

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LONSDALE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
June 9, 2008**

**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: Rud, Smith, and Furrer

Absent: Duban and Kodada

Staff Present: City Administrator Joel Erickson, City Planner Benjamin Baker, and Police Chief Jason Schmitz

**4. AGENDA**

Mayor Rud asked if anyone had any additions, deletions, or corrections to the Agenda. Erickson asked if Liquor Store Pay Application # 10 could be added to the agenda as 10(d).

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Furrer to approve the agenda with said addition. Vote for: Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote 3-0. 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**

None

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Consider Approval to Accept Police Officer Jason Knutson's Letter of Resignation

Chief Jason Schmitz stated that part-time Officer Jason Knutson gave his letter of resignation on June 1, 2008. He said Knutson accepted a full-time position with the City

of Blain with a start date of June 23, 2008. He said Knutson's last day of service with the Lonsdale Police Department is June 20, 2008. Schmitz said that Mr. Knutson did a great job with the Lonsdale Police Department and he will be missed by staff and the community. Schmitz wished him the best of luck with his new position.

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Furrer to accept Police Officer Jason Knutson's letter of resignation. Vote for: Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote 3-0. Motion carried.

b. Consider Approval to Advertise for Two (2) Part Time Police Officers

Schmitz stated that with the recent resignations of part-time police officers Jason Knutson and Edward Keogh, he recommended advertising for two part-time police officers. He said after June 20, 2008, the Lonsdale Police Department will only have three part-time police officers. He said part-time staff has been very helpful on the weekends assisting with open shifts and working as a second officer. He mentioned that until the return of Officer Todd Franklin, the department will be short one full-time position. Schmitz said that Officer Franklin recently returned home, but he has not heard from him yet. Rud asked when Franklin would be coming back to work. Schmitz said maybe in September. Smith stated that it would be great to get some more part-timers on board. Furrer stated that the department is definitely getting thin on staff.

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Furrer to approve the advertisement of two (2) part time police officers. Vote for: Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote 3-0. Motion carried.

c. Consider Approval of a Quote Submitted by Signtastic in the amount of \$3,902.04 for Two (2) Development Directional Signs

Baker stated that the Council approved the design and location of two off-premise directional development signs at their March 27, 2008 meeting. He said the Council directed staff to obtain quotes for the signs at that meeting. He presented the Council with two quotes from Signtastic and Brushworks. Baker stated that the Signtastic's quote included installation work but the Brushworks quote did not. Baker recommended approving the quote submitted by Signtastic in the amount of \$1,951.02 per sign. Erickson stated that the off-premise development signs were the impetuses for the recently adopted sign ordinance. Baker stated that the two signs totaling \$3,902.04 was not a budgeted item for 2008. The Council directed staff to look into possible funding sources for the signs.

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Furrer to table the issue and have staff further research funding information. Vote for: Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote 3-0. Motion carried.

d. Consider Approval of Liquor Store Pay Application # 10 in the Amount of \$2,003.00

Erickson presented an Amcon pay request application for the liquor store in the amount of \$2,003.00. He recommended approval of the pay request.

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Furrer to approve Liquor Store Pay Application # 10 in the Amount of \$2,003.00. Vote for: Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote 3-0. Motion carried.

## **11. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Department Reports  
*Council Member Smith*  
None

*Council Member Furrer*  
Furrer said that Planning & Zoning will be meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June.

*Mayor Rud*  
Rud mentioned that he met with a local group of senior citizens to present the proposed senior housing facility project. He said they were pretty excited about the idea. He also mentioned that the annual League of Minnesota Cities Conference is scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Furrer to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Rud, Smith and Furrer. Against: None. Vote 3-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator