on order and that sizing is completed on the three dump box inserts, which are all going to be sized the same.

Mr. Gorsegner asked the Council's wishes regarding building permit fees, which were waived for one year, which period has now passed. It was noted that an ISO representative who works in 17 states advised they had never heard of such a waiver. It was also noted that, since the fees are established by ordinance, they should be modified by ordinance. Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to extend the waiver for one more year. Roll call vote: Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

A safe water sample is still being awaited on the W. 8<sup>th</sup> and Roesler rebuild project.

Mrs. Stoneberg inquired as to plans to replace the 25 year old hillside mower used at the WWTF. Several options are being considered, including a similar type unit and a tractor mounted ditch bank mower. The bank may be too steep to run regular riding mowers on.

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

Motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by M. Hraban to approve Payment No. 5 to MSA, in the amount of \$2,500, for administrative work on the grant portion of the W. 8<sup>th</sup> and Roesler project. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

Adm. Christianson requested approval to enter into an agreement with Camp Flambeau to mow the open field along W. 5<sup>th</sup> St. S. at a rate of about \$5/day. Mrs. Stoneberg asked if the sole person of using the Camp is to save money, which was answered "yes". Motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by M. Hraban to approve. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-no; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

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

Atty. Kenyon had nothing to report.

**Mayor's Forum, Mr. M. Reynolds:**

Mayor Reynolds noted receiving a request for a donation from Flambeau Valley Arts Association. It was noted that a donation has been made to that organization for years.

**Licenses and Permits:**

Motion was made by Brown and seconded by A. Hraban to grant tavern operator's licenses to the following, contingent upon LPD approval:

\*To Donna Lehr, Michelle Makinia, Cheyenne Makinia, and Chelcy Nelson for Ladysmith Motel and Suites.

**Closed Session:**

Motion was made by Brown and seconded by A. Hraban to go into closed session at about 8:15 p.m. pursuant to the authority cited in the meeting notice. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned 8:53 p.m.

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

Alan Christianson  
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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