

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 29, 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, City Engineer Kevin Kawlewski, Public Works Director Russ Vlasak, and Building Inspector Jim Filipek

4. AGENDA

Mayor Rud asked if anyone had any additions, deletions, or corrections to the agenda. Erickson asked to add "Temporary On-Sale Liquor License" – Lonsdale Fireman's Relief Association.

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 Daleiden and seconded by Pelava to approve the minutes from the March 25, 2010 Regular Meeting and the April 8, 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 Daleiden to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Treasurer's Report

- b. Monthly Bills
- c. Board and Commission Minutes
- d. Consider Approval of Resolution 2010-09, a Resolution of Sponsorship of the Lonsdale Snow Wizards

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

9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Consider / Review a Request Submitted by the Villages of Lonsdale for a Reduced Monthly Water Base Fee and Per Thousand Gallon Rate

Erickson provided the Council with a copy of a request letter from the Villages of Lonsdale (Mike Schoenecker) for a reduction in their water base fee. He also provided six comparison charts showing different water/sewer fee scenarios to review. Erickson mentioned that he did receive input from MN Rural Water and the League of Minnesota Cities on the issue of charging a base water fee for multi-family units. He informed the Council that the Villages of Lonsdale has 57 units and 23 units are currently occupied. Erickson also explained that the Villages of Lonsdale has been providing the natural gas and water/sewer utilities to the new Public Library at no charge. Rud stated that the Villages is a tremendous assist to the community. Daleiden said that the Villages should have done their due diligence and water rate research before they built, and he mentioned that they should pay their fair share. Kodada stated that the City should do something for the unoccupied units, and Rud agreed that something should be done to help out a business that made such a large investment in the community. Daleiden suggested reducing the rate until the end of the year.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Daleiden to waive the utility base fee for all unoccupied units within the Villages of Lonsdale until January 1, 2011. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Presentation of the 2010 First Quarter Youth Recycling Green Team Check to the Montgomery / Lonsdale Wrestling Team – Darrell Hoekstra of Waste Management
Darrell Hoekstra of Waste Management presented a check to the Montgomery-Lonsdale Coyote Youth Wrestling Team in the amount of \$313.00 for recycling 20.83 tons.
- b. Consider Approval of the Lonsdale Area Chamber of Commerce Requests for the July 3rd Family Fun Night
Erickson said that the Chamber and City have been partnering together since 2006 to help put on Family Fun Night. He said that the City typically provides two portable toilets, payment for fireworks advertising, payment of necessary insurance premium, portable bleachers, and assistance in the closure of CSAH 33. Chamber President Andrea Nelson stated that the Chamber's fireworks fundraiser made well over \$5,000, so they are

planning to expand the fireworks show this year. She said that Family Fun Night will start earlier this year because it falls on a Saturday. Furrer reminded everyone that the City's maintenance staff will be helping with the barricades and bleachers.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Pelava to approve the Lonsdale Area Chamber of Commerce Family Fun Night request. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- c. Consider Approval of Resolution 2010-10, a Resolution Approving Completion and Acceptance of the Eagle Creek Development Utility and Street Improvements
Kawlewski stated that he and the Public Works Director have verified that the warranty work in Eagle Creek has been completed to the satisfaction of the plans and specifications. He mentioned that the infrastructure has been in place for two years, and he recommended accepting the street and utility improvements in Eagle Creek.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve Resolution 2010-10, a resolution approving completion and acceptance of the Eagle Creek Development utility and street improvements. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- d. Presentation of Tree City USA Plaque

Baker stated that the City of Lonsdale recently received a letter from the Arbor Day Foundation congratulating the City on being named a Tree City USA community for 2009. He explained the four standards that the City achieved to be recognized as a Tree City, and he provided an update on recent tree plantings around town.

The City Council along with Arbor Day Coordinator Micki Ziskovsky posed for pictures while holding the new Tree City USA plaque. Ziskovsky talked about Arbor Day and the value of trees. Rud thanked Kodada, Ziskovsky, and the Park Board for the efforts with Arbor Day and other tree planting events.

- e. Consider Approval of Resolution 2010-11, a Resolution Approving a Conditional Use Permit Requested by Trondhjem Lutheran Church to Erect a Forty (40) Foot Tall Bell Tower at 7525 Garfield Ave as per City Code §153.058

Baker provided the Council with a staff report and proposed Conditional Use Permit for Trondhjem Lutheran Church to review including a site plan and an elevation sketch. He read through the report and mentioned that the 40 ft. tall bell tower will be located on the northeast side of the property and be supported by three steel tubes. Pastor Howard White of Trondhjem Lutheran Church provided further details on the project. Baker said that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit at their meeting on April 15, 2010.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Kodada to approve Resolution 2010-11, a resolution approving a Conditional Use Permit requested by Trondhjem Lutheran Church to erect a forty (40) foot tall bell tower at 7525 Garfield Ave as per City Code

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

f. Consider Approval of Ordinance 2010-236, an Ordinance Adopting the Updated Self-Perpetuating Minnesota State Building Code

Baker provided the Council with the State of Minnesota - Building Code Division's recommend ordinance language for adopting the State Building Code. Building Inspector Jim Filipek stated that the proposed ordinance is self-perpetuating and won't need constant updating. He explained that every 3-6 years, the State Building Code is rewritten with updated requirements.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve Ordinance 2010-236, an ordinance adopting the updated self-perpetuating Minnesota State Building Code. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

g. Building Department Update – Building Official Jim Filipek

Building Inspector Filipek provided the City Council with a brief update on 2010 building permit statistics and the status of unfinished Signature Homes, Parish Marketing and Haze One homes. Filipek said that all the unfinished Willow Creek Heights and Rolling Ridge homes have either been finished or are currently being finished, and he mentioned that Sakkal LLC will be working on finishing the remaining 6 homes in Legacy Meadows over the next few years. He said that that the City has issued 6 single-family home permits so far in 2010 and another 5 new home permits are currently pending. Filipek said that the City has already issued 21 deck permits. Kodada asked about the State's fee increase for flat fee permits, and Filipek explained that the State is looking at all possible sources to generate more revenue. The Council thanked Filipek for the update.

h. Consider Approval of a Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for the Lonsdale Fireman's Relief Association's Annual Steak Fry at 426 Railway Street

Ericson provided the Council with an application form for a temporary on-sale liquor license submitted by the Lonsdale Fireman's Relief Association.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve a temporary on-sale license for the Lonsdale Fireman's Relief Association's Annual Steak Fry at 426 Railway Street on May 22, 2010. 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 reported that the Liquor Store has now recorded a profit two months in-a-row. He said that the store has had a good first quarter and the next couple of months look promising.

Council Member Kodada

Kodada thanked all the community leaders that helped with tree plantings and the Arbor Day event.

Council Member Furrer

Furrer thanked everyone who helped with the Library Grand Opening event. She mentioned that approximately 700 people attended the grand opening. She said that the EDA will be conducting another round of the Lonsdale First program between June – August. Rud asked the EDA to work on getting someone back in the Westerman Lumber building.

Council Member Pelava

Pelava reported that the Planning Commission reviewed the City's subdivision ordinance, the bell tower conditional use permit, and the building code update.

Council Member Rud

Rud thanked everyone who helped with the recent Villages of Lonsdale fundraiser for senior transportation. He announced that the Chamber's Belgian Waffle Breakfast will be on Saturday, May 1st starting at 7:00 am. He also said that the Local Board of Appeals will be in Lonsdale for anyone wanting to ask property tax related questions. He stated that the next Meeting with the Mayor will be held on May 8th.

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 8:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator