

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2013**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rud called a special meeting of the Lonsdale City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 415 Central St. W.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Rud, Daleiden, Kodada, Furrer and Pelava

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator Joel Erickson, City Treasurer Tami Brokl and Public Works Director Russ Vlasak

4. AGENDA

Mayor Rud said the one item on the agenda was the City's 2014 annual budget. A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve the agenda as presented. Vote for: Rud, Daleiden, Kodada, Furrer and Pelava. Against: None
Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

7. PRESENTATION OF CITIZEN PETITIONS AND COMMENTS

None

8. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

None

9. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discuss the City's 2014 Annual Budget

The City Council continued its discussion on the City's 2014 budget. The City Council discussed:

1. Mayor / City Council:

It was the consensus of the City Council to not increase their wages effective January 1, 2014 after the upcoming November general election.

2. General Office:
Erickson reviewed wages, insurance, training and education, professional services, inspection fees, dues and subscriptions, donations to civic organizations, funding improvements of the 3R Landmark School and capital outlay. Erickson said capital outlay was proposed to be increased to purchase a network server. He also said storage space is becoming a premium at City Hall.
3. Local Government Aid (LGA):
Erickson said at this point, he has budgeted all of the certified LGA and divided the amount between six departments. Mayor Rud asked if the increase in LGA would offset any needed levy increase. Erickson said it will be close.
4. Planning & Zoning:
Erickson said the only real change is a reduction in professional services because the cost of a GIS program was budgeted for in 2013 and will not be budgeted for in 2014.
5. Police Department:
Erickson said wages are increased due to recently adding a fifth full time officer. He said it is scheduled to replace the 2010 squad with a new vehicle. He said the Chief of Police has indicated the replacement vehicle will be a Ford Edge or similar SUV.
6. Police Reserves:
Erickson said the proposed expenses are unknown at this time. The City Council asked if the Reserve Officers will have an effect on the City's workers compensation costs. Erickson said he would contact the LMC and find out.
7. EDA:
Erickson said the EDA will be meeting later in the month and will review its 2014 budget at that time. He said the only revenue budgeted for at this time is the Revolving Loan from Lonsdale Hardware and Rental. He said he does not expect the EDA to make a financial request to the City Council.
8. Library:
Erickson said the Library Board will also be meeting later this month to discuss its 2014 budget. He said no major changes are expected compared to 2013.
9. Debt Service:
Erickson said the property tax levy portion for the Idaho St. project will increase in 2014 due to not anticipating special assessments being received, the Area 1 project levy will remain constant, the Area 4 levy will increase slightly and 2014 will be the first year of principle being paid on the Area 2 project. Erickson said the Business Park and the Area 5 projects debt service are unknown at this time.

10. Park and Recreation:

Erickson reviewed the Park Fund line items. The City Council discussed the Park and Recreation Commission Project Priority List. The projects discussed included: a splash pad, a soccer field, an archery range, DRS Field lights and a score board at the Jaycee Park. There was also discussion on the name of the pond located on the Business Park project property and construction of a fishing pier.

11. Water Department:

The City Council and staff reviewed the Water Fund line items. Discussion focused on WAC fee, chemicals and the Area 5 improvement project.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Rud, Daleiden, Kodada, Furrer and Pelava. Against: None Vote 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator