



Mr. M. Hraban countered that a quiet zone sounds good but will cost from \$150-200,000 and shift liability for any crossing accidents to the City. Mayor Reynolds asked if anyone would like to offer a secondary motion to amend the initial motion to adopt to authorize Council President Brown to sign the resolution, but no motion was offered. Mr. Morgan then asked Mayor Reynolds to reconsider his posture of refusing to sign the resolution assuming it is adopted. After agreeing that Mr. Hraban's estimated cost to implement a quiet zone is probably about right, the Mayor replied that he will sign the resolution if the Council is unanimous in approving it.

Mr. Carlson asked if action is premature given federal legislative efforts Mr. Morgan referenced. The latter then clarified that these efforts by our legislators center on pursuit of "common sense" train horn rules, which are not intended to prohibit horn blowing, but to significantly reduce it.

Roll call vote on original motion: Platteter-no; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-no; Stoneberg-absent; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. M. Hraban stated that he will seek approval of companion resolutions from the Rusk County Board, Rusk County Emergency Government Committee and Ladysmith Police and Fire Commission.

Mayor Reynolds expressed hope that, perhaps, longer gate arms or other improvements might be accepted in lieu of raised medians to still qualify the City for a quiet zone if, in fact, raised medians are not installed.

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

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

Mr. Platteter distributed a summary of Youth and Recreation Committee recommendations relating to changes in ATV/UTV rules, adding that an ordinance will be on the August 24, Council agenda for consideration. Mr. M. Hraban advised that ATV club members are considering visiting with suspected ATV rule offenders to seek better compliance on their part so that those following the rules aren't punished by stricter rules than might otherwise be necessary.

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

Mr. Morgan noted Mr. Carlson opens and closes the rail display (at 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.) daily due to limited open hours at the visitor center and asked whether consideration is being given to extending those hours. It was noted, in response, that the Tourism Committee will be glad to open the center longer. It is a matter of increasing the budget to cover additional hours. The reality has been that the budget has been reduced or not increased for years.

Mr. Morgan mentioned that consideration is being given to replacing two large lights that illuminate the rail display with LED lights for energy saving purposes.

Ray Carlson credited Doug Parker and summer office worker Danielle Lodahl with making the plaques recognizing those who contributed to rail display upgrades over the past few years.

Motion was made by Morgan and seconded by M. Hraban to approve sending a letter to the Commissioner of Railroads. The Administrator explained that a key difference between this letter and the resolution relating to the Lake Ave. rail crossing is that this letter asks the Commissioner to require the CN to use devices to override the signals and so keep the gate arms up at the crossing when its trains are working in the log yard just to the north, but not going to actually occupy the crossing. The motion to approve was carried by voice vote.

Mr. Morgan reported that the plow museum site is marked for sewer installation. Mayor Reynolds raised a concern that the plow museum designer insists that, unless the building plan is submitted for State review as a heated building, provision for heat tubes can't be allowed. He went on to say that the Council was clear they wanted to provide for the possibility of adding heat later. And that standard practice has allowed for this to the best of his knowledge. It is thought that Flater Plumbing was willing to donate either some labor or material for this. Adm. Christianson questioned the need for heat [other than for the restrooms].

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to direct Adm. Christianson to advise the designer to alter the plans to indicate in-floor heat tubes and to obtain approval for a heated building.

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

Mr. Hraban reported that, among options under consideration to deal with rising ambulance service costs is privatization of the service. One factor contributing to higher costs is a new requirement to have a nurse on board.

Mr. Hraban advised that the Joint Management Committee will meet at 5 p.m. on August 11<sup>th</sup> at the Enterprise Center meeting room.

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

Mr. Brown called attention to minutes of the August 3, All Committees meeting.

Mr. Brown reported that the Animal Control Board made a conditional offer of employment to a candidate for Shelter Manager, but will not release the name until all background checks are completed and the offer accepted.

Mr. Brown stated that the Lake Ave. rail crossing was a topic of discussion at the recent Rusk County Highway Safety Committee meeting.

Mr. Brown advised that he will not be available for the August 17, All Committee meeting.

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

Mrs. Stoneberg was absent.

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

Mr. Hraban made a motion which was seconded by M. Hraban to approve a Change Order with The Pember Companies, in the amount of (-)\$715.90, reducing the contract for the Holly's Last Stand water service to \$46,905.35. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-absent; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by M. Hraban to authorize Morgan & Parmley to proceed with redesigning the intersection of W. 5<sup>th</sup> and Summit, at a cost of from \$6,400 to \$7,400. Adjoining owner input will be sought after a preliminary plan is available so they can be shown what is needed and why. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-absent; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by Brown to authorize Morgan & Parmley to proceed with a pavement design for Summit Ave. at a cost of from \$5,800 to \$6,400. Roll call vote: Brown-yes; Stoneberg-absent; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by M. Hraban to approve a payment of \$5,791.40 to SEH for construction services relating to the WWTF upgrades project. Roll call vote: A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-absent. Motion carried.

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

Mrs. Pearson had nothing to report.

**Police and Fire Dept. Reports, Lt. K. Julien:**

Lt. Julien had nothing to report.

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

The DPW reported that the W. 8<sup>th</sup> and Roesler project is progressing nicely and slightly ahead of schedule. If all goes well, underground work should be completed by the end of next week after which street work can proceed. He also reported that an ad went in today for the Worden Ave. manhole replacement project. The contractor which did a similar project last year has advised his firm is unable to do it. The contractor working at W. 8<sup>th</sup> and Roesler will be invited to offer a Proposal.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Brown to approve payment of \$2,314.50 to MSA for construction services, including punch list follow up on the E. 8<sup>th</sup> and E. 9<sup>th</sup> St. rebuild. Roll call vote: Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-absent; A. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by A. Hraban to approve a construction services payment of \$4,297.78, to MSA, for oversight of the W. 8<sup>th</sup> and Roesler project. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-absent; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Brown to approve a Proposal from Mogensen Const. to furnish and install three rooms of carpet, a range hood and base board in one room, and to paint two downstairs rooms in need at 311 Sabin Ave. W. for \$2,320. This will be a cost to TIFD #9. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-absent; 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:**

Motion was made by Brown and seconded by M. Hraban to approve payment of a Year 3 pledge to Ladysmith Main Street in the amount of \$20,000. It was clarified that each year's pledge has included a base pledge of \$10,000 plus an additional matching pledge of \$10,000 for a total of \$20,000. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Brown-yes; Stoneberg-absent; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

**Licenses and Permits:**

Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by M. Hraban and carried by voice vote to grant tavern operator licenses to LeeAnn VanErman and Elizabeth Maynard, contingent upon LPD approval.

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to grant a tavern operator license to Vicki Bender, as an independent, who already has LPD approval.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to grant a "Class A" Liquor license, with no fee, to Kwik Trip, Inc., Andrea Froelich agent. Mrs. Pearson explained that this is a beer, wine and hard cider license pursuant to a rule change included in the 2015-2017 Wisconsin State budget. The motion passed by voice vote.

**Closed Session:**

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

**Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned from closed session at 8:11 p.m. with no further action having been taken.

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