

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LONSDALE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 30, 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 Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve the Minutes from the June 23, 2015 Regular Meeting, the June 30, 2015 Special Meeting, the July 9, 2015 Regular Meeting and the July 20, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes. 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**

Billie Sayer, 639 Elm Street NE, asked the Council to consider amending the City Code ordinance pertaining to prohibited chickens. She stated that she is in favor of keeping backyard chickens, and she mentioned that she has support of around 70 people. She offered an invitation to the City to come and see her backyard chickens. Sayer talked about the benefits of having chickens, and she noted that there is only a slim chance of catching a disease from them. Sayer said that chickens can be quieter than dogs. Sayer asked the Council relook at the chicken ordinance, and she thanked them for their time.

Michael Fosness, 633 Elm Street NE, stated that Sayer is his neighbor, and he said that having backyard chickens is not a big deal to him. He said that other cities allow for chickens.

Nathan Langer, 532 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, voiced his support in favor of the keeping of chickens in town. He said that his daughter attends Sayer's day care, and he said that the chickens at 639 Elm Street NE are not a threat to his daughter.

Jeffrey Beaumont, 633 Dogwood Street NE, stated that he is not in favor of chickens in town or amending the current ordinance. He stated that the issue has already been dealt with by the City, and he suggested leaving the ordinance alone. He mentioned that any proposed changes to the ordinance go to a community vote. He stated that properties in town are too small and residents live too close together for chickens to be allowed.

James Vosejka, 210 Ash Street NW, stated that in the early-1980s, chickens could be seen around town but they weren't typically heard. He said that the "Bird Flu Epidemic" is not really that big of an issue. He talked about the difference between chickens that are raised for their meat compared to chickens used as laying hens. He explained that there is a small chance that someone ordering eggs may end up with a rooster.

## **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 an Agreement Between the City of Lonsdale and Dean Duban Pertaining to Upper Arizona St. SE – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

The Council reviewed a proposed agreement pertaining to Upper Arizona Street SE. Erickson said that Dean Duban and the City reached an agreement to officially make Upper Arizona Street a private drive. Erickson explained that the City will pave the roadway along with the Area No. 5 Project and then turn over the roadway and all future maintenance to Duban. Furrer asked about a warranty for the roadwork. Erickson said that a 2-year warranty will be in place. Rud asked if the agreement will be recorded against the property. Erickson said yes. Pelava asked if there are any utilities that need to be moved. Erickson said no.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Kodada to approve an agreement between the City of Lonsdale and Dean Duban pertaining to Upper Arizona St. SE. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- b. Consider Approval of an Agreement Between the City of Lonsdale and John and Ola Lenvik Pertaining to Upper Arizona St. SE – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson asked the Council to review and consider approval of the same Upper Arizona Street agreement but with John and Ola Lenvik. Pelava asked if the agreement had been reviewed by the City Attorney. Erickson said yes. Kodada stated that the agreements are a good way to clarify property ownership and future maintenance responsibility.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve an agreement between the City of Lonsdale and John and Ola Lenvik pertaining to Upper Arizona St. SE. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- c. Consider Approval of Resolution 2015-38, a Resolution to Contract with a Councilmember – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson explained that anytime the City does business with a Council member, that a very specific conflict-of-interest procedure needs to be followed. He said that Lonsdale Auto Works did flat tire repair work for the City in the amount of \$28.36.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve Resolution 2015-38, 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.

- d. Consider Approval of Resolution 2015-39, a Resolution to Contract with a Councilmember – Joel Erickson, City Administrator  
Erickson explained that Lonsdale Auto Works provided similar flat tire repair work on a lawnmower that needed a new tube installed for \$47.46.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to approve Resolution 2015-39, 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 of an Agreement Between the City of Lonsdale and Rice County for GIS Intern Services – Ben Baker, City Planner

Baker asked the Council to consider entering into an agreement with Rice County to share a GIS Assistant. He said that Doug Thom, a recent graduate of MSU-Mankato with a concentration in Geography/Geographic Information Systems (GIS), is the current Rice County GIS Assistant. Baker explained that the agreement would be similar to the 2014 City-County partnership, when Eva Douma helped the City locate data points around town and create maps within the City's new ArcGIS software. Baker summarized the 12 main points of the agreement. Rud stated that the partnership is a great service at a great price, and especially as the City continues to improve its infrastructure. Kodada agreed that the GIS service is a good deal for the City.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve an agreement between the City of Lonsdale and Rice County for GIS Intern Services. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- f. Consider Approval of Application for Payment No. 1 in the Amount of \$171,643.00 to Chard Tiling & Excavating for the 10<sup>th</sup> Ave NW and Florida St. SW Projects – Kevin Kawlewski, City Engineer

Kawlewski provided an overview of the improvements made with the 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW and Florida Street SW Project. He said that the City and contractor worked together to put together a new package that ended up \$70,000.00 below the original bid. Kawlewski said that Chard Tiling and Excavating completed the work under budget and ahead of schedule, and he recommended authorizing payment of Payment No. 1.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to approve Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$171,643.00 to Chard Tiling & Excavating for the 10<sup>th</sup> Ave NW and Florida St. SW Projects. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- g. Review and Consider Approval of a Change Order for the Area No. 5 Project  
Kawlewski provided the Council with budget numbers from BCM Grading & Excavating for removal of the underground dump site recently discovered under 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE. He explained that BCM would excavate, remove, truck, and properly dispose of the 963 yards of debris from the entire road bed for \$44,294.00. Kawlewski stated that final billing will be determined from truck tickets. He noted that Rice County landfill disposal costs came in higher than Met-Con's landfill, therefore BCM will dump the debris at the Met-Con site. Kawlewski said that the limit of the old dump was found to be 4 ft. deep throughout. To-date, Kawlewski explained that the Area No. 5 Project has been running on budget and ahead of schedule. The Council discussed the issue and determined that the debris needed to be clean up as-soon-as-possible and so the project wouldn't be delayed.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve the Change Order for the Area No. 5 Project. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

## **11. OTHER BUSINESS**

In regard to earlier comments pertaining to the kepping of in-town chickens, Rud thanked everyone for attending the City Council meeting and providing their remarks. Erickson provided detailed information on the chicken ordinance topic that arose three weeks ago. Rud directed anyone interested to set up a time to meet with City Staff and follow the proper procedure.

a. Department Reports

Kawlewski provided a status update on the Area No. 5 Project.

Erickson stated that he was busy working on the 2016 City Budget.

Baker provided an update on the Veterans Memorial Project. Rud invited and welcomed everyone to the Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony on July 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm. Rud read through the names of the 156 military service members who had granite paver stone purchased already.

b. Reminder – Special City Council Meeting, Monday August 3, 2015 at 7:00 pm – 2016 Annual Budget

Rud and Erickson reminded everyone of the August 3<sup>rd</sup> Budget Meeting.

c. Council Reports

*Council Member Daleiden*

Daleiden provided an update on the Lonsdale Liquor. He stated that all the profits from the liquor store goes directly back into the community.

*Council Member Kodada*

Kodada said the Park Board will be meeting on the second Tuesday in August.

*Council Member Furrer*

Furrer said that over 300 plus kids that participated in the Summer Reading Program at the Public Library. She said that the Library will be advertising for a new Shelver. Furrer mentioned that Library Director Marguerite Moran was planning to try out for the game show Jeopardy. Furrer stated that the Chamber of Commerce was going to be working with the EDA to eventually take over the Lonsdale First Program.

*Council Member Pelava*

Pelava said that the Planning Commission will be meeting in later August.

*Mayor Rud*

Rud thanked the Lonsdale Ambassadors for being great representatives for Lonsdale. He announced that the I.C. Church will be hosting their annual Church Festival on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, and he also announced that Community Days will be August 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>. Rud thanked Baker, Erickson, and the rest of the Veterans Memorial Task Force for all their hard work in getting the Vets Memorial ready for the Dedication Ceremony on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**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 7:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator