

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH

September 10, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Council Chamber

Roll Call. Members present: A. Christianson 2, J. Fields, Hraban, M. Hraban, R. Moore, B. Morgan, J. Pearson, M. Platteter, B. Stoneberg. Absent: none.

Others present: D. and G. Anderson, A. Christianson 1, T. Eby, K. Gorsegner, K. Julien, A. Kenyon, L. Klink, D. Parker, V. Trindal, J. Wood.

Call to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. M. Hraban 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 27, 2018, Council meeting.

Agenda:

Motion was made by M. Hraban seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to approve the evening's agenda. Absent any objection, action on licenses and permits was moved up so that Mr. Wood could get to another meeting.

Hearings and Appearances:

Georgi Anderson appeared along with Tammy Eby in regard to Assisted Living Week. Mayor Christianson read a Proclamation of Assisted Living Week aloud and a photo was taken of the three as he signed it.

Licenses and Permits:

Mr. Wood was given the floor. He explained that the Drop Zone, formerly known as VMA, would like to have an outdoor beer garden this year to coincide with the annual Honor the Fallen motorcycle ride to be held Saturday, September 29th. The garden would encompass the Drop Zone parking lot and extend up to the lawn mower race track. Wrist bands will be issued after IDs are checked. John Vacho will be the event contact. Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Pearson and carried by voice vote to approve.

It was then decided to take care of other license and permit requests at this same time.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Fields and carried by voice vote to grant tavern operator's licenses to the following contingent upon LPD approval:

- Betty DesJarlais for Tee A Way.
- Brooke M. Potter for Veteran's Memorial Association/Drop Zone.
- Rhonda Janes and Bethany L. Klein for Holiday Stationstore.

Motion was made by M. Hraban, seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to approve a Street Use Permit for the LHS homecoming Parade to be held Friday, Sept. 21, 2018, starting at 2:30 p.m. Line up will be at the new LES, after which the parade will proceed west down Worden Ave. to W. 2nd St., then turn east on Miner following it back to LES. Both LPD and LFD have been advised.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Motion was made by Stoneberg, seconded by A. Hraban and carried by voice vote to adopt Ordinance #2018-10 to make ATV speed 25 on the Brooklyn Memorial Bridge.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Stoneberg to adopt Resolution #2018-20 to amend the 2018 operating budget. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

District and Committee Reports:

District One, Mr. Platteter:

Mr. Platteter called attention to minutes of the August 29 and September 5, Finance Committee meetings. He also advised that the Library Board will meet September 11th.

District Two, Mr. B. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan provided an update on how a couple like sized communities deal with parks and rec, one of which handles such matters entirely through its Park Board. Adm. Christianson reported that, at the recent Finance Committee meeting, he suggested that in 2019 the City hire a summer worker who can devote time only to this. He also suggested that comparable communities that aren't doing anything different than Ladysmith are probably also seeing their populations decline while places like Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls that have taken further steps are growing because they have.

Mrs. Pearson read an email from Little League President Frank Herbes wherein he states he would like not to have to put in the considerable time he does with that organization.

Mr. Morgan questioned the status of the armory and efforts to sell it. Property Chair Hraban advised that Committee toured it recently adding that one boiler is operating and the second is getting close. Most primary water and drain lines that were broken have also been repaired. Adm. Christianson suggested some cosmetic work should also be done before efforts are renewed to market it.

District Three, Mr. M. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban called attention to minutes of the September 4, All Committees meeting. He also noted that the Tourism Committee will be meeting at Cedar Lodge and that the Rusk Emergency Government Committee will meet at 8 am. on Sept. 12. He also stated that he spent considerable time with Comptroller Verdegan getting ready for the Sept.12 Finance meeting, which will focus on 2019 budget development.

Mr. Hraban expressed concern with severe vandalism of the Beachview Pavilion, which occurred over the past weekend. It involved spray painting the inside of the kitchen area, the serving windows in which were apparently not secured properly following recent use. Others also expressed disgust, although it was noted that much worse vandalism has happened in the past. Mr. Fields suggested consideration be given to offering a reward and to adding motion detector activated lights that might scare off vandals.

Mr. Hraban reminded those present that there will be a public open house at the new elementary school from 4-8 p.m. Sept. 12th.

District Four, Mr. J. Fields:

Mr. Fields reviewed the status of some Community Development Committee items as follows:

- A proposed "Goose Your Neighbor" fundraiser for new holiday lights.
- Mrs. Stoneberg will be involved with obtaining decoys.
- Mrs. Pearson will decorate the geese and start the goosing process.
- Mr. Fields will handle media interactions.

To reduce cost of getting black military silhouettes at the rail display to contrast better with the reddish-brown background, Mr. Fields suggested having edges painted white.

At Mr. Fields' request, Adm. Christianson provided brief updates on other ongoing efforts:

- The Vet's Mural west of the P.O. is expected to be installed before Veteran's Day.
- Murals depicting three Wisconsin record fish taken in Rusk County have been quoted at \$4,995 by the same artist who did the military murals. These could be mounted on the west side of Flambeau River Outfitters, on the east side of the mural frame by the P.O. drive through, or elsewhere. This quote assumes each mural will be about 20' long. They could be made smaller and less costly. This cost will, presumably, be to TIFD #8.
- With Ted East now working only half time it is anticipated he will be able to get to a chainsaw carving for the top of the bridge.
- Adm. Christianson is gathering info about a covered bridge project.
- With recent publication of a book about local duck decoy manufacturer W.D. Evans, whose decoys are collected nationwide, his image is another that could appear on a mural of folks who became well-known beyond our community.

District Five, Mrs. B. Stoneberg:

Mrs. Stoneberg called attention to minutes of the Sept. 4, Legal Affairs Committee meeting.

District Six, Mr. A. Hraban:

Mr. Hraban had nothing to report.

District Seven, Mrs. J. Pearson:

Mrs. Pearson noted the past weekend was a busy one around the community, which was a positive.

Police and Fire Dept. Reports, K. Julien:

Chief Julien was absent.

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

Mr. M. Hraban made a motion and A. Hraban seconded to approve payment of \$1,408 to MSA for E. 8th/Center Ave./Pederson Ave. project management as a cost to the street construction fund. Roll call vote: Morgan-no; M. Hraban-yes; Fields-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 an invoice from McCabe Const., in the amount of \$178,675.74 for work completed on the E. 8th St./Center Ave./Pederson Ave. project as a cost to the street construction fund. This is not a final payment. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to approve payment of \$30,901.93 to McCabe Const. for work completed on the W. 2nd St. N. project as a cost to the street construction fund. This is not a final payment. Roll call vote: Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes Motion carried.

Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to approve payment of \$2,250 to MSA for SDWLP administration, as a cost to the street construction fund. Roll call vote: Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Pearson and seconded by Stoneberg to waive the building permit fee (est. @ \$174) for the RCHS for a geodesic dome being planned to protect a Native American wigwam display that is under construction. Roll call vote: A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes. Motion carried.

DPW Gorsegner stated that this year's construction projects are largely done except for some touch ups, adding that final invoices are likely to be up for action at the second upcoming meeting.

Administrative Report, Mr. A. Christianson:

Adm. Christianson requested approval to enter into lease of a fenced enclosure west of Rockwell for \$1,200/year. Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by Fields and carried by voice vote to approve. Adm. Christianson requested approval of a Proposal from Thompson Excavating to replace a failing culvert under one of the Rockwell driveways for \$1,750, as a cost to the Meadowbrook Center income fund. This needs to be done before winter. Motion was made by M. Hraban and seconded by A. Hraban to approve. Roll call vote: Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes; Morgan-abstain; M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Fields and seconded by Pearson to approve payment of \$430 to WisDOT from The Mining Fund for production and installation of official Flambeau Mine trail head signs along Highway 27. Roll call vote: Platteter-yes; Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes. Motion carried.

Attorney's Report, Mr. A. Kenyon:

Nothing to report.

Mayor's Forum, Mr. Christianson:

Mayor Christianson advised that the Youth Commission will plan to meet the first or second Wednesday of October. He also spoke of both Music on Miner and Music in the Park having good crowds over the weekend. He also noted that initial Gravel Grinder Bike Race drew about 90 riders. He talked to a few who spoke highly of this area's natural beauty.

Closed Session:

Motion was made by A. Hraban and seconded by Fields to go into closed session under authority cited in the Meeting Notice. Roll call vote: Morgan-yes; M. Hraban-yes; Fields-yes; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-yes. Motion carried. Within the Closed Session motion was made by Pearson and seconded by Stoneberg to approve entering into a five-year lease with North Cedar Academy for the former MSC athletic fields. Roll call vote: M. Hraban-yes; Fields-abstain; Stoneberg-yes; A. Hraban-yes; Pearson-yes; Platteter-no; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

Upon motion by A. Hraban, which was seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote the meeting was adjourned from Closed Session at about 6:40 p.m.

Recorded by: _____

Alan Christianson
Adm.-Deputy Clerk

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