

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 28, 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, Rud, Smith, and Furrer

Absent: Kodada

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.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to approve the agenda as presented. Vote for: Daleiden, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Furrer and seconded by Smith to approve the minutes from the April 30, 2009 Regular Meeting, the May 14, 2009 Regular Meeting and the May 18, 2009 Special Meeting. Vote for: Daleiden, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

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. Monthly Bills
- b. Treasurer's Report
- c. Board and Commission Minutes

Vote for: Daleiden, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider Approval of Resolution 2009-17, a Resolution to Participate in a Hazard Mitigation Planning Process

Erickson said that in order to be eligible for four federal hazard mitigation assistance programs, including: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation, Flood Mitigation Assistance, and Severe Repetitive Loss, the City needs to approve a mitigation plan. He mentioned that the City could do its own plan or team up with Rice County. He provided examples of mitigation in comparison to emergency management. Daleiden asked about the cost and advantages to participating. Erickson said that he would probably be part of the task force, and he mentioned that if the City joins in with Rice County in preparing the plan, only a minimal amount of staff time would be required.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Smith to approve Resolution 2009-17, a resolution to participate in a hazard mitigation planning process. Vote for: Daleiden, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

- b. Consider Approval of Resolution 2009-18, a Resolution Relating to \$940,000 General Obligation Taxable Increment Bonds, Series 2009A; Authorizing the Issuance, Awarding the Sale, Fixing the Form and Details and Providing for the Execution and Delivery Therefore and the Security Therefore

Paul Donna, Northland Securities, presented the City's new bond rating and a summary of the proposed bond issuance. He mentioned that the City's rating switched from A-3 (Moody's Rating Scale) to an A+ (Standard and Poors Rating Scale). He said that the taxable bond interest rate is 6.42%, a little lower than anticipated. Donna explained that Minnesota cities are national known as some of the best financially managed cities in the entire country, and therefore they tend receive higher rating scores. He said that the proposed resolution was prepared by bond attorney Dorsey & Whitney.

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Furrer to approve Resolution 2009-18, a resolution relating to \$940,000 General Obligation Taxable Increment Bonds, Series 2009A; authorizing the issuance, awarding the sale, fixing the form and details and providing for the execution and delivery therefore and the security therefore. Vote for: Daleiden, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

- c. Consider Approval to Proceed with full Implementation of 800 MHz and Request Rice County Issue Bonds to Finance the Full Implementation

Erickson explained that Mayor Rud, Dean Duban, Police Chief Schmitz, and he recently attended a meeting at Rice County discussing the 800 MHz conversion. He said that the Federal government is requiring that all local public safety communication systems be 800 MHz compliant by 2011. He mentioned that Rice County is planning to bond for the municipalities within the county, but it is a \$200,000 improvement that the City will need

to budget over the next few years. Vlasak asked if Skywarn would need mobiles. Erickson said they should probably be included. Furrer asked if Skywarn could share a control station. Smith asked if City Hall could share a control station with the Fire Department. Erickson said he will research those ideas. Smith recommended going with full implementation of the 800 MHz system.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Smith to proceed with full implementation of 800 MHz and request Rice County issue bonds to finance the full implementation. Vote for: Daleiden, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

d. Consider Approval of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Street and Trail Patching

Vlasak said that they sent out 7 requests for proposals for street and trail patching and 6 returned sealed bids. Erickson said that bids were opened earlier in the day, and he went through the bid tabulation sheet and comments in detail. Vlasak and Erickson explained that the low bidder did not provide a patching quote at the time of bid opening and other quotes needed clarification. Rud suggested throwing out the bids and starting over, and the rest of the Council agreed.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to reject all street and trail patching bids, and re-advertise for proposals. Vote for: Daleiden, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

e. Consider Approval of an Appraisal Proposal Submitted by LMH Appraisal in the Amount of \$2,500 for the Highway 19 Sidewalk Project Permanent and Temporary Easements Acquisitions

Erickson explained that in order to be eligible to receive MnDOT funding for the sidewalk, pedestrian ramps, catch basins, and storm sewer pipe relocations, the city is required to obtain appraisals for the nine affected properties for acquisitions of permanent and temporary easements for the sidewalk. He said that the appraisals will be used to show that the City offered and paid a reasonable and fair price for the permanent and temporary easements. Two quotes were received: 1) LHM Appraisal - \$2,500 or \$278/lot, and 2) Patchin, Messner, & Dodd - \$12,000 or \$1,333/lot.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to approve an appraisal proposal submitted by LMH Appraisal in the amount of \$2,500 for the Highway 19 Sidewalk Project permanent and temporary easements acquisitions. Vote for: Daleiden, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

f. Consider Approval to Schedule a Meeting to Discuss the 2010 City Budget

The Council agreed that they could discuss the 2010 City budget issues at their next scheduled meeting on June 11, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

g. Discuss the Finds of the C.S.A.H. # 4 Speed Study Conducted by MnDOT

Erickson said that he has been in contact with Rice County Highway Engineer Dennis Luebbe regarding the speed study for Co. Rd. 4. Erickson stated that MnDOT's study

found that 40 mph, not the current 30 mph speed limit, is the recommended speed limit from Arizona Street southward. Erickson asked MnDOT if the speed change could be pushed back to at least 8th Avenue West. MnDOT said that they did consider that option, but based on the study they are still recommending Arizona as the speed change point. Smith expressed his concern regarding the 8th Avenue intersection, and he encouraged everyone to call their County Commissioner. The Council also discussed setting up a special School Zone near the elementary school. The Council directed City staff to publish the speed change issue in the newspaper.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Daleiden

Daleiden said that sales at the municipal liquor store are up by 14% over last year.

Council Member Smith

None

Council Member Furrer

None

Council Member Rud

Rud thanked the Chamber of Commerce for their work so far in preparation for Family Fun Night on the 3rd of July. Rud also stated that the Library was denied a grant for \$35,000, and he explained that the grand opening date may be pushed back to the first of the year.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Furrer to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Daleiden, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting closed at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator