

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rud called a meeting of the Lonsdale City Council to order at 7:04 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 415 Central St. W.

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, Fire Chief Mike Yetzer and City Engineer Kevin Kawlewski

4. AGENDA

Mayor Rud asked if anyone had any additions or deletions to the agenda. A motion was made by Daleiden 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. Presentation of a Waste Management Youth Group Recycling Green Team Check to the Montgomery Lonsdale Early Childhood Coalition – Darryl Hoekstra of Waste Management

Darryl Hoekstra of Waste Management was present to present a check in the amount of \$234.00 for recycling 35.1 tons of mixed paper to the Montgomery / Lonsdale Early Childhood Coalition. Jennifer Jaros and Christine Kramer were present to accept the check. Kramer said the funds will be used to match the grant received from the MN Initiative Foundation to provide funds for events such as the "Fall into Fun" event being held in October. Hoekstra said the current Green Team is the Wheatland Wheaties.

- b. Consider Approval of Pay Request # 1 in the Amount of \$147,150.70 to Chard Tiling & Excavating for the Trunk Highway 19 Sidewalk Improvement Project

Kawlewski said the project is essentially complete and the pay request is for \$147,150.70. He stated the financial commitments of the State and City relative to the pay request. Kawlewski informed the City Council that a walkthrough of the project has been completed and 5% retainage has been withheld from the pay request. Mayor Rud asked if the project was on budget. Kawlewski said the project is on budget. Mayor Rud asked if the curbs were going to be painted. Kawlewski said yes and the stripping in place is temporary. A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Kodada to approve payment to Chard Tiling and

Excavating in the amount of \$147,150.70. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer and Pelava. Against: None Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

c. Consider Approval to Accept Brad Schipper's Resignation From his Fire Department Officer's Position and Temporarily Promote Dave Mohn to Replace Schipper Until December 31, 2010

Fire Chief Mike Yetzer said he had received Schipper's resignation from his captains position and was recommending it be approved. He told the City Council he was recommending that Dave Mohn be promoted to the Captains position temporary through the end of the year at which time interviews would be conducted for the position. Mayor Rud asked if Schipper would remain with the department. Yetzer replied yes. A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to accept Schipper's resignation from his captains position and to temporarily promote Dave Mohn to the captains position until the end of the year. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer and Pelava. Against: None Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Yetzer said the department received a donation of three fire extinguishers that contain a new type of haylon gas for putting out car fires from A.K.E. He said there is no cost to the City if they are used because A.K.E. will replace them at no cost as long as the City provides the company with the victim's name and address for billing. Mayor Rud asked if 800 MHz was on the upcoming Fire Board agenda. Erickson said yes. Yetzer said the fire departments in the County applied for a regional A.F.G. grant to help pay for the cost of 800 mhz. He said if the grant is awarded, Lonsdale will have to pay 20% and the grant will pay for 80% of the cost of 800 mhz. Yetzer informed the City Council that the County is already testing 800 MHz on civil defense sirens and the departments pagers.

d. Consider Approval to Accept the Resignation of Part-Time Police Officer Andy Sirek

Erickson said that Sirek returned his uniforms, badge and manuals to the Police Department recently and that was deemed to be his resignation. He said there was not a written resignation provided but staff has requested one be submitted. A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve the resignation of Andy Sirek. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer and Pelava. Against: None Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

e. Consider Approval to Hire a Part-Time Police Officer at Grade 8 / Step 1 (\$17.64/hour) to Replace Andy Sirek

Erickson said with the City Council approving the resignation of Andy Sirek, staff was requesting approval to hire a new part time police officer. Erickson said with the application process underway to fill Vilka's vacant part time position, the City can use the applicant pool to hire two part time officers. Mayor Rud asked if the position would provide for benefits. Erickson said no. A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to hire a part time police officer at grade 8 / step 1 to replace Andy Sirek. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer and Pelava. Against: None Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

f. Consider Approval of an Agreement Between the City of Lonsdale and SafeAssure Consultants, Inc. for OSHA Required Safety Training in the Amount of \$3,756.00

Erickson said the City has contracted with SafeAssure for OSHA required training since 2004. He stated the training that was included in the proposal and said staff has been satisfied with the service provided. Daleiden asked if OSHA 10 and CPR were included in the proposal. Erickson said no. Daleiden said he would like to get a cost for both. Pelava asked if the funds were budgeted. Erickson said yes. A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve the proposal submitted by SafeAssure in the amount of \$3,756.00 and for staff to get a proposal on OSHA 10 and CRP certification. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer and Pelava. Against: None Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

- g. Update on the Water Treatment Plant Project
Erickson said the RFP's were sent out to eight firms and are due on Friday, August 20, 2010. He said the City Council will have to decide who will conduct the interviews, if it will be staff and two City Councilmembers or staff and the entire City Council. Erickson informed the City Council that the City was approved to be placed on the Intended Use Plan (IUP) and the Project Priority List (PPL) for Public Facility Authority (PFA) funding. Mayor Rud asked what the interest rate of the PFA will be. Erickson said it is not know at this time but it will be 1.5 points less than the interest the PFA obtains through their bonding. He said for this year's project, the interest rate has been as low as 1.8%.
- h. Al DeKruif – State Senate District 25 Candidate
DeKruif said that he was a candidate for State Senate, District 25. He said he believed the State needs to be pro-business, use common sense and reform education funding and welfare. Mayor Rud asked how he proposed to reduce the State projected deficit. DeKruif said it cannot be with cuts alone and government needs to be reformed.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Reminder of August 23, 2010 Special City Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
Mayor Rud said the next budget meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2010.
- b. Department Reports
Liquor Store – Daleiden said the store has made a profit five of the last six months. He said an energy audit was conducted and the savings could be as much as \$5,000.00. He also said the store will have winter hours that will have the store opening later and closing earlier during the week.

Parks – Kodada said the Park Board held a public hearing on the development of Kalina Park at their last meeting. He said the Board also selected the landscaping materials for the welcome signs. Mayor Rud asked if it was still planned to redo the ball fields at Jaycee Park. Kodada said it is scheduled for the end of August after ball season is done. Mayor Rud said the new trail along C.S.A.H. 33 looks good. Kodada said the trail turned out really nice. Mayor Rud congratulated Kodada on becoming the new Little League President. Kodada said he was excited and looking forward to the challenge.

Library – Furrer said the next Library meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2010.

EDA – Furrer said the next EDA meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2010. Mayor Rud asked if the EDA is still planning on erecting a sign on I-35. Furrer said yes.

Sky Warn – Furrer said Sky Warn will be holding a pancake breakfast at 7:00 am during Community Days.

Planning Commission – Pelava said the next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2010.

Mayor Rud – Rud thanked Eva Steege and Chastity Brezina and all the volunteers for the help in organizing Community Days. He congratulated Ben and Jan Sticha on being named the grand marshals of the parade. He congratulated Jessica Cole and Christine Mack on becoming Miss Lonsdale and Princess respectively. Rud said that Karmin Stanley does a good job with organizing the pageant. Mayor Rud said he would like to hold the next Meeting with the Mayor on Saturday, September 11, 2010.

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 7:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator