

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 23, 2015**

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
City Engineer Kevin Kawlewski, Public Works Director Russ Vlasak

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Pelava and seconded by Furrer to approve the agenda as proposed.

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 Kodada to approve the Minutes from the May 28, 2015 Regular Meeting and the June 11, 2015 Regular 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 Pelava 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. Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Bruce Lieske for Over 13 Years of Service on the Economic Development Authority – Mayor Tim Rud

Dr. Bruce Lieske came up to the front of the Council Chambers to be recognized. Erickson stated that Dr. Bruce Lieske submitted his letter of resignation from the Lonsdale EDA, effective July 1, 2015. He said that Lieske is resigning from the EDA because he is moving out of state. He said that Lieske has been a member of the EDA since it started in February of 2002. Erickson said that he has enjoyed working with Lieske and has been a valuable member of the EDA and will certainly be missed. Rud stated that Dr. Lieske has been a great asset to the community. Rud mentioned that the town has really changed since 2001, when Lieske started his chiropractic business in Lonsdale. On behalf of the City of Lonsdale, Rud handed Lieske a plaque for his service to the community. Lieske said that I may leave Lonsdale, but Lonsdale will never leave me. All the Council members thanked Lieske for his years of service.

A motion was made by Pelava and seconded by Furrer to accept Bruce Lieske's letter of resignation from the Lonsdale EDA. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- b. Presentation of a Waste Management Green Team Check in the Amount of \$511.00 to Veseli Youth Baseball for Recycling 34.04 Tons of Cardboard and Mixed Use Paper – Mike Donnelly, Waste Management

Mike Donnelly of Waste Management and representatives of the Veseli Youth Baseball, Tom Chlain and Terry Adamek, came up to the front of the Council Chambers to be recognized. Donnelly applauded the Veseli Youth Baseball Club for helping recycle 34.04 tons of cardboard and mixed use paper during their term as the Green Team. Donnelly handed the Club members a check for \$511.00. The Council congratulated the Baseball Club on their recycling efforts.

c. Consider Approval to Make an Adjustment to the Sewer Rate for the Property Located at 414 2nd Ave SW – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson stated that Lisa Ceplecha, 414 2nd Avenue SW, is requesting that an adjustment be made to her sewer rate due to leaks associated with her washing machine and toilet. He noted that both leaks have been fixed. The Council reviewed Caplecha's request letter along with her water usage. He said that this is a typical request at this time of year, because the first three months of the year are used to determine the average sewer rate, which is billed for the remainder of the year. Kodada said that Caplecha's request is nothing new to the City.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve an adjustment to the sewer rate to 5,000 gallons for the property located at 414 2nd Ave SW. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

d. Consider Approval of Resolution 2015-37, a Resolution to Contract with a Councilmember – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson stated that whenever the City conducts business with a Councilmember, a resolution needs to be adopted and the applicable Councilmember needs to provide a Conflict of Interest Affidavit. Erickson explained that Lonsdale Auto Works provided the Police Department with towing and storage services of a vehicle. He said that the invoice was approved by the Police Department.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve Resolution 2015-37, a resolution to contract with a Councilmember. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Vote against: None. Abstained: Pelava. Vote: 4-0-1. Motion carried.

e. Consider Approval to Amending the Lonsdale American Legion's Liquor Licenses to Include the Parking Lot for Community Days Events Being Held August 7th, 8th and 9th, 2015 – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson stated that with Community Day's Events being held in the American Legion parking lot this year, the City has been requested to amend their liquor license to include their parking lot area for August 7th, 8th, and 9th. He explained that since the Legion's liquor license relates to a City festival, there is legislation that allows their license to be amended from inside their building to the exterior. Erickson noted that access will be controlled through the Legion building.

A motion was made by Furrer and seconded by Daleiden to approve an amendment to the Lonsdale American Legion's Liquor License to include the parking lot for Community Days events being held August 7th, 8th and 9th, 2015. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

f. Consider Approval of the Second Amendment to the Water Tower Lease Agreement Between the City of Lonsdale and T-Mobile Central, LLC – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson provided the Council with a copy of the Second Amendment to the Water Tower Lease Agreement to review. He explained that T-Mobile is replacing a large dish with a small one. Erickson said that the Building Inspector has reviewed and approved the equipment change plans. He also mentioned that KLM Engineering will be reviewing the plans, since they inspected the recent water tower reconditioning project.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve the Second Amendment to the Water Tower Lease Agreement between the City of Lonsdale and T-Mobile Central, LLC. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

g. Consider Approval to Not Waive the Monetary Limits on Municipal Tort Liability Established by Minnesota Statutes, Sections 466.04 – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson stated that in the past the City has always elected to not waive the monetary limits on Municipal Tort Liability. He recommended doing so again this year.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to approve not waiving the monetary limits on Municipal Tort Liability Established by Minnesota Statutes, Sections 466.04. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

h. Discuss Paving the DRS Parking Lot – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson asked the City Council to provide some direction on paving of the Trender Memorial Park/DRS Field Parking Lot. He provided the Council with plans and cost estimates for the project. He explained that since the new trail and curb was constructed along with the Linking Lonsdale Project, many requests have been made to pave the gravel parking lot. All the Council members provided their thoughts on the matter. Furrer wondered where the funding would come from. Erickson said that the millings from the 10th Avenue NW and Florida Street SW Project would be used as a base, and potentially save the City \$15,000 on the project. He also explained that some trail maintenance funds originally budgeted for upkeep of the Willow Creek Drive SE trail could be used to fund the project this year. After further discussion, the Council directed City Staff to lay the millings on the parking lot this year, and let the new surface settle through a freeze/thaw cycle, and then reevaluate the parking lot next year. They also said that the potential project should go through the 2016 Budgeting process this summer. Erickson thanked the Council for their comments.

- i. Consider Approval to Schedule a Special City Council Meeting to Approval Application for Payment No. 2 (Final) for the Linking Lonsdale Trail Project – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson explained that in order to get the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) all the applicable Linking Lonsdale reimbursement expenses in on time, the City Council needs to schedule a Special Meeting to discuss and approve the remaining payment requests. He suggested meeting during the day on June 30th. After checking with their schedules, the Council members agreed with the suggested time/date for the Special Council Meeting.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to schedule a Special City Council Meeting for June 30, 2015 at 3:00 pm to approval application for Payment No. 2 (Final) for the Linking Lonsdale Trail Project. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Department Reports

Vlasak provided an update on the Water Tower Project.

Kawlewski provided an update on the Linking Lonsdale Project. He explained that pavement of the WELCO Hill trail section still needs to be negotiated with Timm's Trucking. The Council reminded Staff that trail-sized stop signs and pavement markings need to be installed as-soon-as-possible.

Erickson said that he is starting to prepare for the 2016 Budget.

Baker provided an update on the Veterans Memorial Project. He also stated that the City was recently notified that it was awarded a \$25,000.00 Outdoor Recreation Grant from the Department of Natural Resources for the Fishing Pier Project.

- b. Council Reports

Council Member Daleiden

Daleiden provided a brief update on Lonsdale Liquor.

Council Member Kodada

Kodada said that the Park Board will be meeting early July.

Council Member Furrer

Furrer said that around 40 people attended the EDA's Business Forum event held at the American Legion on June 18th. She mentioned that some good comments and information came from the meeting. Rud thanked Furrer and the EDA for hosting and doing a good job facilitating the event.

Council Member Pelava

Pelava said that the Planning Commission will be meeting on June 25th. He also stated that he would be attending the League of Minnesota Cities' Annual Conference.

Mayor Rud

Rud stated that Triumphant Life Church was planning to host their annual Freedom Sunday at Jaycee Park. He announced that Lonsdale will have fireworks again on July 3rd.

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 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator