

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 18, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rud called a special meeting of the Lonsdale City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 415 Central St. W.

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 and Public Works Director Russ

4. AGENDA

Mayor Rud asked if anyone had any additions or deletions to the agenda. A motion was made by Smith 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

None

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

7. PRESENTATION OF CITIZEN PETITIONS AND COMMENTS

None

8. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

None

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. None

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discuss the 2010 City Annual Budget

Erickson said this was the first budget meeting of the year and more of a fact finding mission for staff to get direction from the City Council as to goals and priorities for the 2010 budget, timeline of meetings and information and to make sure staff understands where the City Council intends to make increases and decreases in expenses and revenues. Erickson said Rice County has asked communities as to their interest in accepting sewage from the rural haulers. Erickson said there is a cost to adapting the sewer plant to accept the sewage and asked for direction on how to proceed. Mayor Rud asked if staff was planning to budget without accounting for LGA. Erickson said he would probably budget \$100,000.00 of LGA. Erickson reviewed the 800 mHz meeting held with Rice County and said it would cost the City a total of \$200,000.00 or \$25,000.00 for eight years if Rice County bonds for the equipment. Daleiden asked what the City's total budget was in 2009. Erickson replied approximately \$5.9 million. The City Council discussed health insurance and the continued premium increases. Furrer said she would prefer to not change insurance companies each and the City should consider a cost share of the increased premium. Daleiden asked if the City has ever researched outsourcing items such as payroll and utility billing. The City Council discussed 2010 wages and the possibility of a wage freeze, wage cut or staff cuts. The City Council provided Erickson with a list of information to be included in the next meetings agenda.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting ended at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator