

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 30, 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, and Furrer

Absent: Pelava

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

4. AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve the agenda as presented. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Kodada to approve the Minutes from the August 23, 2010 Special Meeting, the August 26, 2010 Regular Meeting, the August 30, 2010 Special Meeting with the noted correction, the September 8, 2010 Special Meeting and the September 9, 2010 Regular Meeting. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. 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. Monthly Bills

b. Treasurer's Report

c. Board and Commission Minutes

Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Update on CPR / AED and OSHA 10 Training

Erickson mentioned that the City's consultant for OSHA training does not provide CPR training because they cannot compete financially with the Red Cross. Daleiden and Furrer agreed that it is very important to have staff training in case of an emergency. Rud asked if such training would reflect on the City's insurance premium. They directed City staff to further research the issue for the next Council meeting.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Consider Approval of the 2010 Property and Liability Insurance Premium in the Amount of \$64,670.00

City Insurance Agent Pete Flicek of Flicek Insurance Agency reviewed the City's proposed property and liability insurance with the City Council. He mentioned that the premium has increased by \$3,718.00 or 6.1 % because of the Library, Water Department, payroll adjustments, and increased claims compared to prior years. Flicek provided the Council with a premium comparison for the last three years, a schedule of the City's vehicles, a breakdown of hazard liability, and listing of City insured property.

Rud asked Flicek about coverage for Skywarn. Flicek explained that City volunteer groups need to be under the direct control and supervision of the City such as the Volunteer Fire Department or Park Board members helping plant trees/plantings with the guidance/direction of the Public Works Department. He said that Skywarn would be considered their own separate community volunteer organization similar to the Community Days Committee, Lonsdale Lions, or Knights of Columbus.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to approve the 2010 Property and Liability Insurance Premium in the amount of \$64,670.00. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

b. Consider Approval of Resolution 2010-22, a Resolution Authorizing Issuance, Awarding Sale, Prescribing the Form and Details and Providing for the Payment of \$416,000.00 General Obligation Sewer and Water Refunding Bonds, Series 2010A

City Finance Consultant Paul Donna of Northland Securities explained that Resolution 2010-22 would allow the City to refinance the 2002 Sewer and Water General Obligation Bond from an interest rate of 4.63% to 2.37%, and therefore save the City a net total of \$27,768.33. He said the sale of the bonds will occur on October 21, 2010 and the last payment on the bonds will be in 2017, which is the same as the current schedule. The Council agreed that it certainly makes sense to refinance with an interest rate of 2.37%.

Rud asked Donna a few questions about financing the proposed water treatment plant. Donna said that the City may be able to get a better interest rate on the market rather than

through the State. Daleiden asked what time of year is typically the best for bidding. Donna stated that January, February, and March are good times to get bids.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve Resolution 2010-22, a resolution authorizing issuance, awarding sale, prescribing the form and details and providing for the payment of \$416,000.00 General Obligation Sewer and Water Refunding Bonds, Series 2010A. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

c. Update on the Montgomery / Lonsdale School District # 394 School Improvement Projects – Dr. Corey Lunn, Superintendent

Montgomery-Lonsdale Superintendent Dr. Corey Lunn and Scott McQueen of Wold Architects provided the City Council and audience with a detailed visual presentation and update on the school district's upcoming building projects. McQueen showed the proposed site plans and building layouts for both the new high school and middle school. Dr. Lunn stated that facility committees helped the architects come up with many of the ideas shown in the plans including security improvements, parking enhancements, and welcoming corridor connections. He said the new designs will ultimately help expand opportunities for students and enhance education. Lunn mentioned that the Montgomery-Lonsdale School District is the only district in the State currently building a new high school. The Council thanked Lunn and Wold Architects for the presentation, and Rud specifically thanked the School Board and Facility Committees for their hard work. He said that it is a good thing for the school district.

d. Consider Approval of the Lonsdale Public Library Teen Advisory Board and Summer Reading Program as the Youth Recycling Green Team for October, November and December 2010

Baker provided the Council with the two Green Team applications currently on-file with the City, along with a list of past Green Teams. Kodada stated that the Park Board recommended approval of the Lonsdale Public Library Teen Advisory Board and Summer Reading Program because their members, volunteers, and parents have not had the opportunity to serve as a Green Team yet. Furrer mentioned that the Library Board was very excited about the opportunity.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Daliden to approve the Lonsdale Public Library Teen Advisory Board and Summer Reading Program as the Youth Recycling Green Team for October, November and December 2010. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

e. Consider Approval of a Quote Submitted by Buscho Enterprises, LLC in the Amount of \$7,200.00 for Hauling and Application of Bio-solids

Vlasak stated that he requested quotes from five companies to provide for the hauling and application of bio-solids, but only one company provided a quote. He said that Buscho Enterprises submitted a bid in the amount of \$7,200.00. Vlasak mentioned that Buscho has worked for the City in the past. Vlasak explained that the City will be using its own transfer pump this year to save \$600.00. Erickson mentioned that the City is currently

drafting an agreement with the land owner so there won't be any issues with either the Spring or Fall application procedure.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to approve a quote submitted by Buscho Enterprises, LLC in the amount of \$7,200.00 for hauling and application of Bio-solids. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

f. Discuss Building Permit / Completion of 104 Railway Street NW (Heritage Heating & Air)

Rud mentioned that he has received a number of complaints concerning the unfinished building at 104 Railway Street NW. Erickson said that the property/business owner has been notified numerous times that the building needs to be finished. He mentioned that the City may need to pull the Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for the building to get the owner to complete the unfinished project. Erickson said that the owner would like to finish the building with brick veneer and hardyplank siding. Rud said he wants to help business in town, but he stated that the building project needs to get completed.

g. Discuss Pedestrian Crossing Signs/Flashers at 8th Avenue NW and County Road 4 and Idaho Street South and County Road 4

Rud mentioned that residents within the Heritage Estates development have requested that safer pedestrian crossings be installed along County Road 4 along with additional police patrol. Erickson stated that the Rice County Highway Department has agreed to install and finance new pedestrian crossing signs/flashers along County Road 4.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Department Reports:

Council Member Daleiden

Daleiden provided a liquor store report. He mentioned that the customer counts are remaining the same, but people are spending a little less money compared to last year.

Council Member Kodada

Kodada provided an update on the MnDOT Hwy 19 Welcome Sign Landscaping Project. He said that the Public Works Department will continue grading work and wall construction over the next week. He commended the Public Works Department on their seal-coating work and the joint effort to save money for the Cities of Lonsdale and Montgomery.

Council Member Furrer

Furrer stated that Skywarn will meet next Monday evening. She also mentioned that the Library Board was excited about the Teen Advisory Board and Summer Reading Program being named as the next Green Team. She mentioned that the EDA will soon be starting the next round of the Lonsdale First local business patronage program.

Council Member Pelava
N/A

Council Member Rud

Rud mentioned that the Public Works Department may want to look into applicable flood damage cleanup money from FEMA. He said that due to the successful New Prague band event recently held at the Villages of Lonsdale, the Lonsdale Chamber of Commerce will be applying for a grant to build a park band shell. He stated that the League of Minnesota Cities will be holding a meeting on October 7, 2010 in Montgomery. He mentioned that the City should organize a group to welcome the recent new businesses to town. Rud stated that the Elko New Market City Administrator is planning to utilize additional hours next year for the joint planning services agreement.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Kodada, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried. The meeting closed at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator