

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 30, 2009**

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, Smith, and Furrer

Absent: None

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

4. AGENDA

Mayor Rud asked if anyone had any additions, deletions, or corrections to the Agenda. Rud asked if "Library Board Update" and "Northfield Ambulance Report" could be added to the agenda

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Smith to approve the agenda with the noted additions. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. 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 March 26, 2009 and April 9, 2009 Meetings. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a Fifty Foot (50) Weather Tower Located at 115 Alabama St. SW – Lonsdale Sky Warn

Rud read through the public hearing notice and opened the hearing. Baker presented the staff report. He stated that Lonsdale Sky Warn was requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) in order to erect a 50 ft. tall weather tower at 115 Alabama Street SW. He presented current land use, zoning, and setback information. Baker stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the CUP along with six conditions. Attached to the staff report was a proposed site plan, GIS aerial photo of the site, and an elevation picture of proposed tower. Rud invited the public to comment on the issue. No one responded. Baker said that no written comments were received at City Hall.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Smith to close the public hearing. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

7. PRESENTATION OF CITIZEN PETITIONS AND COMMENTS

Gary Skluzacek, 601 Railway Street, stated that he did not want to comment on deferred assessments this time, but he did comment on a water leak that had been running for two weeks. He asked why nothing was done about the leak. Rud stated that the issue was being taken care of. Skluzacek also asked why the City cuts grass so early in the Spring, and he asked if these unnecessary mowing costs could get cut.

8. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Monthly Bills
- b. Treasurer's Report
Daleiden asked about the MacQueen Equipment purchase for \$66,030.00. Erickson said that the street sweeper purchase would come out of the Road & Bridge fund.
- c. Board and Commission Minutes
- d. Consider Approval of Resolution 2009-14, a Resolution of Sponsorship of the Lonsdale Snow Wizards

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

9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update on C.S.A.H. # 96 Street and Utility Improvement Project
Erickson provided the Council with an update on the C.S.A.H. # 96 (Fig Street) Project and a copy of the proposed final assessment roll. He went through the final assessment roll spreadsheet and read through the comments. He mentioned that Chaska Investment Group will be the sole property to be assessed at this time. Rud mentioned that future assessments should be recorded and put on a spreadsheet at City Hall.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Library Board Update
Ed Grebis, one of five members of the recently formed Library Board, introduced himself to the City Council and provided a brief update on Library Board. He said that he has a history working in a library/media center setting. He invited anyone who has questions on the Library and Library Board to contact him. Rud thanked Grebis and commented on the extensive knowledge and experience of the entire Board.
- b. Northfield Ambulance Update

Fritz Duban provided a quarterly update on the Northfield Ambulance. He said that they met on April 22nd at New Market Township, and they will be meeting again at the Lonsdale Fire Department on July 22nd. He said that the ambulance responded to 584 total calls, which is less than last year's numbers. He stated that since March 29th, Lonsdale has had ambulance service 24 hours a day. Duban also said that each vehicle has been equipped with GPS units to help easily locate addresses. Rud thanked Duban for his service to the community.

- c. Presentation of a Check in the Amount of \$265.20 to the Montgomery/Lonsdale Hockey Association for being the January, February and March 2009 Green Team – Margo Underwood

Margo Underwood, Waste Management, presented the Montgomery-Lonsdale Hockey Association with a check in the amount of \$265.20 for recycling 17.68 tons of material during their time as the Lonsdale Area Green Team. Parent Leader Kym El-Wailli stated that the money will go towards the new warming house at Jaycee Park.

- d. Consider Approval of Resolution 2009-15, a Resolution Approving the Issuance of General Obligation Taxable Tax Increment Bonds – Series 2009A

Erickson stated that along with the City approved development agreement for the Villages of Lonsdale/Public Library, Winkelman Building Corp., had requested public financing. He said that the City already went through the proper requirements establishing a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district. Erickson explained that the proposed resolution was only a triggering resolution to begin the process of issuing general obligation taxable tax increment bonds.

Paul Donna, of Northland Securities, provided a finance plan summary for the Council to review. He explained the purpose behind the proposed bond along with the source and use numbers. He highlighted the financing section, and he reviewed Exhibit A, TIF District Assumptions, and Exhibit C, Debt Service Schedule. Donna said that the Council will need to issue the proposed bonds by their last meeting in May. He said that hopefully rates will be better than projected. Donna also said that they will be applying for a new City credit rating from another firm that is more progressive. Rud asked what would happen if the facility would ever be sold. Donna explained that securities were built into the agreement, and he said that the bonds would need to be paid off.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Daleiden to approve Resolution 2009-15, a resolution approving the issuance of General Obligation Taxable Tax Increment Bonds – Series 2009A. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- e. Consider Approval of Resolution 2009-16, a Resolution Approving a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a Fifty (50) Foot Weather Tower Located at 115 Alabama St. SW – Lonsdale Sky Warn

Baker read through the resolution, conditions, and lapse associated with a Conditional Use Permit for 115 Alabama Street.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Daleiden to approve Resolution 2009-16, a resolution approving a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a fifty (50) foot weather tower located at 115 Alabama St. SW – Lonsdale Sky Warn. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- f. Consider Approval of Ordinance 2008-229, an Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances for Lonsdale, MN and Declaring an Emergency (Adopting Codified City Code)

Baker read through the staff report and briefly explained the new FolioViews feature provided by American Legal Publishing. He stated that the City typically updates the Code every two to three years. He said that the Planning Commission recommended approval of Ordinance 2008-229 at their meeting on April 16th.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Smith to approve Ordinance 2008-229, an ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances for Lonsdale, MN and declaring an emergency (adopting codified City Code). Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- g. Consider Approval for Staff to Advertise for Sale a 1997 Chrysler Minivan Forfeited Per State Statute 169A.63 with a Minimum Bid of \$2,500.00

Police Chief Schmitz asked the Council for authorization to advertise a 1997 Chrysler Minivan forfeited per State Statute 169A.63. He said that the proceeds of the vehicle after expenses must be distributed as follows: 70% to the Police Department and 30% to the prosecuting authority.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to authorize staff to advertise for sale a 1997 Chrysler minivan forfeited per State Statute 169A.63 with a minimum bid of \$2,500.00. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- h. Consider Approval for Staff to Advertise for Quotes for 2009 Mowing and Weed Abatement Services for Properties in Violation of City Code § 91.04 (Public Nuisances Affecting Health)

Erickson mentioned that last year the City took an aggressive approach to enforcing tall grass and weeds on vacant and foreclosed lots. Erickson presented and explained the proposed advertisement to the Council. He said that the City is asking for something new this year by also requesting a half-lot (6,500 sq. ft.) bid. Kodada asked how much money was assessed to property taxes last year. Erickson said approximately \$20,000 - \$25,000. Daleiden and Rud mentioned that the scope of work should be clearly defined.

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Kodada to approve authorize staff to advertise for quotes for 2009 mowing and weed abatement services for properties in violation of City Code § 91.04 (Public Nuisances Affecting Health). Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

i. Consider Approval of a Quote Submitted by Ideal Paving in the Amount of \$47,720.00 for Street and Trail Patching

Vlasak provided the Council with detailed pictures of various rough roads through the City. Each street picture correlated to a quote. He stated that he received two quotes for the street and trail patching from Ideal Paving (\$47,720.00) and BMI (\$50,238.00). Vlasak asked the Council to review the street quotes and provide guidance on how to proceed. He mentioned that patching would be adequate for a few years until an entire street reconstruction would be needed. Kodada asked if the City could rent a pull-behind and do the patching in-house. Vlasak said that the project would be too big for his crew and equipment. Rud asked what the long range plan for Singing Hills Drive is. Vlasak said that there will be some savings in doing the complete project compared to individual projects. Kodada suggested advertising for proposals. Rud agreed, and said that the City should advertise soon in order to get good prices. The Council directed Vlasak to prepare an advertisement for the next meeting.

j. Consider Approval of a Quote Submitted by Equipment Coating, Inc. in the Amount of \$3,685.00 to Sandblast, Prime and Paint the Frame, Box and Plow Equipment for the 1999 Sterling Truck

Vlasak provided pictures of the City's 1999 Sterling truck showing rusted and weathered spots and streaks. He also provided the Council with two quotes to sandblast, prime, and paint the truck's frame, box, and plow: Equipment Coating Inc. (\$3,685.00) and Fredrickson's Paint & Body Shop (\$5,600.00). Vlasak said that the cab is in good shape, and he also mentioned that the newer truck box is stainless steel. Daleiden questioned the quotes, and he suggested obtaining more detailed quotes before proceeding. The Council asked Vlasak to bring the issue back to their next meeting.

k. Consider Approval to Schedule a Special Meeting on Monday, May 11, 2009 at 6:00 pm to Discuss the 2010 Budget

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to schedule a special meeting on Monday, May 18, 2009 at 6:00 pm to discuss the 2010 Budget. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Daleiden

Daleiden said that the Planning & Zoning meeting went really good and some good comments were made. He mentioned that the Liquor Store made a small profit last month and sales numbers are up 12%.

Council Member Kodada

Kodada mentioned that exciting things were happening with the Park Board. He said that 50 nursery trees and 20 park trees were recently planted. He also said that the Arbor Day and Nature Center Grand Opening event was a great day and well attended. He stated that the students planted 40 trees and took home 160 small trees. Rud said that the event was great and thanked Kodada, Micki Ziskovski, and the Park Board for doing such a great job.

Council Member Smith

None

Council Member Furrer

Furrer mentioned that the EDA decided to market Lonsdale more cost-effectively by trying to create and put together some of the handout inserts in-house rather than paying a marketing firm to do it.

Council Member Rud

Rud mentioned that he recently met with the developers of the proposed industrial park, and he said they are still optimistic about the project. He also said that Spring Cleanup is scheduled for May 9th – 16th.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Kodada to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting closed at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator