

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 24, 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 and City Planner Benjamin Baker

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Daleiden and 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

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve the Minutes from the October 30, 2014 Regular Meeting, the November 13, 2014 Regular Meeting, and the November 17, 2014 Special Meeting. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: 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 Kodada 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. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

9. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider Approval of a Proposal Submitted by CSSW Computers in the Amount of \$7,232.58 for a Server, Disaster Recovery Hardware and a New Computer – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson presented the Council with two quotes for a server, disaster recovery hardware, and a new computer: 1) CSSW Computers (New Prague) - \$7,232.58 and 2) Index Computers (Savage) - \$7,470.00. Erickson explained the difficulties that City Hall Staff have been dealing with in regard to network problems and data sharing. He said that the current City Hall computer system is a peer-to-peer network that has become inefficient and ineffective. Rud asked if this new system will help the City in its effort to go to paperless Council meeting packets. Erickson said that the server could be set up to allow for remote access. Furrer stated that it is nice that the New Prague company location is so close in the case that a problem occurs. Pelava asked if the appropriate network cables were in place. Erickson said yes. After the Council reviewed the detailed comparison sheet, Daleiden stated that City Staff has definitely done their homework on this issue. The Council agreed that the proposed server and associated hardware would be great for sharing digital files and creating a secure data backup.

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

- b. Consider Approval to Appoint Mike Yetzer as Fire Chief of the Lonsdale Fire Department – Joel Erickson, City Administrator
Erickson stated that the Interview Committee interviewed current Fire Chief Mike Yetzer on November 20th, and they recommended appointing Yetzer to another and final 4-year term as Fire Chief. Erickson noted that the Fire Chief can only serve a maximum of 3 terms. Rud stated that the Fire Department has come a long ways over the last eight years in terms of the budget, department morale, equipment upgrades, capital outlay, and training. The Council agreed that Yetzer has done a really good job directing the Fire Department.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to appoint Mike Yetzer as Fire Chief of the Lonsdale Fire Department. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- c. Consider Approval to Appoint Dave Pfluke as Assistant Fire Chief of the Lonsdale Fire Department – Joel Erickson, City Administrator
Erickson stated that the Interview Committee interviewed Dave Pfluke on November 20th, and they recommended appointing Pfluke as Assistant Fire Chief. Erickson explained that current Assistant Fire Chief Dean Duban did not apply for the position, and he said that Pfluke, 13-years on the Fire Department, was the only applicant. Rud said that Pfluke has held the position of Company Captain and is well qualified for the new position. He said that Pfluke is very detailed orientated and would make a great Fire Chief someday.

The Council thanked Dean Duban for his years of service as Assistant Fire Chief, and they said that he did an excellent job. The Council agreed that is it is a lot of work to be on the Fire Department, with calls coming at all hours of the day and all types of weather.

A motion was made by Furrer and seconded by Pelava to appoint Dave Pfluke as Assistant Fire Chief of the Lonsdale Fire Department. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Department Reports
- The Council reviewed a spreadsheet showing new home permits issued since 2011 while Baker provided an update on the 2014 new home permits issued to-date. He noted that construction of new homes in lieu of vacant lots have a tremendous fiscal impact on the City's property tax and sewer/water revenues.
- b. Council Reports

Council Member Daleiden

Daleiden provided an update on Lonsdale Liquor. He said that the colder weather has had an impact on customer counts, but that he expects that the store's 2014 numbers will turn out similar to 2013.

Council Member Kodada

Kodada provided a summary of last week's Park Board meeting, including details on a potential Eagle Scout project, called Octoball, proposed for one of Lonsdale's parks.

Council Member Furrer

Furrer said that the Library has started promoting a "word of the week" idea to provide something new for patrons. She said that the EDA started setting their 2015 goals at their last meeting.

Council Member Pelava

Pelava provided a recap of last week's Planning Commission meeting, including discussion on whether or not the Caseys General Store alleyway should be vacated.

Mayor Rud

Rud stated that Friday night's Turkey Bingo was a great success, and that Furrer and the American Legion Auxiliary Club did a terrific job organizing the event. He announced that the City is currently adverting for Advisory Board openings. He stated that the City needs to start focusing its efforts on getting tenets in the new Business Park. He suggested holding a forum or scheduling individual meetings with commercial real estate agents, investors, and developers. The Council asked if Governor Dayton was able to attend a Grand Opening event for the Lonsdale Business Park. Erickson stated that multiple invitations have been sent.

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 7:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator