

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 11, 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. Rud asked if "Rice County Habitat for Humanity" could be added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve the agenda with the noted addition. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. 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

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

- a. Consider Approval of a Temporary On-Sale Liquor License Request by the Lonsdale Fireman's Relief Association for the Fire Department Annual Banquet February 13, 2010.

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

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Consider Approval of a Proposal by WSB & Associates, Inc. in the Amount of \$2,900.00 to Complete the Florida Street SE Feasibility Study

Erickson said that the Council decided at their previous meeting that they wanted to check in with property owners along Florida Street SE before making a decision to have WSB complete the \$2,900 feasibility study. Daleiden and Pelava stated that they both talked with property owners along Florida Street SE. They found that some property owners are for the project, some are against it, and one was fine either way. Daleiden asked if the Council should just encourage the property owners to petition for the project themselves. Erickson mentioned that 35% of the property owners need to sign the petition in order for the project to move forward. Daleiden stated that he did not think the Council should move forward with the feasibility study until enough property owners are in agreement. The Council directed City staff to contact Verne Bongers of BME Tool Inc. to get a petition going.

b. Review a Proposal Submitted by BDM Engineers for Engineering Services Relating to the Design of a Radium Removal Water Treatment Plant

Erickson mentioned that BDM Engineering gave a presentation at the last Council meeting which described two options for radium removal. Erickson provided the Council with BDM's quote and four water rate scenarios to review as part of different funding options for a proposed water treatment facility at Well # 4. He based the rates on an assumption that the City would need to borrow funds for 40 years at 4.0%, make a \$100,000 profit, and dedicate \$50,000 towards Capital Outlay. Erickson said that the City currently sends out 1,327 water bills each month. The Council stated that the residents of Lonsdale are probably not ready for an increase of over \$10 per month. Rud asked the Council to decide if they wanted to pursue a water treatment plant. Kodada stated that everyone hooked to City water should benefit from a new facility and better water.

Bill Chang from BDM provided additional information to the Council. He explained the mixing and blending process and what a peak water usage day would be like after the water treatment plant came online. He mentioned that increased radium amounts in the water system is a health concern that the City needs to consider. Rud said that something does need to be done, but he mentioned that he is not for a large rate increase. Vlasak voiced his concern with the ageing infrastructure. Chang said that a water treatment plant would help clean out the existing pipes. Rud suggested that the City look at doing a pilot study so that the City could be shovel ready and eligible for any new stimulus funds that may become available. Daleiden agreed, stating that the City needs to be proactive. Chang explained the pilot study process. Furrer asked if the City should be getting engineering bids for the project. The Council discussed having BDM Engineering and Tonka Equipment do a pilot study for them, then going out for engineering bids on the design portion.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Kodada to approve a pilot study be completed by Tonka Equipment Company in the amount of \$14,760.00 and BDM Engineering in the amount of \$2,000. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Presentation of a Green Team Youth Recycling Check to the Most Holy Trinity Religious Education Group – Darrell Hoekstra

Darrell Hoekstra, Waste Management Municipal Marketing Manager, presented at check to a representative from the Most Holy Trinity Religious Education Group in the amount of \$310. He mentioned that the students recycled 20.66 tons during their term as Green Team. The Council thanked Waste Management for their involvement in the community.

b. Rice County Habitat for Humanity – Dayna Clemment

Rice County Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Dayna Clemment stated that they are now located in Lonsdale at 130 Delaware Street SE, the previous R & L Woodcraft building. She mentioned that they now have three full-time staff members. She also said that they will use their new indoor space to pre-construct parts of their homes such as windows and doors.

Clemment said that Habitat for Humanity will be building a new home at 127 Elm Street in Lonsdale this summer. She mentioned that they would like to construct energy efficient homes to ease the costs of homeownership. She said that they will be building a total of four homes in 2010, and they hope to be constructing five homes per year in the near future. Clemment presented the Council with further information on the Habitat for Humanity organization and the benefits of home ownership. She also dispelled some common misconceptions about the program, and she encouraged the Council to work as advocates for affordable housing.

The Council thanked Clemment for updating them on Habitat for Humanity matters.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Daleiden

Daleiden discussed the liquor store numbers.

Council Member Kodada

Kodada updated the Council on the last Park Board meeting. He said that four students showed up to the meeting to provide their input on the proposed the Jaycee Park – Skate Park. He said it was great to see support for the project, and he hoped that the group would gain more interest and help with fundraising efforts. Kodada also mentioned that the City was awarded an approximate \$5,000 - \$10,000 grant from Mn/DOT to help with landscaping around the new welcome signs. He said that Park Board member Laura Carpentier, Tree Inspector Heller, and Public Works Director Vlasak were going to be attending the annual Shade Tree Short Course in March. He thanked Park Board member Shelly Narum for alerting the City of a possible grant opportunity from the Minnesota Department of Health.

Kodada also thanked the Public Works Department for doing such a great job on plowing streets and fixing water main breaks.

Council Member Furrer

Furrer mentioned that 21 businesses will be participating in the second round of the Lonsdale First program. She stated that the shelving units were recently installed at the Library and the Lions Club helped the Library staff with moving books. She mentioned that the Library Grand Opening is slated for sometime in early March.

Council Member Pelava

Pelava mentioned that the next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is on February 18th.

Council Member Rud

Rud reminded everyone that the annual Fireman's Banquet was scheduled for Saturday the 13th. He said that the Library looks great now that the book shelves are installed, and he thanked City staff and the Library Board for their hard work in getting the Library setup. Rud congratulated Lori Nickel on her recent award for best story by the Minnesota Newspaper Association.

Rud asked the Council if they would be willing to sell the old railroad crossing signs currently sitting at the public works building. He said he would like to see those signs restored and put up again.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to sell the City's railroad signs. Vote for: Kodada, Rud, Smith, Furrer, Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Kodada to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Kodada, Rud, Smith, Furrer, Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting closed at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator