

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rud called a special meeting of the Lonsdale City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 415 Central St. W.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Duban, Kodada, Rud and Furrer

Absent: Smith

Staff Present: City Administrator Joel Erickson, City Treasurer Joyce Skluzacek, Public Works Director Russ Vlasak and Police Chief Jason Schmitz

4. AGENDA

Mayor Rud asked if anyone had any additions or deletions to the agenda. A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Duban to approve the agenda. Vote for: Duban, Kodada, Rud and Furrer. Against: None Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

7. PRESENTATION OF CITIZEN PETITIONS AND COMMENTS

None

8. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

None

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. 2009 Budget

Erickson reviewed the 2009 tax levy and tax rate and its affect on several different home valuations. Mayor Rud said besides fuel and energy costs, department expenses need to be froze. Duban said he would like to see the DRS sanitary sewer extension project completed. He also said the basement at the Police Station is leaking and needs to be fixed. There was general discussion on the leak(s) at the Police Station. The City Council directed the Public Department to determine where the leak(s) are coming from, correct the problem and restore the facade of the building. There was also general discussion on health insurance. The City Council asked staff about the status of the Army Surplus equipment. Staff stated it is being worked on and nearly complete. Vlasak asked if the City Council was considering the southeast area reconstruction project because the area is in poor shape and not much more can be done to repair the streets. The City Council said they would consider paving Florida St. SE if the property owners petitioned the City. Engineering was discussed and the possibility of having the City Engineer at City Hall bi-weekly. Staff reviewed the debt service accounts. Water and sewer rates were discussed. The City Council said rates need to be increased. Kodada asked if anything needed to be budgeted for replacement at the wastewater treatmentplant. Vlasak said the aerators are lasting about one year and do need to be budgeted for. Furrer asked if the 80 acres where the City applies biosolids was okay for this year. Vlasak replied yes. Items for discussion at the next meeting include: wages/insurance, water and sewer rates, water and sewer capital outlay and parks. A motion was made by Duban and seconded by

Kodada to schedule a special meeting for Monday, August 18, 2008 at 6:30 pm to review the 2009 budget.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Rud asked Chief Schmitz about National Night Out. Schmitz said it is scheduled to begin at 5:30 at the Jaycee Park on August 5th.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Duban to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Duban, Kodada, Rud and Furrer. Against: None Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator