

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LONSDALE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 11, 2013**

**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, and Furrer

Members Absent: Pelava

City Staff Present: City Administrator Joel Erickson, City Planner Ben Baker, and City Engineer Kevin Kawlewski

**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 Kodada to approve the agenda as presented. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None

**6. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. Special Assessment Public Hearing Pertaining to Delinquent Accounts – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Rud read the hearing notice, and he opened the public hearing.

Erickson explained that the public hearing is to allow for comments concerning four delinquent bills for water/sewer and nuisance abatement. He read through the Staff report. Erickson said that no written comments/objections were received at City Hall. Rud asked if anyone off the floor wanted to speak on the matter. No one responded to the invitation.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to close the public hearing. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried. The Public Hearing closed at 7:06 pm.

## 7. PRESENTATION OF CITIZEN PETITIONS AND COMMENTS

## 8. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

None

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

None

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider Approval of Resolution 2013-29, a Resolution Adopting Assessments for Delinquent Accounts – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson stated that a public hearing was just held and no comments were received. He explained the details of the resolution, including the interest rate and deadline dates. Erickson attributed the lower amount of delinquent accounts to monthly billing and water shut-offs, if more than 90 days past due.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Daleiden to Resolution 2013-29, a resolution adopting assessments for delinquent accounts. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

- b. Introduction of Part Time Police Officer John Pesta – Jason Schmitz, Chief of Police  
Police Chief Jason Schmitz introduced Part Time Police Officer John Pesta, Badge 3414 to the City Council. He provided the Council with a brief background summary on Pesta. Schmitz said that Pesta is in the final stages of the field training process. Pesta thanked the Council for providing him with the opportunity to serve on the City of Lonsdale Police Department. The Council welcomed Pesta.

- c. Introduction of Police Department Reserve Officers Elisha Degrego, John Thielen and Troy Zimmerman – Jason Schmitz, Chief of Police

Police Chief Schmitz introduced Police Department Reserve Officers Johnathon Thielen and Troy Zimmerman to the City Council. He mentioned that Reserve Officer Elisha Degrego had a prior commitment, and she was not able to attend the meeting. Officer Wade Murry provided the Council with an update on the recently resurrected Police Officer Reserve Program. Murry thanked the Council for allowing the Police Department to sponsor the program. The Council thanked Officer Murry, Officer Chris Hermstad (not present), and Chief Jason Schmitz for getting the program going again. The Council also welcomed the new Reserve Officers to Lonsdale. Rud asked if the Reserves could help with community events. Murry said yes, and he noted that the Reserves could also help in some transport situations and with some investigations.

Schmitz said that the 2013 Night-to-Unite event is currently being advertised in the newspaper and on the website. He said that last year, the Police Department showed up at two neighborhood parties. He announced that the event will be held on the first Tuesday in August.

d. Consider Approval to Advertise for Sale a Forfeited 2000 Chevrolet Van – Jason Schmitz, Chief of Police

Schmitz stated that the Police Department made an arrest of a person driving under the influence of alcohol qualifying a 2000 Chevrolet van for vehicle forfeiture. He estimated the value of the vehicle at \$1,500.00 - \$2,500.00, and he recommended advertising the vehicle for sale.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to advertise for sale a forfeited 2000 Chevrolet Van. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

e. Consider Approval to Advertise for Sale a Forfeited 2011 Chevrolet Truck – Jason Schmitz, Chief of Police

Schmitz stated that the Police Department made an arrest of a person driving under the influence of alcohol qualifying a 2011 Chevrolet truck for vehicle forfeiture. He estimated the value of the vehicle to be around \$30,000.00, and he recommended advertising the vehicle for sale. He also noted that the vehicle has a lien against it through Citizens Bank in the amount of \$16,874.60.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Daleiden to advertise for sale a forfeited 2011 Chevrolet Truck (with no lien payoff at this time). Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

Rud suggested that the City Fire Department or Public Works Department look at the truck to see if it would work for either one of those departments.

Chief Schmitz stated that the Police Department is possibly looking to team up with Rice County to share the portable speed trailer. Rud thanked Schmitz, and he said that he was doing a great job with the department.

f. Consider Approval of Resolution 2013-30, a Resolution Amending Resolution 2005-24 (Investment Policy) – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson summarized the City's Investment Policy and he read through the proposed changes to the policy. He mentioned that virtually everything is remaining the same except for three things concerning broker representations, statewide investment pools/money markets, and investment reporting. Erickson recommended approval of the updated policy based on Minnesota State Statute 118A.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve Resolution 2013-30, a resolution amending Resolution 2005-24 (Investment Policy). Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

## 11. OTHER BUSINESS

### a. Project Updates

- Kawlewski said that Heselton Construction is currently available to pave the final wear course in the CIP Area # 2 Reconstruction Project. He asked the Council if they wanted to go ahead and pave right now. The Council was agreeable to allow the paving to happen. They directed the City Engineer to sit down with the contractor and figure out a compromise on the liquidated damages and the extra invoice for engineering work.
- Baker provided the Council with an update on the Sticha Park and Kalina Park projects. He said that the new zip-line will be installed next week.
- Erickson said that Infratec is in town repairing the sewer lines with CIP Area # 2.

### b. Council / Department Reports

#### *Council Member Daleiden*

Daleiden said that the liquor store customer counts were down 8% compared to a year ago. However, he mentioned that the store has been profitable.

#### *Council Member Kodada*

Kodada said that at their last meeting, the Park Board planned out the final details of the new Downtown Plaza. He also mentioned that he recently met with the State Commissioner of Amateur Baseball regarding the possibility of Lonsdale hosting a State Tournament five years down the road.

#### *Council Member Furrer*

Furrer said that the Library Board will be meeting next Wednesday to review applications for the Library Director position. The Council commended the current Library Staff for their service during this transition period. Furrer mentioned that the EDA will meet next Thursday.

#### *Council Member Pelava*

N/A

#### *Mayor Rud*

Mayor Rud stated that the City should make another offer on the 133 Main Street North property to complement the new Downtown Plaza. He asked Staff to prepare something by the next meeting. He announced that the Council will have their first 2014 Budget Meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. He also announced that Community Days is coming up in August. He said that "Meeting with the Mayor" will be held on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Against: None Vote 4-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator