

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 9, 2011**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rud called a meeting of the Lonsdale City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room, 1006 Birch St. NE

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, Public Works Director Russ Vlasak and City Engineer Kevin Kawlewski

4. AGENDA

Mayor Rud said there was one item on the agenda and asked if anyone had any additions or deletions to the agenda. A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava 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

None

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

7. PRESENTATION OF CITIZEN PETITIONS AND COMMENTS

None

8. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

None

9. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Neighborhood Information Meeting for 2012 Street Reconstruction Project

Mayor Rud summarized the purpose of the meeting and stated it was only for informational purposes and no formal action will take place at the meeting. City Engineer Kevin Kawlewski gave a presentation pertaining to the Area # 5 of the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). He reviewed the history of the City's CIP, stated the City already completed Area's # 1 and #4. Kawlewski said the location of Area # 5 is south of Highway 19 and east of Main St. S. and the necessary improvements are reconstruction of the streets to their existing widths, curb and gutter, water main, storm sewer, televising the sanitary sewer, a possible trail along Highway 19 between the lumberyard and Casey's and the possibility of sidewalk on 1st Ave SE to Delaware St. SE. He reviewed the specific locations of the water main and sanitary sewer improvements.

Kawlewski stated the estimated cost of the project was \$2,570,115.00 for Area # 5, not including Florida St. SE, which is estimated to cost \$291,485.00. He said to finance the project, the City would research applying for Public Facility Authority (PFA) loans and/or grants, assessing benefiting properties for 50% of the projects costs, the general property tax levy and/or reserves. Kawlewski said if the residents are interested in the project moving forward and the City Council authorizes the project, planning would take place between March 31st and September 22, 2011, the project would be bid in January of 2012 with

construction beginning in mid-April/early May, substantial completion in September of 2012 and final completion in June of 2013.

Mayor Rud asked if all curb and gutter was proposed to be replaced. Kawlewski said yes. Lori Nickel asked the number of properties affected by the project. Kawlewski said there were just under ninety properties in the project area. Mayor Rud asked how the church would be assessed. Kawlewski said given the different land uses in the area, the church and multi-family properties would be assessed on a front foot basis and the single family dwellings would be assessed on a per lot basis. Adeline Smisek asked if a catch basin was going to be installed at the intersection of Alabama and 1st Ave SE due to on-going flooding. Kawlewski replied yes. A resident asked about the status of Upper Arizona St. SE. Kawlewski reviewed the grades, the fact it is on private property and said more detailed work needs to be completed before a final decision can be made on Upper Arizona St. SE. Adeline Smisek asked if a catch basin would be installed on Alabama St. SE at the alley to the west of her property because there currently is one in place. Kawlewski said if there is one already, it would be replaced. Smisek asked to what weight standard the streets would be designed to. Kawlewski said residential streets are designed to a 7-ton standard and the vehicle traffic for the church would need to be researched to see if a 9-ton standard is needed. Steve Jacobitz asked if he would be assessed for two streets because he lives on a corner. Kawlewski said in the past, residential properties have been assessed on a per lot basis and commercial would be assessed 100% of the cost. Jacobitz asked if Upper Arizona could be relocated to the southeast and provide access to those properties off of 4th Ave SE. Gail Jacobitz asked if both streets adjacent to their property would be torn up at the same time. Kawlewski said the project will be staged but when water main is being installed, both streets will be torn up but the contractor will be required to provide access at the end of each day. Mayor Rud asked if the fiber optic cable located in Alabama St. SE would interfere with construction. Kawlewski said if the cable is damaged, it will be very expensive to repair. He said if it does interfere with construction, the telephone company will be required to relocate it or lower it. Adeline Smisek asked if the City would have a street maintenance program after the streets are reconstructed to preserve their life because no maintenance has been done on the streets. Kawlewski said yes, the City has a pavement management program. Erickson said the City has budgeted \$5,000 for crack filling and \$56,000 for sealcoating in 2011 as part of the pavement management program. Pelava said no maintenance has been done recently because it would have not been worth it. Steve Jacobitz asked if 3rd Ave SE would be regarded to lessen the slope of the street. Kawlewski said it can be regarded but only to the point that it does not interfere with existing driveways. Mayor Rud asked if the current depth of the water main would be an issue. Kawlewski said the new water mains will be placed seven and a half feet below the surface to prevent freezing. Steve Jacobitz asked if semi's and dump trucks would be allowed on the streets because there are no truck signs on the streets. Mayor Rud said the issue comes down to enforcement. Steve Fehling asked if anymore sidewalks were going to be installed. Kawlewski said it would be up to the residents to show interest in more sidewalks. Fehling said there are a lot of walkers from the apartment to Highway 19 and a sidewalk should be installed on 1st Ave SE to the apartments. Kodada said the Park Board could review the sidewalks for the project at their next meeting. Mayor Rud asked the audience if there they had any more questions, comments or concerns. Adeline Smisek said the sidewalk and curb in front of her house are in good shape except for where the snowplows have damaged the curb. Gail Jacobitz asked if water lines would be ran to the house. Kawlewski said water lines would only go as far as the property line. Dale Furrer asked if the sump pump lines would be ran to the house. Kawlewski said in the past, the lines have only been run to the property line. He said the City could run the sump lines to the house but a right of entry form would be needed and the property owner would be responsible for the cost. He said the best option would be for a group of neighbors to get together and have the contractor install them. Adam Smisek asked how many water main breaks have occurred in the last five years. Erickson there have been six breaks in the last

five years in this section of town. Adam Smisek asked what the cost of a water main break repair is. Erickson replied \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00. Smisek said with the cost of water main break repairs, it makes sense to complete the project. With no more questions, Mayor Rud thanked everyone for attending the informational meeting.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Department Reports

Liquor Store – Daleiden commented on the February 2011 customer count and sales numbers compared to February 2010. He said staff will be working on completing maintenance items to make the store look sharp.

Parks – Kodada said the Park Board met earlier in the week and discussed goals for the next two years and the second phase of the MnDoT Community Roadside Landscape grant. He said the Board will be reviewing and approve the updated trails map at the April meeting.

Library – Furrer said the Library Board will be meeting next week.

EDA – Furrer said the EDA will be meeting next week.

Sky Warn – Furrer said Sky Warn met last week and they are planning their fundraising event for Pioneer Power.

Planning Commission – Pelava said the Planning Commission will be meeting next week. Pelava said for water and sewer, the potential reconstruction project was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Mayor Rud – Mayor Rud asked about maintenance of the water tower, specifically if it would be cleaned or painted in the near future. Erickson said for 2011, \$50,000.00 was budgeted for painting the tower in 2012, which is estimated to cost \$100,000.00. Vlasak said he is working on creating a maintenance program for the water tower. Rud said the EDA/Chamber business visits have been successful and if there were plans to continue the program. Erickson said the EDA has decided to schedule the visits once a month after their meetings. Mayor Rud said Meeting with the Mayor is scheduled for Saturday, March 12th between 8:30 am and 10:30 am. Mayor Rud said this was the last meeting for Lonsdale Area News Review reporter Jamie McMahon and wished him luck. He said the new reporter will be Jackie Pavek.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer and Pelava. Against: None Vote 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator