

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2012**

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 Ben Baker,
City Engineer Kevin Kawlewski, Public Works Director Russ Vlasak,
Police Chief Jason Schmitz

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Kodada 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

None

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Assessments for Delinquent Accounts Pertaining to Abatement of Violations of City Code § 91.04 Public Nuisances Affecting Health (K) Noxious Weeds and Tall Grass and Water and Sewer Accounts – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Rud read through the public hearing notice and opened the public hearing. Erickson provided the Council with an updated assessment roll. Erickson provided the details of the resolution pertaining to unpaid bills for public nuisance violations, water/sewer accounts, and fire calls. He stated that the bill for 608 4th Avenue SW was paid in full and a payment plan was setup for 314 10th Ave NE.

Rud specifically asked if anyone in the audience wanted to speak on the matter. No one responded to the invitation. Erickson noted that no other written or verbal comments were provided concerning the topic prior to the meeting.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava 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 at 7:10 p.m.

7. PRESENTATION OF CITIZEN PETITIONS AND COMMENTS

None

8. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

None

9. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider Approval of Resolution 2012-51, a Resolution Adopting Assessments for Delinquent Accounts Pertaining to Abatement of Violations of City Code § 91.04 Public Nuisances Affecting Health (K) Noxious Weeds and Tall Grass and Water and Sewer Accounts– Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson said that no comments were provided at the earlier public hearing. He recommended approval of Resolution 2012-51, a resolution assessing 17 properties varying amounts totaling \$3,492.77.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Kodada to approve Resolution 2012-51, a resolution adopting assessments for delinquent accounts pertaining to abatement of violations of City Code § 91.04 Public Nuisances Affecting Health (K) Noxious Weeds and Tall Grass and water and sewer accounts. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- b. Consider Approval of a Quote Submitted by Midwest Playscapes, Inc. in the Amount of \$78,068.63 for Playground Equipment and Installation at Sticha Park and Kalina Park – Ben Baker, City Planner

Baker stated that the Park Board has been researching different play equipment options for the Willow Creek Heights neighborhood (Sticha Park and Kalina Park) for installation in 2013. Baker mentioned that with the proposed addition of a park pavilion within Sticha Park in 2013, the Park Board agreed that some basic play equipment items should be installed next to the new Sticha Park Pavilion. He stated that with recent development, expansion, and investment into Kalina Park, including the addition of 4 lots of extra parkland (along Pond View Drive) and newly graded trails, the Park Board also expressed support for adding play equipment to Kalina Park. He provided the Council with a list of proposed play equipment for each park along with associated prices. Also provided were site plan layouts, pictures, and visualization sketches of the parks and play equipment. Bruce Pudwill, President of Midwest Playscapes, provided a brief overview using poster-sized sketches of the proposed play areas in Sticha Park and Kalina Park. Baker noted that Midwest Playscapes is a member of the Southeast Minnesota Service Coop, and he provided the Council with information on the service purchasing

cooperative. He stated that at their meeting on October 10, 2012, the Park & Recreation Commission recommended approval of the proposed play equipment quotes submitted by Midwest Playscapes.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Daleiden to approve a quote submitted by Midwest Playscapes, Inc. in the amount of \$78,068.63 for playground equipment and installation at Sticha Park and Kalina Park. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

Rud stated that the City needs to start planning to move the current temporary compost site location (in Sticha Park) out to Garfield Avenue along with the proposed Business Park Project.

Rud also stated that the Park Board has done a terrific job with developing and improving City parks. He reminded everyone in the audience that the City's park system has been completely funded through development fees (not taxes), and he said that public parks provide a high quality of life aspect to the community. He suggested that the City look at funding future parks amenities through liquor store revenues and tower rents.

c. Consider Approval to Make a Conditional Job Offer to John Gramling as Part Time Police Officer as Grade 8 / Step 1 (\$17.64/hr.) – Jason Schmitz, Chief of Police

Police Chief Schmitz stated that the Human Resources Committee held interviews on October 24, 2012, and after a long discussion it was decided to hire John Gramling as a part-time police officer for the City of Lonsdale contingent that Mr. Gramling passes a background investigation.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Kodada to make a conditional job offer to John Gramling as Part Time Police Officer as Grade 8 / Step 1 (\$17.64/hr.). Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

d. Consider Approval of a Quote Submitted by United Rentals in the Amount of \$7,214.07 for a 2006 Wacker RD-12A Roller – Russ Vlasak, Public Works Director

Public Works Director Vlasak stated that the Council had previously authorized Staff to purchase a roller not to exceed \$8,000.00 on June 14, 2012. Vlasak provided the Council with a quote from United Rentals in the amount of \$7,214.07 for a 2006 Wacker roller. The Council reviewed and discussed the quote and need for the equipment. Vlasak stated that a new roller runs about \$14,000.00.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve a quote submitted by United Rentals in the amount of \$7,214.07 for a 2006 Wacker RD-12A Roller with a 12-month warranty. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- e. Consider Approval of a Quote Submitted by St. Joseph Equipment, Inc. in the Amount of \$21,588.75 for a Kubota Tractor – Russ Vlasak, Public Works Director

Vlasak stated that the Public Works Department staff has noticed slight power loss and high fuel consumption with the current Kubota tractor. Vlasak provided the Council with three quotes to review: 1) St Joseph Equipment, Inc. - \$21,588.75, 2) Lano Equipment, Inc. \$21,673.18, and 3) Niebur Tractor - \$27,446.26. He mentioned that the new Kubota tractor will be used for mowing and snow removal along the City's trail system. After reviewing all the options, the Council agreed that it makes better business sense to purchase the new tractor and trade in the current one compared to spending thousands of dollars in repairs.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve a quote submitted by St. Joseph Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$21,588.75 for a Kubota Tractor. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- f. Consider Approval of Resolution 2012-52, a Resolution Repealing Resolution 2012-41 (Ordering the Improvement of the 2013 Street and utility Improvement Project) – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson stated that the City Council held a workshop meeting on October 25th to discuss financing next year's proposed improvement projects. He said that it was the consensus of the Council that financing and inspecting both the proposed business park project and street reconstruction project would be too much. Erickson said that the City Engineer was notified to stop working on the CIP Area # 5 Reconstruction Project. Rud stated that businesses locating within the new business park will help pay for future street reconstruction projects. Pelava stated that the Area # 5 roads are already in tough shape, and he questioned what would happen if the City delayed the street reconstruction project for another year. Vlasak agreed that both the southwest and southeast CIP areas are getting bad and need to be reconstructed soon. Rud stated that the Business Park Project is a huge opportunity for the City, with the \$1.5 million grant from the State and the jobs that it will bring to town. Rud also stated that the Public Works Department needs to better clarify and define the scope of work needed along Delaware Street SE and Florida Street SE the Area # 4 Reconstruction Project.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve Resolution 2012-52, a resolution repealing Resolution 2012-41 (Ordering the Improvement of the 2013 Street and utility Improvement Project). Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Project Updates

- Kawlewski provided an update on the 2012 Street/Utility Reconstruction Project. He mentioned that final concrete repair work would be completed on November 9th. Vlasak stated that the Public Works Department started spraying a curing compound on the old curbs within the project area. The Council and Staff agreed that curb spraying would be a good experiment for future reconstruction projects. The Council

estimated that they saved \$280,000 or more by not replacing all the curbs within the project area.

- Vlasak mentioned that the Public Works Department recently finished painting the Jaycee Park Ice Rink.

b. Council / Department Reports

Council Member Daleiden

Daleiden provided an update on stats from Lonsdale Liquor. He mentioned that the customer count was actually down but people were spending more money on purchases.

Rud stated that City Staff should come up with a new revenue plan for funding City parks (around \$25,000.00/year) through liquor store profits along with tower rent collected from cell phone companies.

Council Member Kodada

Kodada provided an update from the November 8th Park Board meeting. He mentioned that the Board discussed play equipment for Kalina and Sticha Park. He stated that the Park Board approved a bid for the Sticha Park Pavilion Project. Kodada said that the Board also discussed future fitness equipment options for Kalina Park along with future splash pad options.

Council Member Furrer

Furrer stated that the Library Board and EDA will meet next week.

Council Member Pelava

Pelava provided a recap of the last Planning Commission meeting, and he stated that a meeting is scheduled for next week.

Mayor Rud

Rud stated that Meeting with the Mayor will be held in December. He talked about the status of the Business Park Project. He said that it would be nice to get bids on the project by February. He said that a Staff Holiday Luncheon has been scheduled for December 18th at the Library. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer and Pelava. Against: None Vote 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator