

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 21, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rud called a special meeting of the Lonsdale City Council to order at 7:00 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, Smith and Furrer

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator Joel Erickson, Public Works Director Russ Vlasak, City Engineer Kevin Kawlewski and City Treasurer Joyce Skluzacek

4. AGENDA

Mayor Rud stated there is one item on the agenda. A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Duban to approve the agenda. Vote for: Duban, Kodada, Rud, Smith and Furrer. 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

None

9. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Prioritize Public Works Department Projects and Equipment Purchases

Erickson reviewed the information contained in the packet. Mayor Rud asked if radium can be treated at the well. Kawlewski replied yes but not iron. There was discussion on future water rates, necessary amenities of a water treatment plant and location of a water treatment plant. Kawlewski recommended the City conduct a series of meetings to inform residents about the effects of radium and potential for a treatment plant. Vlasak said the Minnesota Department of Health will be invited to speak at an upcoming City Council meeting to review the radium situation. Kawlewski said the City's current water treatment could stay the same. Vlasak discussed acceptable water blending. Mayor Rud asked if the treatment plant could be built in phases. Kawlewski replied yes. Furrer asked what the City's current WAC/SAC fees are. Erickson replied \$5,500.00 for sewer and \$3,750.00 for water. Kodada asked what the annual operation costs of a plant would be. Kawlewski said he was not sure. Mayor Rud asked how an assisted living facility or business park would affect the City? Erickson said both will have an affect on the amount of WAC/SAC fees collected and will increase the water pumped annually. Vlasak said the Highway 19 water main between 15th Ave SE and Industrial Dr. SE still needs to be completed. The City Council directed staff to have the developer install the required water main. Erickson asked if the City Council wanted the Willow Creek Commons East infrastructure and street extensions included with the business park project. The City Council said yes because of water main looping concerns. Duban

asked what the cost of a pilot water test was. Vlasak and Kawlewski responded they did not know but would find out.

Lift Station No. 1

Mayor Rud asked what the purpose of the study was. Kawlewski said it is to know whether or not the lift station can be eliminated or not and ultimately what needs to be done. Vlasak said something needs to be done because the control panel is showing signs of major decay and the pumps are repaired on a bi-annual basis. Rud said the study should be driven and paid by development.

D.R.S. Sanitary Sewer Extension

Erickson said this study goes hand and hand with the Lift Station No. 1 study. Mayor Rud said this was pulled from the 2008 budget and asked if there have been any problems lately. Vlasak said there are problems when it rains heavy. Furrer asked the number of homes affected by back ups. Vlasak replied two or three. Duban asked if the City could use reserves to pay for the project. Erickson replied yes. Mayor Rud said he would rather budget for it and complete the project in 2009. Kodada said budgeting for it in 2009 was a better move. Duban asked if the City could use the money to be given by the liquor store for repayment of borrowed money from the sewer fund to pay for the project. Erickson said yes. There was discussion on whether or not the pumps in lift station no. 1 could handle the flow of the increased pipe size.

Well No. 5

Mayor Rud asked if another well was needed before a new water tower. Kawlewski said a well is needed before another water tower.

Water Tower

Duban said that the City needs to look into securing the land shortly and work towards a new tower in the future. There was discussion going to a two meter system to account more accurately for sewer usage throughout the year.

Equipment

Mayor Rud asked if any of the items on the equipment list are budgeted for in 2008. Erickson said several items were budgeted for in 2008. Vlasak said replacement items were budgeted for but nothing for new equipment. Vlasak said that more storage is needed for equipment. He said a salt storage facility similar to the one Rice County has is also needed. He said it could be used for storage in the summer. There was discussion on a cooperative agreement with Rice County for salt.

Parks

Vlasak reviewed the priority list. There was discussion on use of the DRS Ballfield by the public. Mayor Rud said it would be nice to receive free equipment from Army surplus like Montgomery. Vlasak said he is working on it. Mayor Rud asked what the top three priorities are. Vlasak replied (1) sweeper/plow truck and (2) tractor/backhoe. Mayor Rud asked if a combination unit was purchased if, it could be done in phases. Vlasak said yes and commented on the timeline for delivery. Mayor Rud asked if there were used sweepers available. Vlasak said they are out there. Duban said the City has always bought a used sweeper and to forget about a used one and go with a new sweeper. Furrer asked if the City could come up with a new sweeping schedule. There was discussion on the street sweeping schedule, timeline and used equipment. Furrer asked if the proposed sweeper was the same system or different. Vlasak said it would be a different system and reviewed the different systems of sweepers.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. None

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Duban and seconded by Kodada to adjourn the meeting.

Vote for: Duban, Kodada, Rud, Smith and Furrer. Against: None Vote 5-0.

Motion carried. The meeting ended at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator