

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LONSDALE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 9, 2016**

**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 Pleava

Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: City Administrator Joel Erickson, City Planner Benjamin Baker, City Engineer Kevin Kawlewski, Police Chief Jason Schmitz

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

A motion was made by Furrer 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. Ordinance 2016-269, an Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 153: Zoning - Planned Unit Development Rolling Ridge Market Place

Rud read the public hearing notice and opened the public hearing. Baker explained that Fred's Market Place was in the process of being sold, and that the future buyer's attorney has requested that the City incorporate the 2007 Rolling Ridge Market Place Agreement into ordinance form. Baker said that the City Attorney recommended going through the standard ordinance approval process to convert the existing PUD Agreement language into the Zoning Ordinance before the upcoming closing date. The Council reviewed the proposed ordinance amendment.

Rud asked if anyone in the audience wanted to speak on the matter. No one responded to the invitation. Baker noted that there were no other written or verbal comments relayed to City Staff on the subject.

A motion was made by Kodada 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 at 7:07 pm.

**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 2016-35, a Resolution Approving the Issuance of General Obligation Improvement Crossover Refunding Bonds, Series 2016B – George Eilertson, Northland Securities

George Eilertson, of Northland Securities, provided the Council with a very detailed overview of how the City may be able to save over \$95,000.00 by refunding the City's 2013B bonds and refinancing at a lower interest rate. After hearing Eilertson's explanation, all the Council members stated their favor for the idea, and Kodada said that it was the smart thing to do. Furrer suggested bumping the savings threshold up over \$110,000.00.

A motion was made by Furrer and seconded by Furrer to approve Resolution 2016-35, a resolution approving the issuance of General Obligation Improvement Crossover Refunding Bonds, Series 2016B. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- b. Community Solar Garden Presentation and Introduction of SolarStone – Gordy Simanton, SolarStone

Gordy Simanton, of SolarStone provided the Council with a detailed summary about their company and their solar garden projects. He explained that they currently have 16 projects going in 11 Minnesota counties. The Council reviewed the presentation handouts. He explained that the program is only good for residents and businesses located with Xcel Energy's territory, due to the state mandate that was forced on Xcel. Overall the Council was interested in the idea of potentially partnering with a solar garden company and saving the City money; however, no official action was taken by the City Council on the matter. They thanked Simanton for coming to the meeting.

- c. Consider Approval to Promote Part Time Police Officer Jack Schleichert to Full Time Police Officer at Step 1 (\$20.55/hr.) – Jason Schmitz, Chief of Police

Schmitz said that the Police Department was authorized to advertise for a full-time police officer after the resignation of Wade Murray. He said that the Human Resource Committee held interviews on May 25<sup>th</sup>, and they selected Jack Schleichert, current part-time police officer, for the full-time position. Schmitz provided the Council with

information on Schleichert, and he recommended promoting Schleichert to the full-time position. Kodada asked about staffing levels. Schmitz said that after Schleichert is hired, the Police Department will still be looking for a sixth full-time officer to hire.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to promote Part Time Police Officer Jack Schleichert to Full Time Police Officer at Step 1 (\$20.55/hr.). Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

d. Consider Approval of Resolution 2016-36, a Resolution to Contract With a Councilmember – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson explained that last winter there was a water main break on Railway Street NW across from Whistle Stop. He said that Staff authorized LA Kodada & Sons Masonry to complete the concrete and curb work along that stretch and a few other spots around town. He noted that the City saved money by having LA Kodada order the concrete due to additional work in town.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to approve Resolution 2016-36, a resolution to Contract With a Councilmember. Vote for: Daleiden, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: Kodada. Vote: 4-0-1. Motion carried.

e. Consider Approval of Resolution 2016-37, a Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the 2016 State Primary, City Special Election and the State General Election – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson explained that the City will be holding three upcoming elections in 2016: 1) City Special Election, 2) State Primary Election, and 3) State General Election. He talked about the training required for election judges. The Council reviewed the list of nine proposed election judges.

A motion was made by Pelava and seconded by Furrer to approve Resolution 2016-37, a resolution appointing election judges for the 2016 State Primary, City Special Election and the State General Election. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

f. Consider Approval of Resolution 2016-38, a Resolution Approving a Revised Site Plan for 117 Delaware St. SE – Ben Baker, City Planner

Baker summarized the detailed Staff Report pertaining to a Revised Site Plan for 117 Delaware Street SE. He said that the applicants are proposing to construct a 44' x 72' (3,168 sq. ft.) building. He noted that due to the poor soils on the west side of the property, the latest site plan shows the building located on the east side of the property and the parking lot to the west. The Council reviewed the proposed site plan, floor plan, and building elevations. Furrer asked about a sign permit. Baker said that future sign permits are required to allow the City Building Inspector a chance to review and inspect the sign construction.

A motion was made by Pelava and seconded by Daleiden to approve Resolution 2016-38, a resolution approving a revised site plan for 117 Delaware St. SE. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

The Council welcomed business owner Wendy Whitney to town, and they wished her business success in the future.

- g. Consider Approval of Ordinance 2016-269, an Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 153: Zoning - Planned Unit Development Rolling Ridge Market Place

Baker provided a brief recap of the proposed zoning ordinance text amendment. He said that no comments were provided.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve Ordinance 2016-269, an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 153: Zoning - Planned Unit Development Rolling Ridge Market Place. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- h. Consider Approval of Lyle Miller's Letter of Resignation as Seasonal Public Works Employee – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

The Council reviewed a Letter of Resignation provided by Seasonal Public Works Employee Lyle Miller. Erickson stated that City Staff does not plan to fill the position at this time.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Kodada to approve Lyle Miller's Letter of Resignation as Seasonal Public Works Employee. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- i. Consider Approval of a Trail Easement Between the City Lonsdale, Braegelmann Family 2009 Revocable Trust and the Rolling Ridge Market Place Owners Association, Inc. – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

The Council reviewed a proposed trail easement for the trail located at 750 Ash Street NE, Fred's Market Place. He explained why the easement was needed, and that it was one of the requirements needing to take place before the new owner closes on the property.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve a trail easement between the City Lonsdale, Braegelmann Family 2009 Revocable Trust, and the Rolling Ridge Market Place Owners Association, Inc.. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

## 11. OTHER BUSINESS

### a. Department Reports

City Engineer Kawlewski provided information on the upcoming Mill & Overlay Project and the Area No. 5 – Phase I & II Projects.

Erickson provided an update on the Community Center Project. He said that election training is coming up next week. He informed the Council that the City may be sending out blight enforcement letters out over the next few weeks.

Baker provided the Council with an update on tall grass/weeds enforcement along with an update on community development and park happenings.

### b. Council Reports

#### *Council Member Daleiden*

Daleiden provided an update on Lonsdale Liquor.

#### *Council Member Kodada*

Kodada provided a recap of the June 7<sup>th</sup> Lonsdale History gathering at the 3-R Landmark School. He announced that the Hidden Willow Pond Fishing Pier Grand Opening was taking place on the evening of June 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### *Council Member Furrer*

Furrer stated that the Library Board and EDA will be meeting next week. She announced that the Summer Reading Program Kick Off Party was scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### *Council Member Pelava*

Pelava stated that the Planning Commission and Comprehensive Planning Committee will both be meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### *Mayor Rud*

Rud stated that TMI will be breaking ground on their new building project on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. He thanked the Public Works Department for doing a terrific job with the local parks.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Pelava and seconded by Kodada 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 8:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator