

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MARCH 18, 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Lieske called the meeting to order at 7:01 a.m. in the City Council Chambers at 415 Central St. W.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dietz, Furrer, Duban, Lieske, Kuchinka, Pierskalla and Daleiden

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

City Administrator Joel Erickson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lonsdale Area Chamber of Commerce President Andrea Nelson, John Tietz and Bonnie Simon

2. AGENDA

Lieske asked if anyone had any additions or deletions to the agenda. A motion was made by Duban and seconded by Kuchinka to approve the agenda as presented. Vote for: Dietz, Furrer, Duban, Lieske, Kuchinka, Pierskalla and Daleiden Against: None Vote 7-0. Motion carried.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 18, 2010
REGULAR MEETING**

Lieske asked if anyone had any additions or deletions to the minutes. A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Dietz to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2010 regular meeting. Vote for: Dietz, Furrer, Duban, Lieske, Kuchinka, Pierskalla and Daleiden. Against: None Vote 7-0. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Erickson reviewed the February 2010 Treasurer's report. He stated the beginning balance, revenue(s), expenditure(s) and ending balance. Erickson reviewed the expenditures for the month of February. A motion was made by Furrer and seconded by Duban to approve the February 2010 Treasurer's Report. Vote for: Dietz, Furrer, Duban, Lieske, Kuchinka, Pierskalla and Daleiden Against: None Vote 7-0. Motion carried. Erickson stated there was one new invoice not on the Treasurer's Report. Erickson said the invoice was for \$3,000.00 for the new Chamber Resource Guide. A motion was made by Duban and seconded by Pierskalla to approve the invoice in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the new Chamber Resource Guide.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discuss I-35 Signage

Erickson said he spoke to both Rice County and MnDoT and the proposed signage is permitted. He said Rice County has a billboard ordinance so the sign would have to be specific to Lonsdale and not advertisement. Duban asked what would be put on the sign. Furrer said “Building for Tomorrow. Today.”, lots available and contact information. The size of the sign was discussed and also putting the City’s website address on the sign. Kuchinka said he would talk to Judy Pumper regarding putting the sign on her property. Erickson asked how much to Board was willing to pay for a monthly lease. The Board agreed not to spend more than \$2,500.00 per year for the land lease.

b. Update on Business Park Meeting

Erickson said there was a meeting held recently with regarding the business park to discuss what it would take to get the project off of the ground. Erickson said for the developer to finance the public improvements, there would need to be three, (2) two acres lots sold. Otherwise, the City would probably finance the project and assess the cost to benefiting properties.

c. Discuss Purchase or Construction of an Incubator Building

Erickson said the Board has toured the Vosejka building over the two weeks. Daleiden said Lonsdale Telephone might be interested in purchasing the building. Bonnie Simon was present and stated the phone company is very interested in purchasing the building for storage space and would lease the front of the building out. She said the building would probably be purchased in the next four to six weeks. Dalieden said with the phone company purchasing the building, it would allow EDA resources to be spent on the proposed business park, I-35 signage, etc. Dietz said she was more comfortable with the idea of the business park with the possibility of the Vosejka building being sold. Furrer said the businesses that present at CVN are looking for a mixture of office and warehousing space and the City needs a balance of the two to be attractive to potential businesses. Simon said she is interested in the building but can not commit and needs some time to figure out the deal. Furrer reminded Simon about the EDA Revolving Loan Fund. Simon said she was not interested in the loan fund for this project. The Board tabled further discussion until the next meeting. Lieske said the proposed business park will have more of an affect on the local economy than the sale of an existing building.

d. Update on Main Street Flower Planting

Erickson said the Board discussed this item at their last meeting and decided to fund \$500.00 and assume responsibility for the project. Furrer reviewed her conversation with Jeanette Morgan regarding the Jaycees assisting with the project. She said there is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 30th at 5:00 pm and welcomed all the EDA members.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. None

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Thursday Chat with the Chamber – 9:00 am After EDA Meeting

Lieske reminded everyone that the Chamber will be holding their “Thursday Chat with the Chamber” after the EDA meeting at 9:00 am

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote for: Vote for: Dietz, Furrer, Duban, Lieske, Kuchinka, Pierskalla and Daleiden

Against: None Vote 7-0. Motion carried. Against: None The meeting ended at 7:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator