

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 10, 2011**

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, and City Engineer Kevin Kawlewski

4. AGENDA

Mayor Rud asked if anyone had any additions, deletions, or corrections to the agenda.

A motion was made by Pelava and seconded by Furrer 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. Consider Approval of an Application and Permit for One to Four Day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for the Lonsdale Fireman's Relief Association Annual Banquet Scheduled for March 5, 2011

Erickson stated that according to State Statute, four temporary on-sale liquor licenses can be approved for one non-profit organization per year. He mentioned that this is the first request made by the Relief Association in 2011.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Kodada to approve an application and permit for a one to four day temporary on-sale liquor license for the Lonsdale Fireman's Relief Association Annual Banquet scheduled for March 5, 2011. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

b. Consider Approval of a Quote Submitted by Grounds Master in the Amount of \$8,050.00 for Ten Mosquito Control Applications in 2011

Erickson stated that the City has contracted with Clarke Environmental for mosquito control over the last four years. He said that two quotes were received for ten applications in 2011: 1) Grounds Master - \$8,050.00 and 2) Clarke Environmental - \$8,800.73. Kodada stated that he has worked with Grounds Master in the past, and he recommended going with Grounds Master as the low bid. He mentioned that their location only 30 minutes away is also a plus in the event of bad weather. Furrer asked who would be responsible for posting spray dates and MSDS and chemical information. Erickson said that the City would work with Grounds Master to get the information out to the public. Rud asked City staff to also get a quote to spray all of the stormwater/wetland areas around town.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve a quote submitted by Grounds Master in the amount of \$8,050.00 for ten mosquito control applications in 2011. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

c. Discuss Options for a Street and Utility Reconstruction Project in 2012

Erickson mentioned that at the January 13, 2011 City Council meeting the Council discussed the possibility of a street and utility reconstruction project for 2012. The Council was provided with a staff report dated February 7, 2011 from Administrator Erickson, a memo (Utility Infrastructure CIP Recon Program) dated January 19, 2006 from City Engineer Kawlewski, and a memo (Street/Sidewalk CIP Recon Program) dated February 2, 2004 from City Engineer Kawlewski. The 2006 memo provided detailed public utilities infrastructure information and maps of the seven different reconstruction areas which showed proposed water, sewer, and stormwater improvements. The 2004 memo addressed streets and sidewalks throughout the seven recon areas. Erickson's staff report outlined a process and timeline for a proposed 2012 recon project.

After reviewing the two completed and five remaining recon project areas, the City Council members focused the majority of their time discussing Recon Area No. 5. Kawlewski mentioned that most of the utility infrastructure in Area 5 is probably 70-80 years old and undersized. Rud asked if the Arizona Street SE and Hwy 19 intersection was planned to be realigned. Kawlewski stated that the existing alignment would most likely be constructed the same way. Erickson mentioned that the new owner of lumber yard is currently pursuing an access permit with MnDOT that would push the current

entrance/exit toward the east by 30 – 40 ft. Therefore, that property would not need another access stemming from Arizona Street.

Erickson said that the property owners in the proposed reconstruction area will ultimately need to decide if they want the recon project or not. He mentioned that as in the past, project costs would be assessed on a 50/50 basis, with the City of Lonsdale paying for half the total project cost. The Council talked about funding sources for the proposed project such as the Road & Bridge Fund and PFA low interest bonds. Kawlewski said that WSB & Associates can review and update the feasibility study numbers if the City decides to hold a neighborhood meeting. He said that the existing bidding climate is still very good. He also explained the latest way of bidding projects called “best value contracting”, where a contractor’s technical aspects and timeline is weighed along with their final bid for an overall total score. He mentioned that a pre-bidding process would be mandatory.

Kodada stated that it would be nice to include a trail connection along Hwy 19, from the lumber yard to Casey’s, in the Area 5 Recon Project. After future discussion, the Council decided to invite the entire Area 5 neighborhood to an informational meeting at the American Legion to discuss the feasibility of the project. They directed WSB to update the project numbers for that meeting so that residents and business owners in that area will know the approximate assessment cost for their properties.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to schedule an informational meeting on March 10th to review the feasibility of doing an Area No 5 Reconstruction Project in 2012. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Department Reports:

Council Member Daleiden

Daleiden provided an update on the liquor store. He said that City staff and the Liquor Store Committee have been looking at the store’s numbers to see how much that they can give back to the sewer fund. He mentioned that the annual dollars spent per sale have been increasing since 2007, and he said that gross sales have almost doubled since the new store opened. He stated that the liquor store is a real plus for the community. Daleiden also mentioned that the Council will probably see a formal resolution at their next meeting, which would transfer the liquor store’s surplus toward the sewer fund.

Rud thanked Joe Daleiden, Kevin Kodada, Joel Erickson, Lynette Moe, and Carolyn Korba for doing a great job with the liquor store.

Council Member Kodada

Kodada stated that the Park Board will be ordering 75 trees again this year from Rice Soil and Water Conservation District for Phase III of the tree nursery. He mentioned that the Board identified project priorities and discussed future park amenities and trail

connections. He mentioned that the Board talked about constructing a skate park, volleyball courts, and a few small park projects in 2011.

Rud said that the Lonsdale Lions should have money set aside for the skate park project.

Council Member Furrer

Furrer mentioned that the EDA and Library Board will be meeting next week.

Council Member Pelava

Pelava mentioned that the Planning Commission will meet next week. He also stated that the plans for the Water Treatment Plant were recently revised.

Council Member Rud

Rud said that the City should look into resolving the WELCO hill retaining wall issue. He mentioned that the City is currently working with a few private commercial builders to construct a new building in the Industrial Park. He said that the Lonsdale Showcase will be held on March 5th. He stated that it would be nice if the City could attract a bowling alley or similar recreational opportunities.

Administrator Erickson announced that Waste Management will be holding the annual spring cleanup at Jaycee Park on Saturday, May 7th from 7:00 am – 11:00 am.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Pelava to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Kodada, Rud, Smith, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting closed at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator