

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LONSDALE  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 27, 2008**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rud called a special meeting of the Lonsdale City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 415 Central St. W.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Duban, Kodada, Rud and Furrer

Absent: Smith

Staff Present: City Administrator Joel Erickson and City Treasurer Joyce Skluzacek

**4. AGENDA**

Mayor Rud asked if anyone had any additions or deletions to the agenda. A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Duban to approve the agenda. Vote for: Duban, Kodada, Rud 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. 2009 Budget

Erickson stated with MnDoT proposing a mill and overlay project in 2010, the City Council needed to decide if any City work was going to be budgeted in 2009 to pay for any improvements. Erickson said he would contact MnDoT for a project update. Mayor Rud suggested this item be discussed in more detail at the next budget meeting. Erickson informed the City Council that to operate the compost site, it costs the City approximately \$5,000.00 annually. Mayor Rud questioned why the compost site could not be moved to the proposed business park. Erickson said he did not have a problem with the idea. Kodada said the Park Board wants it moved to improvements can be made to Sticha Park. Duban stated it should be moved to the current industrial park. Furrer said the compost site would be a good fit in the proposed business park. Erickson updated the City Council on the proposed business park on the east side of town. He said the City has been petitioned to have the improvements constructed as a public improvement project and assessed against the benefiting properties. Kodada asked for a tax comparison between the property being developed as commercial/industrial compared to residential. Erickson stated that conservatively, commercial/industrial will generate about \$60,000.00 more in City taxes alone compared to residential. Mayor Rud asked if any businesses have shown interest in locating to Lonsdale. Erickson said he was informed of a business interested in 10-20 acres for a 100,000 square foot facility. Erickson informed the City Council that the City's motion to clean up 114 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NE was approved by the Court and that a court date has been set for 514 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NW to abate a blight issue. The City Council reviewed the proposed water and sewer department capital outlay schedules. The City Council reviewed several options

for water and sewer rate increases. The City Council directed staff to provide several options for a total increase of \$8.00 - \$10.00 monthly.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to schedule a special meeting for Monday, September 8, 2008 at 6:30 pm to discuss the 2009 budget. Vote for: Duban, Kodada, Rud and Furrer. Against: None Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Duban, Kodada, Rud and Furrer. Against: None Vote 4-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator