

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2013**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rud called a meeting of the Lonsdale City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 415 Central Street West.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava

Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: City Administrator Joel Erickson and City Planner Benjamin Baker

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Rud asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the agenda. Two additional agenda items were announced: 1) Proclamation of Community Education Day and 2) Scheduling a Special City Council meeting on November 7, 2013 to canvass the election results.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve the agenda with the noted additions. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to approve the Minutes from the September 26, 2013 Regular Meeting, the October 10, 2013 Regular Meeting and the October 21, 2013 Special Meeting. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. PRESENTATION OF CITIZEN PETITIONS AND COMMENTS

None

8. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Monthly Bills
- b. Treasurer's Report
- c. Board and Commission Minutes

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

9. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Introduction of Marguerite Moran, new Lonsdale Public Library Director – Marguerite Moran

Erickson introduced new Library Director Marguerite Moran. Moran provided the Council with a brief summary of her education and work experience. Moran said that she is excited to be back in the Lonsdale area and now working at the new Lonsdale library. She said that the Library is now open 32 hours per week. Library Board Chair Furrer said that she is glad that Moran is on board now, and she said that it will be interesting to see what new programming ideas come about with the new Library Director. The Council thanked Moran for introducing herself.

- b. Discussion on Agricultural Lease/Rent Options for Lonsdale Business Park – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson asked the Council to provide direction on the possibility of leasing out some of the vacant areas of the new business park for agricultural purposes. He mentioned that a local farmer recently approached the City interested in renting the land for an alfalfa crop. Erickson said that the City could benefit by: 1) not having to mow/maintain the vacant land, and 2) also by collecting an income. The Council all agreed with the idea to rent the land. Furrer asked if a permit would be needed. Erickson stated that maybe an interim use permit would be required. Daleiden stated that the paperwork should specify what happens in the case that a new business wants to start construction on the leased alfalfa land.

The Council directed the City Administrator to proceed with renting out the vacant land in the new business park.

c. Consider Approval to Schedule Special Meetings Pertaining to the 2014 City Budget – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson said that the Council approved the 2014 Preliminary Budget and Tax Levy on September 5, 2013. He noted that historically the City Council has held two budget meetings in November and December prior to the adoption of the final budget and property tax levy for the upcoming year. He said that that the Council should review the City's fee schedule, utility fees, pay scale, and updated revenue and expenses at the two final budget meetings.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to schedule two Special City Council Meetings for November 18, 2013 at 6:00 pm and December 5, 2013 at 6:00 pm. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

d. Consider Approval of Resolution 2013-48, a Resolution Proclaiming November 12, 2013 as National Community Education Day

Erickson stated that Tri-City United Community Education has requested that the City of Lonsdale officially recognize November 12, 2013 as National Community Education Day. Erickson stated that National Education Day has been an annual celebration in the United States for 27 years, and it is a day that shines a spotlight on lifelong, community-based learning and the tireless work that is done by community educators to assure communities maximize the benefits of collaboration. Rud read through the entire resolution proclaiming November 12, 2013 as National Community Education Day.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to approve Resolution 2013-48, a resolution proclaiming November 12, 2013 as National Community Education Day. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

e. Consider Scheduling a Special City Council Meeting on November 7, 2013 at 6:00 pm to Canvass the Election Results

Erickson asked that Council to consider scheduling a special meeting on November 7, 2013 to canvass the election results from the November 5th election.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava Special City Council Meeting on November 7, 2013 at 6:00 pm to canvass the election results. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Project Reports

- Baker provided a brief update on on-going park projects while the Council reviewed construction pictures of the Main Street Plaza Project along with the Kalina Park Mini-Boardwalk and Landscaping Project.
- Erickson provided the Council with an update on the trail sealing project.

b. Council / Department Reports

Council Member Daleiden

None.

Council Member Kodada

Kodada stated that Park Board Members Ziskovsky and Utecht were going to join him in attending the Tri-Lakes Sportsman Club on October 29th to request funding for an archery range.

Council Member Furrer

Furrer stated that the Lonsdale First Program will be starting on November 1st.

Council Member Pelava

Pelava provided an overview on the last Planning Commission meeting. He said that the Commission reviewed the Lonsdale Packaging site plan along with the City's Transportation Plan and Public Utilities Plan.

Mayor Rud

Rud announced that Meeting with the Mayor will be held on Saturday morning on November 2, 2013. He stated that the brand new fire truck is now in town. Rud wished everyone a Happy Halloween.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator