

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 28, 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, and Public Works Director Russ Vlasak

4. AGENDA

Mayor Rud asked if anyone had any additions, deletions, or corrections to the agenda. Rud asked if "Lonsdale 2010 Fireworks Display" could be added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Furrer and seconded by Kodada 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 Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve the minutes from the December 28, 2009 Regular Meeting, the January 7, 2010 Annual Meeting, and the January 14, 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 Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Monthly Bills
- b. Treasurer's Report

c. Board and Commission Minutes

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

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Consider Approval to Compensate Butch Malecha \$517.40 for the Application of Bio-Solids

Erickson said that the City applied bio-solids to 7.96 acres of Butch Malecha's farm land in January of 2009. Erickson said that the City recently received a call from Mr. Malecha asking for \$65.00/acre considering nearly a year went by and that the City never promised reimbursement for the bio-solid application. Vlasak stated that he may have made a comment in the field to Malecha about possible payment from the City. Vlasak also mentioned that there wasn't any crop damage due to the bio-solid application.

Furrer questioned why the farmer should be paid if he already received a fertilization value and his crops were not damaged. Kodada said that the farmer may have assumed from his conversation with Vlasak that he was going to be paid. Rud said that if the City said something about payment, then the City should pay Mr. Malecha.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Pelava to approve compensation for Butch Malecha . Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, and Pelava. Against: Furrer . Vote: 4-1. Motion carried.

b. Consider Approval of a Proposal Submitted by WSB & Associates, Inc. in the Amount of \$2,900.00 to Complete the Florida Street SE Feasibility Study

Erickson went through the history of the project, and he stated that the Council requested a proposal from WSB at their last meeting to finish the feasibility study for Florida Street SE. Kawlewski provided the Council with a proposal to finish the feasibility study in the lump sum amount of \$2,9000.

Russ Malecha, 131 Florida Street SE, mentioned that the project would not benefit his business and he was not in favor of the project. He said that his property has the largest amount of frontage along the unpaved portion of Florida Street. He said that there is not much through traffic that travels down Florida Street SE.

Rud said that Verne Bongers, BME Tool, has requested a few different times that the City consider paving the road. Pelava said that Lonsdale Telephone may be affected if there was road construction. Daleiden asked what the fair thing to do was, and he also asked if the City should wait until over 50% of the property owners along Florida Street SE agree with the project before proceeding. The Council decided to talk to more property owners along the project route, to see how much interest is out there in a new road.

No action was taken. The issue was tabled until each Councilmember had a chance to touch base with the property owners along Florida Street SE.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Lonsdale 2010 Fireworks Display – Jeff Smisek

Jeff Smisek addressed the Council from the podium. He stated that he started planning earlier this year for the July Fireworks Display due to the shortfall in donations over the past year. He said that donations went from \$5,000 in 2008 down to \$1,800 in 2009 due to the economy. Smisek said that he did meet with Chamber President Nelson, and he said that Nelson is willing to fill out the necessary paperwork for the fireworks display. He said that he hopes to host a fish fry fundraiser during the Lenten season to raise more money for the show. He asked the City if they could provide the insurance and advertisement money again this year. He said that fireworks reserve funds were used last year to put on the show. Rud thanked Smisek for all his work, and he said that the Council needs to be careful about spending taxpayers money on such events. Kodada suggested a capped donation amount.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to provide insurance, barricades, advertisement funds, and an additional not-to-exceed amount of \$300.00 to the 2010 Lonsdale Fireworks Display. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

b. Review a Proposal Submitted by BDM Engineers for Engineering Services Relating to the Design of a Radium Removal Water Treatment Plant

John Stewart and Bill Chang of BDM Engineers presented a twenty slide Power Point presentation to the City Council regarding a water treatment plant proposal. They said that they received a call from Vlasak asking how to make Lonsdale's radium problem go away. The BDM Engineers went on to explain how Lonsdale could solve its radium issues by constructing a \$1,000,000 water treatment facility. They reviewed and described Lonsdale's current water system, acceptable radium concentrations, and different filtration techniques. Rud stated that the City may be interested in applying for a low interest 20 or 40 year federal loan. Erickson said that he would need to conduct a rate study to see where water rates would need to be if a new water treatment plant was constructed. Furrer asked if additional Public Works staff would need to be hired. Stewart stated that the proposed Class C treatment plant could be run by current City employees who would be responsible for testing and monitoring the facility. Stewart and Chang stated that they want to operate on a schedule that the Council can feel comfortable with, but they said they could produce a buildable set of plans by Fall 2010. Rud thanked BDM for their very informative presentation.

No action was taken.

c. Consider Approval of Resolution 2010-04, a Resolution Approving the Completion and Acceptance of the Harmony Meadows 1st Addition Subdivision and Utility Street Improvements

Kawlewski stated that the majority of the street and utility work in Harmony Meadows 1st Addition was completed in 2005. He mentioned that the litigation related to the contractor improvements has been resolved. He said that the warranty is over. Vlasak

stated his concern with undocumented warranty repairs on the deep sewer line that runs through the project. Kawlewski mentioned that the City will still retain \$25,000 for any future issues that come up and to insure the repaving the Idaho Street trail. Kawlewski recommended acceptance of the project.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Kodada to approve Resolution 2010-04, a resolution approving the completion and acceptance of the Harmony Meadows 1st Addition Subdivision and Utility Street Improvements. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Abstained: Rud. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

d. Consider Approval of Brenda Schneider's Letter of Resignation

Erickson read through Brenda Schneider's letter of resignation, and he mentioned that she has been a wonderful employee. Liquor Store Council Representative Daleiden agreed.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve Brenda Schneider's letter of resignation. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

e. Consider Approval to Authorize Staff to Advertise for Two (2) Part-Time Liquor Store Clerks at Grade 2 / Step 1

Erickson mentioned that with the resignation of Schneider and Luke Rezac needing more time for school, Liquor Store Manager Lynette Moe is recommending hiring two part-timers. Erickson mentioned that the two part-timers will help manage the use of comp and vacation time. Furrer asked about benefits. Erickson said that part-time employees do not receive benefits. He mentioned that the grade and step are determined by pay equity points. Rud said that going with two part-timers is a good strategy.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to authorize staff to advertise for two (2) part-time Liquor Store Clerks at Grade 2 / Step 1. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

f. Consider Approval of an Agreement to Spread Bio-Solids Between the City of Lonsdale and James and Sharon Schmitz

Erickson provided a proposed agreement to spread bio-solids on James and Sharon Schmitz's land. He went through the key points of the agreement including details on compensation, clean up, insurance, and term length. Erickson mentioned that James Schmitz came into City Hall earlier in the day to sign the agreement. Daleiden asked if legal had looked at the agreement. Erickson said yes. Kodada said that this is the way City business should be conducted.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Daleiden to approve an agreement to spread bio-solids between the City of Lonsdale and James and Sharon Schmitz. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Daleiden

Daleiden said that the EDA is looking into an incubator building with tip-up panels. He said that the numbers for the Liquor Store are still being reviewed.

Council Member Kodada

None.

Council Member Furrer

Furrer said that the EDA hosted its first ever Lonsdale First Program drawing on January 21st. She mentioned that about 10,000 cards were included in the first round. She said the second round of Lonsdale First will be starting soon. She also mentioned that the new Library shelves have been ordered, and the Library Board is planning for a grand opening in mid to late February.

Council Member Pelava

Pelava briefly discussed the agenda items at the last Planning Commission meetings. He also said that the Chamber of Commerce is very excited about the July 4th Fireworks display.

Council Member Rud

Rud mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce will be having their annual meeting on January 30th at Willingers. Erickson mentioned that the Villages of Lonsdale building recently received a State award for buildings under \$10,000,000 due to the joint partnership between the City and building owner. Rud mentioned that he hopes the Industrial Park project continues to move forward.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Furrer and seconded by Kodada to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Kodada, Rud, Smith, Furrer, Pelava. Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting closed at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator