

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OCTOBER 16, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Kuchinka called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at 415 Central St. W.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

City Administrator Joel Erickson

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

2. AGENDA

Kuchinka asked if anyone had any additions or deletions to the agenda. Erickson stated he would like to have added (1) Business Retention and Expansion Strategic Program and (2) the Laura Jane Musser Fund grant to the agenda. A motion was made by Furrer and seconded by Smith to approve the agenda with the two additions. Vote for: Pierskalla, Dietz, Furrer, Duban, Kuchinka, Lieske and Smith Against: None Vote 7-0. Motion carried.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2008
REGULAR MEETING**

Kuchinka asked if anyone had any addition or deletions to the minutes. A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Lieske to approve the minutes of September 18, 2008 meeting. Vote for: Pierskalla, Dietz, Furrer, Duban, Kuchinka, Lieske and Smith Against: None Vote 7-0. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Erickson reviewed the September 2008 Treasurer's report. A motion was made by Duban and seconded by Dietz to approve the August 2008 Treasurer Report. Duban stated the interest rate seemed lower than expected. Erickson said he would research the concern. Vote for: Pierskalla, Dietz, Furrer, Duban, Kuchinka, Lieske and Smith Against: None Vote 7-0. Motion carried.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update on Main Street Lighting and Landscaping Options
Erickson stated he had spoken to Paul Kaeding of Barr Engineering to obtain a quote for a photometric design of the proposed streetlights. The EDA reviewed the pole and fixture options selected at the previous meeting. Kuchinka questioned the need of a photometric design. It was decided to review the quote from Barr Engineering at the next meeting.

- b. Update on Downtown Businesses Signs for Highway 19
Erickson said he is working with MnDoT on the project.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Review Proposed Business Development Infrastructure Application Grant
Erickson reviewed the proposed grant application. He said the City Council needs to approve a resolution before submitting the application.

- b. Discuss U of M Extension Service – Community Leaders Business Retention/Expansion Strategies Program
Erickson stated he had obtained information from the U of M Extension office regarding business retention and expansion. There was general discussion regarding the need and desire to retain and expand business opportunities in Lonsdale.

- c. The Laura Jane Musser Fund Grant
Erickson said Deanna Kuennen of Rice County had forwarded information regarding the grant application. The EDA discussed the grant and decided it should be used for the renovation of the 3-R Schoolhouse. Erickson said he would apply for the grant.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. None

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Duban and seconded by Dietz to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Pierskalla, Dietz, Furrer, Duban, Kuchinka, Lieske and Smith Against: None Vote 7-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:32 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator