

**COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH**  
August 28, 2017 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. Absent: none.

Others present: R. Carlson, A. Christianson, K. Gorsegner, A. Lobermeier, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, J. Pohlman.

**Call to Order:**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mr. Kenyon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:**

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by Moore and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2017 Council meeting.

**Agenda:**

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

**Hearings and Appearances:**

Ray Carlson appeared to highlight a worksheet he prepared showing need for an additional \$1,000 to facilitate covering the siding on the boxcar displayed by the visitor center, which was unexpectedly found to be rotting badly. In addition to the new dollars, volunteers will delay other work planned for 2017 so that monies set aside to complete those can be reallocated to the re-siding.

Mayor Reynolds invited comments on a proposed ordinance to allow use of plastic water service lines attached to metal mains when the bury depth is at least 8 feet. There were no appearances.

Mayor Reynolds then invited comments on proposed changes to camp fire rules, which would make it a requirement that anyone having a camp fire first get an annual permit.

John Pohlman appeared to state his support for the following changes:

- Allowing camp fires until midnight.
- Exempting certain types of burning when the ground is snow covered, but requiring permits otherwise.

There was discussion of burning yard waste; leaves in particular. LPD prefers that this practice simply not be allowed as it would be difficult to enforce such rules. These materials may burn fine when dry, but just smolder and create troublesome smoke when wet or green. When are they dry enough and when are they not could be a tough call

much of the time. Such smoldering fires already generate calls, which take time away from more significant work.

Mr. Pohlman noted that, due to weather and other reasons, leaf pickup has been somewhat erratic in recent years. Sometimes pickup is done before all the leaves are off. Sometimes it snow on bags before they are picked up. Pickup is usually the third week of October. It was acknowledged that pickup is both difficult to plan and alter.

Mayor Reynolds reported that, at a meeting held earlier in the day, WisDOT reps presented an option for the Lake Avenue crossing, which is "headed in the direction we wanted to go: a drive over, or paint" for a median. These reps plan to further refine that and provide a new sketch; hopefully by the middle of next week.

**Resolutions and Ordinances:**

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to adopt Ordinance #2017-02 to enable use of plastic water laterals with metal mains if the buried depth will be 8' or more. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

**District and Committee Reports:**

**District One, Mr. Platteter:**

Mr. Platteter had nothing to report.

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

Mr. Morgan advised that he plans to invite a fellow in to speak to the Public Works Committee about seal coating techniques. His firm uses Dresser trap rock [which CN has used for decades for railroad ballast].

Mr. Morgan also reported that work on the animal shelter is progressing.

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

Mr. Hraban talked about the need to continue to develop and retain volunteers as there is such a volume of work to get done. Atty. Kenyon cited the need to have one point of contact where those interested can not only find about community activities they can become involved in, but learn about volunteer opportunities. Mrs. Stoneberg volunteered to put together a three ring binder of such information. The Ladysmith Outdoor Recreation Plan was described as a good place to obtain initial information. Adm. Christianson stated that he could add to that.

Mr. Hraban made a motion, which was seconded by Moore to allow Shane Bishop use of the fields north of the cemetery for five years in return for investing in fertilizer and other upgrades to them. DPW Gorsegner advised that this area of the cemetery isn't expected to be needed in the next five years. Mr. Morgan also characterized it as a thank you to Mr. Bishop's father, who has mowed the rail display area without charge for a number of years. The motion was then carried by voice vote.

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

Mr. Moore referenced Finance meetings held August 15th and 24th.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to approve monthly invoices. 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 Stoneberg and seconded by A. Hraban to accept SecurityHealth's quote to increase City worker health insurance premiums by only 2.8%

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

Mrs. Stoneberg noted items that need to be considered by the Legal Affairs Committee.

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

Mr. A. Hraban made a motion, which was seconded by M. Hraban to award the contract for reconstruction of W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. between Lake and Pederson Avenues to McCabe Const. of Eau Claire in the amount of \$120,071.75. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Hraban advised that the Public Works Comm. meeting planned for Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> will be advanced one hour to start at 4:15 p.m.

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

Mrs. Pearson reported on the August 21, Community Development Committee meeting. She also reported receiving calls in opposition to assisting with costs of a new farmer's market. Reasons given were not many vendors are City residents; would we give an established business \$52,000?; when we offered previously to assist a move vendors were opposed to it; and, tents on main street should be tried to see how that works.

She also commented on the deteriorating condition of City-owned ball fields. While player's parents and coaches have done a lot to keep these fields up and playable during the season, they don't have the equipment or skills to do projects like repairing or replacing outfield fences, which are sagging, and are big ticket items.

Mr. Pohlman suggested that more be done with the City's website to promote area attractions. Atty. Kenyon recalled the need mentioned earlier in the year to establish a single point of contact for information on activities and efforts where volunteer help is needed. Mrs. Stoneberg volunteered to develop a three ring binder with this information.

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

Chief Lobermeier reported that LPD has recently been focused on efforts to deal with abandoned vehicles and accumulations of trash and other unsightly items.

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

The DPW reported that High School Drive was paved earlier in the day and that plans are to pave Phillips Ave. from 1<sup>st</sup> St. to E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. next week, weather permitting.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to approve the following engineering services invoices from Morgan and Parmley:

-1<sup>st</sup> St. and Phillips Ave.-\$9,447.50

-Shady Lane-\$427.50

-E.6<sup>th</sup> St. N.-\$322.50

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

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

Mr. M. Hraban suggested waiting to set a hearing on the School District's request to install two one way streets adjacent to the former Middle School, between Miner and Worden Avenues, until after the school census is taken in mid-September.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to approve payment of MSA invoices in the amounts of \$9,450 and \$1,050; both for work on the SDWLP application relating to the W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N. project and the 2016 CDBG project. Roll call vote: Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes. Motion carried.

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

Atty. Kenyon called attention to a monitoring letter relating to the City's CDBG housing program, indicating he is bemused that letter seems to indicate all is well even though tens of thousands of dollars have been lost in recent years owing to what seems to be sketchy oversight by a contractor administering that program. This despite a letter he sent to the granting agency pointing out shortcomings.

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

Mayor Reynolds, who traveled to Carbondale, IL to view the recent total eclipse of the sun commented how spectacular that was and worth the trip.

**Licenses and Permits:**

Motions were made as follows to approve the various licenses and related matters in the order listed on the sheet attached hereto as Appendix A:

Temporary Class "B" License and "Class B" Wine License.

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by R. Moore and carried by voice vote to approve Music on Miner at the Worden Ave. Exchange, sponsored by Main Street.

Change of Agent/ Krist Oil Co.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve Jessica Thorpe as new agent pending LPD approval.

New Liquor License Application for DJ's American Pizza and Pub, LLC

Atty. Kenyon advised that the City's review team consisting of the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Building Inspector still have nine issues that need attention before they will be okay with approval of a permanent beer garden at 200 Worden Ave. E.. Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Moore and carried by voice vote to approve contingent upon successful closing of the transaction with revised description of "Bar area and storage area" with the beer garden/outdoor patio deleted for now.

Beer Garden Permit

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the Friday, September 1st, Music on Miner sponsored by Ladysmith Main Street, to be held on the street in front of DJ's American.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve a temporary beer garden on DJ's American outdoor lot on Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> contingent upon LPD approval.

Action to approve refund of pro-rated liquor license fee upon Surrender of American Bar's Liquor License.

Motion was made by Pearson, seconded by Moore and carried by voice vote to approve refunding of \$375 of the American Bar's pro-rated liquor license fee to Patti Sanderson, upon sale of the American Bar to DJ's American Pub and Pizza.

Operator's License for Jessica Olsen for DJ's American Pizza and Pub

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Moore and carried by voice vote to approve a tavern operator's license for Jessica Olsen for DJ's American contingent upon LPD approval.

**Closed Session:**

Motion was made and seconded to go into closed session under authority cited in the meeting notice. Roll call vote: A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned from closed session at 8 p.m. with no action having been taken therein

**Recorded by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Alan Christianson  
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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