

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 11, 2010**

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, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator Joel Erickson, City Planner Benjamin Baker, Treasurer Joyce Skluzacek, and Public Works Director Russ Vlasak

4. AGENDA

Mayor Rud asked if anyone had any additions, deletions, or corrections to the agenda. Erickson asked if "Rice County Fiber Network" could be added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve the agenda with the noted addition. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2010 Regular Meeting and the February 11, 2010 Regular Meeting. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. 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 Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve the consent agenda as follows:

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

Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider Approval of the Proposed 2011 Fire District Annual Budget – Mike Yetzer, Fire Chief

Chief Yetzer presented the Fire Department's 2009 annual report and proposed 2011 budget. Yetzer provided the Council with an update on the 2009 activities. He mentioned that the department had a total of 236 calls, including 21 fire calls for Lonsdale. He said that 245 pages was a decrease of 19% from 2008, but he mentioned that there was an increase of 27% from 2007 to 2008. He said that membership spent 1209 hours in training, and each member averaged 46.5 hours training.

Yetzer went through the yearly expense report totaling \$243,591.90, and yearly income report totaling \$375,591.90. He stated that the fire fund balance is \$295,561.68 which will mainly go towards truck/equipment replacement. Yetzer also detailed the proposed budget for 2011 totaling \$196,861. He said that the relief contributions increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000 and \$2,920 was deleted from conferences, training, and radio/pager line items. Yetzer also stated that the Fire Department was working with City Hall and area townships to assess fire calls on delinquent payments. He mentioned that the City of Lonsdale's budget portion will actually be declining by \$1,018.30 to \$68,170.00 for 2011. The Council thanked Yetzer for the update and report.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve the Lonsdale Fire Department's 2011 annual budget. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- b. 2009 Police Department Year End Report – Jason Schmitz, Police Chief
Police Chief Jason Schmitz presented the Council with the 2009 Annual Police Report. He read through the 2-page summary report and provided a 2008 and 2009 incident report, graph charts, and a thank you letter from Cub Scout Pack 325 Den 16 for the Council to review. Schmitz highlighted the activities of the department and notable statically trends. He also talked about the new patrol car that is in service and cuts that the department is making due to the decrease in Local Government Aid. Rud asked about the old patrol car. Schmitz said that it is not worth much, and they will probably use it for parts. The Council thanked Schmitz for his detailed report.
- c. Consider Approval of an Invoice in the Amount of \$2,116.00 to Participate in the Rice County Drug and Special Operations Task Force
Police Chief Schmitz mentioned that thankfully the City of Lonsdale did not need to use the Rice County Drug and Special Operations Task Force in 2009, and he said that rates will be the same as in 2009. He said that Lonsdale's cost share amount would be \$1,366

for Drug Investigations and \$750 for SWAT. He said that drug and special operations task force funds were for accounted for in the 2010 budget.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Pelava to approve an invoice in the amount of \$2,116.00 to participate in the 2010 Rice County Drug and Special Operations Task Force. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- d. Update on the Northfield Area Ambulance Association – Fritz Duban
Northfield Area Ambulance Association (NAAA) President Fritz Duban provided an update on the statistics and financial status of the NAAA. He said that the NAAA has been reviewing and improving their By-Laws. He mentioned that they lowered their per capita fee to \$1.00 for 2010, therefore Lonsdale would pay approximately \$2,800. He mentioned that their next quarterly meeting will be at the Northfield Hospital. He said that the association was looking at expanding and reconfiguring service boundaries. Rud thanked Duban for his report, and he commended Duban on doing a great job as president of the association.
- e. Update on the Timing of the March 2010 Treasurer’s Report – Joyce Skluzacek
Treasurer Skluzacek asked the Council to consider a time extension for the monthly Treasurer’s Report due to a planned vacation from March 8th to March 23rd.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve a time extension for the March Treasurer’s Report. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- f. Consider Approval to Terminate the City’s Life Insurance Policy Contract Provided by USAble Life and Enter Into a Life Insurance Policy Contract with Fort Dearborn Life
Erickson stated that the City met with the AT Group regarding a quote for life insurance. He said that the AT Group acts as a broker, and they shopped around on behalf of the City for the best life insurance rates available. Erickson mentioned that the City is currently paying an age based rate, and the City can save \$1,000 by switching over to Fort Dearborn Life which has the same premium for all employees.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to approve to terminate the City’s current life insurance policy contract provided by USAble Life and enter into a life insurance policy contract with Fort Dearborn Life. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- g. Consider Approval of Letter of Commitment for Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Grant Application for the Rice County Fiber Network
The Council reviewed an email and proposed letter of commitment from Rice County IT Director Sherry Hiller for a Rice County fiber network grant. Erickson explained that reasoning behind a proposed county-wide fiber network and the benefits that it would create. He said that Rice County will be applying for a grant to develop the broadband fiber system. The Council stated that they would support the project, but they did not

want to be responsible for any associated expenses. The Council directed Erickson to make corrections to the letter of commitment stating such and provide them with a final letter in their next Council packets.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve a letter of commitment for Rice County to apply for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Grant. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Daleiden

None

Council Member Kodada

Kodada said that the City received 49 applications for the part-time Liquor Store positions, and they will be interviewing seven candidates. He also mentioned that he was going to be part of the Montgomery-Lonsdale Schools Core Planning Committee.

Council Member Furrer

Furrer said that members of the EDA were going to be touring the Vosejka Electric building as a possible EDA owned business incubator. She also mentioned that the seating just came in for the new Public Library.

Council Member Pelava

Pelava stated that the Planning Commission was updated on the Mn/DOT landscaping partnership program.

Council Member Rud

Rud said that the Chamber of Commerce is planning for their annual Lonsdale Showcase. He mentioned that the Fireworks Committee is also advertising a bailout fundraiser. He said that March 13th will be the next scheduled Meeting with the Mayor.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Kodada, Rud, Smith, Furrer, Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting closed at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator