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<u>Ladysmith Property Committee Minutes</u> Tuesday, September 21, 2021 – 5:00PM Ladysmith Council Chambers – 107 W 2nd St S Ladysmith, WI

Attendees: Platteter, Morgan, Reynolds, A. Christianson, K. Gorsegner, A. Kenyon

- 1. Meeting called to order by Chair Platteter at 5:00 pm.
- 2. Approval of prior meeting minutes. No Action
- 3. Discussion and possible action on recommendation on old animal shelter parcels. Discussion included history of the land, continued access to City sewer lift station and dog walk. It was noted that the Quonset hut on site has been being emptied as staff has time and could be removed upon finding a suitable developer/proposal for the property.

Motion by Platteter, 2nd by Morgan to recommend to Council to release RFP for development of residential lots at the former animal shelter site. Carried.

4. Discussion on upcoming property leases.

It was noted that the lease with Westlake Enterprises is up for renewal. A cash farm lease in the industrial park will also be up for renewal. Property committee will meet again to discuss the cash farm lease and solicitation of proposals.

Motion by Reynolds, 2nd by Platteter to recommend approval of new lease with Westlake Enterprises to Council. Carried.

5. Discussion on City owned parcels available for sale. Possible action on recommendation to council.

The City owns two residential parcels that once had dwellings on them that were razed with CDBG funds. Rules were changed a few years back on the lots, allowing them to be sold to anyone for fair market value as determined by the City Assessor or to anyone meeting the HUD definition of low to moderate income for below market rate. The lots originally were required to be resold for housing only, but can now be sold for garages or to simply add to one's yard. Last year, the Council authorized putting up signs on the lots with the number for City Hall. To date, no calls have been received.

Motion by Reynolds, 2^{nd} by Platteter to recommend authorizing Administrator to offer lots to neighbors and if unsuccessful, to engage a real estate agent to list the lots. Carried.

6. Update on Caboose/Boxcar Shelter.

Construction on the shelter is not likely to start until next spring.

- 7. Discussion and possible action on lighting or landscaping for Industrial Park sign.
 - Motion by Reynolds, 2nd by Morgan to recommend to Council that lighting be installed on Doughty Rd. industrial park sign and that the area around the sign be seeded for grass. Carried.
- 8. Adjourn.

Motion by Platteter, 2nd by Morgan to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6pm.

Submitted 9/27/2021 by A. Christianson, Administrator