

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2014**

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, City Planner Benjamin Baker, Public Works Director Russ Vlasak, City Engineer Kevin Kawlewski

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Rud asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda.

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Special Assessments for Delinquent Accounts

Erickson reminded the Council that this is the second time in 2014 that delinquent accounts were going to be assessed to the associated properties. He said that of the over 20 delinquent bills proposed to be assessed, the majority of the unpaid bills pertain to tall weeds/grass invoices, with the remaining being water/sewer accounts. He went through the terms of payment, interest rates, and interest accrual. After accounting for recent payments made, Erickson said that the final number to be assessed is \$5,798.01. Rud asked for public comments. There was none.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to close the public hearing. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried. The public hearing closed.

7. PRESENTATION OF CITIZEN PETITIONS AND COMMENTS

Lance Poole, 563 4th Circle Drive SE, said that he felt bad that the City had to get involved with a school bus stop issue along Industrial Drive SE that should have been handled by the School District/Palmer Bus. He said that the school bus stop should have been moved up the hill into the WELCO neighborhood. He thanked the City Council for serving the community, and he noted his frustration that the City will be paying for the “school bus stop ahead” signs.

8. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

None

9. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Presentation of a Waste Management Green Team Check in the Amount of \$485.00 to KickStart to Kindergarten for Recycling 32.33 Tons of Cardboard and Mixed Use Paper
Mike Donnelly, Waste Management, presented representatives of KickStart to Kindergarten with a check for \$485.00 for recycling 32.33 tons of cardboard. The Council thanked Waste Management and KickStart to Kindergarten for their efforts. Rud also thanked Waste Management for their recent \$500.00 donation to the Veterans Memorial Project.

b. Consider Approval of Resolution 2014-47, a Resolution Adopting Assessments for Delinquent Accounts
Erickson reviewed the proposed Resolution and Exhibit A, which listed the properties and associated delinquent amounts. Daleiden asked if the proposed assessments will affect their credit scores. Pelava said no, because credit was never extended to the account holders.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve Resolution 2014-47, a resolution adopting assessments for delinquent accounts, totaling \$5,798.01. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

c. Wheatland Wheaties Can Tab Donation Efforts for the Ronald McDonald House Charities
Tara Kaistershot, representing the local 4-H Clubs in northern Rice County, made the Council and community aware that their clubs are collecting can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charity. The Council suggested different locations where the tab collection containers could be located. The Council thanked the Kaistershot and the Wheatland Wheaties for serving the community and charities.

d. Consider Approval of Resolution 2014-48, a Resolution Proclaiming the Week of November 16, 2014 as American Education Week

Betty Traxler, Tri-City United School District representative, asked the Lonsdale City Council to consider adopting a Resolution, proclaiming the week of November 16, 2014 as American Education Week. She said that American Education Week has been happening since 1921. Traxler said that TCU is proud of its Lonsdale school and the recently added amenities, such as the rain garden and butterfly garden. The Council reviewed the proposed Resolution.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Kodada to approve Resolution 2014-48, a resolution proclaiming the week of November 16, 2014 as American Education Week. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

e. Closed Session – City of Lonsdale v. Legacy Land Development of Minnesota

The City Council recessed the Regular Meeting at 7:23 pm to go into closed session in the upstairs meeting room to discuss the City of Lonsdale vs. Legacy Land Development case with City Attorney Brian Wisdorf. The Council reconvened in the downstairs Council Chambers at 7:57 pm.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to authorize the City Administrator to negotiate a settlement with Legacy Land Development as discussed in the Closed Session. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

f. Consider Approval of Ordinance 2014-259, an Ordinance Creating a C-I, Commercial / Industrial Zoning District

Baker read through Ordinance 2014-259, and the Council reviewed Exhibit A, which detailed the proposed new ordinance language. Baker explained that the need for a hybrid zoning district was recognized through the development of the new Lonsdale Business Park, and that such a district should allow for a mix of both commercial and industrial uses with higher building design standards. He said that the Planning Commission held a public hearing on October 16, 2014, and they recommended approval of the new Commercial-Industrial zoning district. Pelava said that the Planning Commission helped create the new zoning district. Kodada asked about the difference between major and minor automobile repair. Baker explained that Automobile Repair – Major would require a Conditional Use Permit.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to approve Ordinance 2014-259, an ordinance creating a C-I, Commercial / Industrial Zoning District. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

Consider Approval of Ordinance 2014-260, an Ordinance Amending the City's Official Zoning Map

Baker read through Ordinance 2014-260, and he provided the Council with a rezone map to review. Baker noted that during the approval process and development of the Lonsdale Business Park, certain platted parcels were designed for specific purposes such as park/public use and greenway/park buffer. He said that that Planning Commission held a public hearing on October 16, 2014, and they recommended approval of the proposed amendment to the Official Zoning Map.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve Ordinance 2014-260, an ordinance Amending the City's Official Zoning Map. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Reminder of the Special Meeting Scheduled for Monday, November 17, 2014 at 6:30 pm
Rud reminded everyone of the Special City Council Meeting scheduled for 6:30 pm on November 17th to be held at City Hall.

- a. Department Reports
Baker provided an update on the Veterans Memorial Project.

- b. Council Reports

Council Member Daleiden

Daleiden said that Lonsdale Liquor will be hosting an upcoming Holiday Wine Tasting event.

Council Member Kodada

Kodada stated that the Park Board will be meeting on November 18th.

Council Member Furrer

Furrer said that the EDA will be meeting on November 20th. She also mentioned the Lonsdale American Legion Auxiliary Club will be hosting Turkey Bingo on November 21st to raise money for the Veterans Memorial Project.

Council Member Pelava

Pelava stated that the Planning Commission will also be meeting on November 20th.

Mayor Rud

Mayor Rud announced that the City will be advertising for Advisory Board vacancies, and he encouraged all interested parties to apply. He said that anyone interested in ringing the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign should contact Julie Lowy. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Against: None Vote 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator