

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 25, 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, 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 Furrer and seconded by Kodada 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 Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2010 Regular Meeting and the March 11, 2010 Regular 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

John Duban, 800 8th Avenue NW, asked how many companies besides Waste Management submitted bids for hauling garbage. He said that a proposed 2% increase in the garbage hauling rate may be too high for local seniors. Duban also requested that the agenda be put into the newspaper.

Erickson addressed Mr. Duban's concerns. He mentioned that City staff felt it was not necessary to request more bids given the fact that rates were not increased in 2009 and no increase is projected in 2010. Erickson said that the Council agenda is always placed on the City's website calendar for everyone to view 3-6 days in advance of the meeting. He also mentioned that the agenda could be posted at the Post Office.

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. 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 Garbage Contract Between the City of Lonsdale and Waste Management of Minnesota

Erickson mentioned that the Council discussed a proposed contract agreement between the City of Lonsdale and Waste Management at their previous meeting. He said that during that discussion the Council directed staff to include city parks in the free service section and limit the annual increase to 2%. Erickson mentioned that Waste Management did agree to the Council's terms. Erickson provided an updated copy of the five-year contract for the Council to review. He also mentioned that Waste Management provides free service for Lonsdale Community Days and July Family Fun Night. Pelava questioned the guaranteed 2% fee increase, and Furrer questioned the contract length. Rud mentioned that there has not been many service complaints since Waste Management took over.

Darrell Hoekstra, Waste Management, addressed the Council from the podium. He talked about consumer price index, fuel costs, and the language of the proposed contract. He said that the contract is fair for both the City and Waste Management. He mentioned that Waste Management has helped the community by providing donations to local youth groups, projects, and organizations. Daleiden stated that Waste Management was willing to agree to the Council's terms, and he suggested approving the 5-year contract.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Kodada to approve a 5-year garbage contract between the City of Lonsdale and Waste Management of Minnesota. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider Approval of Resolution 2010-05, a Resolution Approving Deferment of a Special Assessment for 216 7th Ave NW in 2011

Erickson provided the Council with income information for Wayne and Debra Erickson and Resolution 2008-46, a resolution establishing criteria for special assessment deferrals. The Council reviewed the information and discussed the impact that deferring the assessment would have on the 2011 City budget. Rud said that the property owners do qualify for deferment according to the Resolution. He reminded everyone that the City would not be abating the payment but eventually collecting the deferred amount

with interest. Daleiden requested more information to better understand the situation.

Debra Erickson addressed the Council from the podium. She provided brief detail into her family's financial and health issues. She said it is not easy trying to pay for insurance and medical expenses. Pelava stated that the Council would be destroying a household if they didn't approve the deferred assessment. Daleiden stated that he represents approximately 3,000 citizens in Lonsdale, and he needs to look out for everyone's interests.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Daleiden to approve Resolution 2010-05, a resolution approving deferment of a special assessment for 216 7th Ave NW in 2011. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

b. Consider Approval of a Bilateral Compliance Agreement Between the City of Lonsdale and the Minnesota Department of Health

Erickson reminded the Council that Radium and Gross Alpha levels in Well # 4 exceed the maximum contaminant levels imposed by the EPA and Minnesota Department of Health. He said that the City is required to enter into a bilateral compliance agreement in order to not have to publish a quarterly public notice. He mentioned that the City has entered into the compliance agreement in the past, and he asked the Council if they wanted to approve a similar agreement again. Kodada and Daleiden recommended approving the agreement to help be pro-active in fighting potential causes of cancer.

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

c. Consider a Request for a Reduced Monthly Water Base Fee and Per Thousand Gallon Fee for the Villages of Lonsdale

Erickson provided the Council with a letter from Mike Schoenecker, of Winkelman Building Corporation, requesting a reduction in the monthly water base fee and per thousand-gallon rate. Schoenecker proposed that the Villages of Lonsdale be charged half of the base fee when fully occupied, and until then, the base fee should be prorated based on occupied units. Winkelman also proposed a flat rate of \$2.65/thousand gallons.

Schoenecker addressed the Council from the podium. He provided the Council with a monthly utility rate comparison sheet, comparing Lonsdale, Northfield, Becker, and Sartell. He asked the Council to review and compare Lonsdale's rates to other cities with similar senior living facilities. He pointed out that the Villages of Lonsdale is charged \$1,400.00 before any water is used. Daleiden asked Schoenecker why they didn't budget accordingly. Schoenecker said that they based their numbers on rates from previous projects in other cities. Rud said that the City recognizes that the Villages of Lonsdale was a huge success, and he said that the City will have open minds when reviewing his proposal.

No action was taken.

d. Consider Approval of Resolution 2010-06, a Resolution Ordering Advertisement for Bids for the Trunk Highway 19 Sidewalk Improvement Project

Erickson provided a memo from WSB regarding the 2010 Hwy 19 Project. He said that the plans and specifications have been approved and the easement agreements are all completed. He asked the Council to consider advertising for bids contingent upon MnDOT's approval. Rud asked if MnDOT would be contributing towards the project. Erickson mentioned that MnDOT is paying for nearly double of what was originally anticipated. He also mentioned that specific items of the project will be assigned to the appropriate fund, such as sidewalk related expenses to the Park Development Fund and curb and storm sewer work to the Road and Bridge Fund. Rud reminded City staff to realign the loop detectors as part of the project. He said that he expects a pretty competitive bidding market, and he asked staff to advertise any construction timelines and information to the local downtown businesses.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve Resolution 2010-06, a resolution ordering advertisement for bids for the Trunk Highway 19 Sidewalk Improvement Project. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Department Reports:

Council Member Daleiden

Daleiden said that the Liquor Store sales numbers were typical for this time of year, and he anticipated that numbers would pick up during the summer months.

Council Member Kodada

Kodada said that the Park Board will be meeting on March 30th at 7:00 pm after the 5:30 pm Mn/DOT Landscaping Partnership meeting. Kodada said that he has been touring more school buildings around the Metro area as part of the Montgomery-Lonsdale Facilities Task Force. He said their next meeting is on March 31st. Kodada asked City staff to check into scanning valuable old documents around City Hall to digitally preserve Lonsdale's history.

Council Member Furrer

Furrer said that the EDA toured the Vosejka Electric building as a possible location for a business incubator, but she said that idea has been put on the back burning for now.

Council Member Pelava

Pelava said that he wasn't able to attend the last Planning & Zoning meeting, but he said that the Commission talked about design standards for industrial buildings and they started reviewing the Subdivision Ordinance.

Council Member Rud

Rud wished Mary Malecha a happy 103rd birthday. He said that the new Public Library Grand Opening is still scheduled for April 10th and will have a circus theme. He thanked everyone who helped out and donated towards the Bailout the Lonsdale Fireworks Fundraiser.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Kodada, Rud, Smith, Furrer, Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting closed at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator