

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LONSDALE  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 1, 2016**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rud called a Special Meeting of the Lonsdale City Council to order at 6:01 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**

Present: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer and Pelava

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator Joel Erickson, City Treasurer Tami Brokl, Chief of Police Jason Schmitz and Public Works Director Russ Vlasak

Others Present: None

**4. AGENDA**

Mayor Rud said there was one item on the agenda and asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda. A motion was made by Kodada 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**

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 2017 Budget

#### Police Department:

Erickson said he has met with Schmitz regarding the Police Department's budget and there are no real changes. He explained the squad car replacement schedule and funding under capital outlay. Mayor Rud thanked Schmitz for going a good job. Kodada asked with six full time officers, does the City have 24 hour coverage. Erickson said with the sixth full time officer, the schedule allows for a power shift to assist the evening officer will calls. Schmitz said there is 24 hour coverage and explained the necessary capital outlay improvements to the building and garage. Daleiden said with a proposed 4.03% increase in wages, maybe the City Council should discuss increasing wages to make them more in line with surrounding jurisdictions.

#### Debt Service:

Erickson reviewed each of the debt service funds. He said the Idaho St. and the 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NW projects will be paid off in 2017 and the 7<sup>th</sup> Ave NW project will be paid off in 2018.

#### Parks and Recreation:

Erickson reviewed the Parks and Recreation budget. He said he has met with the Public Works Director regarding most of the budget. Erickson said landscaping materials are proposed to be decreased, professional services need funds budgeted for programming, staff is working on obtaining a quote for a new 15' mower deck and staff is proposing to replace the 1995 Ford F150 in 2017.

#### Road and Bridge:

Erickson said the proposed budget is basically the same as 2016. He said it is proposed to budget \$129,000 for street maintenance. Kodada asked if Heritage is next area to get a mill and overlay. Vlasak said yes. He said the northeast mill and overlay turned out great. Mayor Rud asked the status of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Ave NE sanitary sewer issues because this is going to be a big problem and needs to be resolved. The City Council discussed this item. Kodada asked if any items were needed as it relates to power outages, etc. Vlasak replied no. He said there is a plan in place to respond in situations like this.

#### Human Resources:

Erickson said based on the pay scale, wages are proposed to increase 3.5% and the health insurance increase for 2017 is 0.7%. Erickson explained the differences between the current health insurance plan and the proposed plan. The City Council directed Erickson to look at premium options to reduce the family deductible given the small increase of 0.7%. Erickson said some employees have worked here for over 10 years and they are paid below the starting wage for surround agencies. Erickson was directed to evaluate each position and wages and recommend wages on a case by case basis.

Mayor Rud asked if the upcoming community center vote has an effect on the 2017 budget. Erickson said it is minimal but expenses will need to be budgeted in 2018. Kodada asked about the trail behind Willow Creek Heights Dr. SE. There was general

discussion held as to repairs such as concrete, a boardwalk, grass or doing nothing. Staff was directed to research options for the following items:

1. security at the Veteran's Memorial;
2. improve the audio for the audio equipment used to broadcast meetings;
3. crosswalk lights; and
4. stripping of collector streets

For the next meeting, the City Council requested information on property taxes.

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer and Pelava. Against: None Vote 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator