

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 29, 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rud called a meeting of the Lonsdale City Council to order at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at 415 Central Street West.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator Joel Erickson, City Planner Benjamin Baker, City Engineer Kevin Kawlewski, and Public Works Director Russ Vlasak

4. AGENDA

Mayor Rud asked if anyone had any additions, deletions, or corrections to the agenda.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to approve the agenda as presented. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2010 Regular Meeting, the July 8, 2010 Regular Meeting, and the July 13, 2010 Special Meeting. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

7. PRESENTATION OF CITIZEN PETITIONS AND COMMENTS

None

8. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve the consent agenda as follows:

a. Monthly Bills

b. Treasurer's Report

c. Board and Commission Minutes

Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Consider Approval of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Professional Engineer Services for the Design, Bidding and Construction Observation of a Water Treatment Plant

Erickson presented a proposed RFP sheet to the Council that will be sent out to professional engineering firms to obtain comparable bids for design work, bidding, and construction observation services needed for the construction of a new water treatment plant. Erickson went through the RFP in detail and the Council members provided feedback. The Council and Erickson agreed that they wanted the bids to be comparable and that requiring a lump sum total for services would be appropriate. The Council also stated that hourly rates should be included as well.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to approve the presented Request for Proposals (RFP) for professional engineer services for the design, bidding and construction observation of a water treatment plant. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Consider Approval of Alison Vikla's Letter of Resignation

Alison Vikla provided the Council with a letter of resignation, and stated that she will be a police officer at the MSP International Airport. She briefly described her new position, and she thanked the Council for providing her with the opportunity to work in her hometown of Lonsdale. The Council thanked Vikla for her service in Lonsdale, and she received a round of applause.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to accept and approve Alison Vikla's letter of resignation. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

b. Consider Approval of Resolution 2010-18, a Resolution Authorizing the City of Lonsdale as the Sponsoring Unit and the City Administrator as the Primary Contact for the Highway 19 Landscape Project No. 6602-969

Baker mentioned that the Park Board and Master Gardening Club have been working with MnDOT to create an aesthetically pleasing landscaping plan for areas within the State Hwy 19 Right-of-Way. He said that the group has been meeting since March, and on July 13th, the committee approved the MnDOT Preliminary Landscaping Plan dated 7/12/2010. Baker explained that MnDOT will not pay for hardscape materials, such as retaining walls and boulders, but they will reimburse the City up to \$8,000 in for planting material expenses. He mentioned that any future phases beyond the welcome sign areas will depend on available funding from MnDOT. Rud thanked Kodada, Baker, and the Park Board for doing a good job in making the community look great.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve the Preliminary MnDOT Landscaping Plan dated 7/12/10 and authorizing the use of park development funds for the hardscape materials shown in the plan. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve Resolution 2010-18, a resolution authorizing the City of Lonsdale as the sponsoring unit and the City Administrator as the primary contact for the Highway 19 Landscape Project No. 6602-969. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

c. Consider Approval of Resolution 2010-19, a Resolution Approving Overnight Camping at the Jaycee Park During Community Days

Baker stated that Cindy Flicek has requested that the City consider allowing overnight camping at Jaycee Park during Community Days. He said that the Park Board discussed the request at their July 13th meeting, and they recommended approval of temporary overnight camping request contingent upon eight conditions, listed in the staff report. Rud and Kodada stated that the condition for additional insurance be waived because it is a community-wide event.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve Resolution 2010-19, a resolution approving overnight camping at Jaycee Park during Community Days. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

d. Consider Approval to Purchase a 10 HP AIRE-O2 Triton Aerator in the Amount of \$15,525.00

Vlasak briefly reviewed the issues that the City has had with the original aerators at the waste water treatment facility, and he recommended that the City purchase a new aerator from Aeration Industries International. He said that the original aerators have been costly to run and maintain while the new aerator from Aeration Industries has worked well so far. He mentioned that out of eight total aerators, this would be the second one purchased from Aeration Industries. Furrer asked if this was the same price as last year. Vlasak said that the manufacturer and electrician have both held their prices from the previous year. Kodada mentioned that the Council really doesn't have many options but to purchase the new aerator.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to approve the Purchase a 10 HP AIRE-O2 Triton Aerator in the amount of \$15,525.00. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

e. Update on Highway 19 Sidewalk Improvement Project

Kawlewski updated that Council on the Hwy 19 Sidewalk Project and the Hwy 19 Mill & Overlay Project. He mentioned that all the concrete sidewalks and curb work have been completed. He said that Chard Tiling has already started on some of the restoration

work. He mentioned that entire project should be all wrapped up by the weekend. Kawlewski stated that the mill/overlay project should be completed within the next couple weeks. Furrer suggested that any sod laid down next to the I.C. Church Civic Center should be staked down due to the steep slope and the upcoming church festival.

- f. Consider Approval to Temporarily Amend the On-Sale Liquor License for Whistle Stop Tavern & Grill to Allow for the Sale of Alcohol Outside in a Fenced In and Contiguous Area on the West Side of the Building on August 14, 2010 – Community Days Volleyball Tournament

Erickson said that the owners of Whistle Stop have requested a temporary amendment to their on-sale liquor license to allow for outside liquor sales during their Community Days volleyball tournament on August 14, 2010.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to temporarily amend the on-sale liquor license for Whistle Stop Tavern & Grill to allow for the sale of alcohol outside in a fenced in and contiguous area on the west side of the building on August 14, 2010 for a Community Days volleyball tournament. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- g. Consider Approval to Temporarily Amend the On-Sale Liquor License for Whistle Stop Tavern & Grill to Allow for the Sale of Alcohol Outside in a Fenced In and Contiguous Area on the West Side of the Building on September 11, 2010 – Wrestling / Cancer Fundraiser

Erickson stated that the owners of Whistle Stop have requested a temporary amendment to their on-sale liquor license to allow for outside liquor sales during a wrestling event and cancer fundraiser on September 11, 2010.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to temporarily amend the on-sale liquor license for Whistle Stop Tavern & Grill to allow for the sale of alcohol outside in a fenced in and contiguous area on the west side of the building on September 11, 2010 for a wrestling / cancer fundraiser. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Reminder of August 9, 2010 Special City Council Meeting at 6:00 pm

Rud reminded everyone of the special City Council meeting on August 9, 2010 to discuss the 2011 budget.

- b. Department Reports:

Council Member Daleiden

Daleiden and Kodada stated that the next Liquor Store meeting will be next week. Daleiden also mentioned that the Liquor Store inventory is higher to compensate for the higher demand for beer consumption during the summer months.

Council Member Kodada

Kodada said that the Park Board will be reviewing the welcome sign landscaping plan at their next meeting.

Council Member Furrer

Furrer mentioned that the EDA is pursuing a Lonsdale advertisement sign for along Interstate 35. She said that Skywarn is gearing up for their annual fundraiser at Pioneer Power.

Council Member Pelava

Pelava stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission is in the process of reviewing and fine tuning a few ordinances within the City Code. He also mentioned that Commission discussed the idea of billboards, but they decided to continue to prohibit them within city limits.

Council Member Rud

Rud announced that Lonsdale Community Days is coming up in two weeks.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Kodada, Rud, Smith, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting closed at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator