

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH
August 9, 2016 6:30 p.m. Council Chamber

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

Others present: R. Carlson, A. Christianson, K. Gorsegner, Lt. K. Julien, A. Kenyon, J. Pohlman.

Call to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mrs. Pearson 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 July 25, 2016 Council meeting.

Agenda:

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

Hearings and Appearances:

It was noted that the Rusk Arts Alliance has submitted a request to hold Arts on the Flambeau in Memorial Park on Friday, June 23, and Saturday June 24, 2017. This was referred to the Park Board.

Ray Carlson appeared to ask two questions:

- Black paint he needs to paint trucks (wheels) on some of the rail cars is missing. A portion was used to paint lamp posts in Memorial Park. The remainder will be returned to the rail display.
- He was confused by the meaning of a reference to volunteers in the July 25, Council minutes. Mr. M. Hraban explained that his intent was to both compliment current volunteers, and to call attention to the need to begin seeking folks to fill those roles when they are no longer available.

Zech Gotham from Morgan & Parmley appeared to review findings that, like Corbett Ave. W., the Phillips Ave. and 1st St. project has become more than a pulverize and repave job. He provided detailed descriptions of why selected water, sewer and storm sewer work should be done in conjunction with that project.

Mr. Morgan asked if bidding the E. 6th St. and Phillips Ave. projects simultaneously won't result in a more favorable bid as both involve pulverizing. Mr. Gothsm noted that E. 6th St. is ready to bid now and that it will be hard to get Phillips completed in time to bid and complete it this year. He also noted that the City may want to consider allowing

the Town of Flambeau to take the lead on the Shady Lane project, with the City paying its prorated portion upon completion as it did with Old 8 Rd.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

None.

District and Committee Reports:

District One, Mr. Platteter:

Mr. Platteter was absent.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan reported that Eric Thompson, with whom the City previously traded vintage rail equipment, has additional equipment that is of interest. He and R. Carlson are planning to travel to Chisago City, MN to view it and are hopeful that D. Parker will drive them. He went on to say that after two more years of large expenditures to extend roof structures over still uncovered rail equipment, the amount set aside should be able to be reduced to a maintenance level. Volunteers have the last car in good shape.

Mr. Morgan also advised that he may have someone interested in installing the motor and transmission in the vintage motorcar.

Mr. M. Hraban lauded a volunteer who drives down from Spooner daily and works on the rail display while he is here.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban indicated he has asked that the next JMC meeting be held at the library where members can have a first-hand look at building issues.

He also suggested a decision on razing the old ranger house be put off in view of more pressing matters, such as street work, that the Council is dealing with. Mayor Reynolds and Mrs. Stoneberg both commented on their feelings on that property.

Mr. Pohlman then commented that "there are no do-overs". Once the ranger house is gone its gone. He went on to say that, unfortunately, we destroy too much of our history, adding that the ranger house has ongoing educational value.

District Four, Mr. R. Moore:

Mr. Moore advised that the first 2017 budget meeting will be held "tomorrow".

Mr. M. Hraban made a motion which was seconded by A. Hraban to approve payment of the monthly invoices.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg advised that, while a Legal Affairs Committee meeting hasn't been slated, Mr. Platteter's pending return will allow that to happen.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban called attention to minutes of the July 28, Public Works Committee meeting. It was then agreed that Committee will meet again at 2 p.m. on Aug. 15th.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

Mrs. Pearson indicated a Community Development Committee meeting may also be held later on August 15th.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, A. Lobermeier:

Lt. Julien advised that the Police and Fire Commission will meet at 5 p.m. on Aug. 17th.

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

The DPW reported that, during the previous week, millings from Hwy. 8 were laid out on the north end of W. 13th St., south of Baker Ave. He explained that this material was very "jello like" and difficult to grade out as it tended to just roll ahead of the blade. It didn't come out perfect, but pleased nearby residents as it will reduce fugitive dust.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Pearson to approve payment of \$52,850.64 to the Town of Flambeau for the City's portion of the Old 8 Rd. resurfacing project. Roll call vote: Platteter-absent; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-.yes Motion carried.

DPW Gorsegner called attention to a request from the Village of Hawkins to enter into a public works mutual aid agreement. DNR requires municipalities to enter into such standard agreements relative to their water utilities. Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Moore and carried by voice vote to approve entering into such agreement. It wasn't clear what benefit accrues to the City.

The DPW provided an update on the Bruce to Ladysmith milling project, noting that milling is just now being completed near the four way stop. The City's street sweeper will be used along the developed portion of U.S.8 where just brushing residual material off the roadway onto adjoining property won't work.

DPW Gorsegner called attention to a request from Wisconsin Technology Networking to locate a data tower in the right of way next to Buchholz Feed. He provided an aerial map indicating this preferred location and possible alternate locations. No action was taken.

Mr. Gorsegner reported that, because the City has blocked off access from Garfield Ave. to the CN's north rail yard, CN is planning to relocate its rail materials storage yard to its former east yard, which lies between E. 2nd St. and E. 7th St. Adm. Christianson noted this could become more of an attractive nuisance than the current location as so many school children pass nearby.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson reported that the City's request for CDBG grant funds for a 2017 road work project was not approved. While \$12-13,000,000 was available in Wisconsin in each of the past two years that amount was apparently reduced to about \$8.3 million this year, in turn reducing the number of projects that could be assisted. Apparently, part of the reason for the reduction was that monies were earmarked for road and bridge repair in the recently storm damaged Ashland area. Since the application has already been put together, he recommended re-applying for the same project in the next funding cycle.

It was also reported that, in conjunction with Governor Thompson's cabinet visiting the northern counties later this month, WHEDA's Chief Operating Officer will hold a listening session in the City Council Chamber from 9-11 a.m. on Monday, August 29th. Topics of interest will include affordable housing and economic development opportunities.

Referring to a project to develop a series of Ladysmith History Note placards, Adm. Christianson advised that The Sign Shop believes it can put photos on these in lieu of the cameo of Ladysmith. Some of the photos are believed to be readily available, such as in John Terrill's centennial album, while a local source has been asked to allow use of his some of his vintage postcards of the others. [Use of the rectangular photos can eliminate the need for the costly decorative cut on top of the signs.] It was suggested that a quote also be sought from Stanton's Signs.

It was reported that Morgan & Parmley feels the next step in investigating a prospective clean fill disposal site in the industrial area is to provide a map to DNR to facilitate discussion of what the City's development plan will be. That firm has quoted \$5-800 to prepare such map. The PW Committee toured the large area at its July 28, meeting. A good distance would remain between the fill site and the river for fine particles to be filtered from runoff. [The site is currently somewhat scoop shaped.] Adding a berm of broken concrete along its north side could convert the scoop into more of a stable bowl. Motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by M. Hraban to approve. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-absent; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Atty. Kenyon indicated he would have items to discuss during the closed session.

Licenses and Permits:

Motion was made by Moore, seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote to approve tavern operator's licenses for the following, contingent upon LPD approval:

- Marilyn Potter for The American Bar.
- Jennifer R. Lindholm for Krist Oil.
- Khrystehean Pearson for Ladysmith Motel and Suites.
- Stacy Webb for Veteran/s Memorial Association.
- Russell R. Schroeder for Gordy's Market.
- Terese Love for 211 Club.

Closed Session:

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: Moore-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-absent; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned from closed session at 8:50 p.m. with no further action having been taken.

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Alan Christianson
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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