

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2011**

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 Chamber, 415 Central St. W.

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, Public Works Director Russ Vlasak, City Engineer Kevin Kawlewski and Consulting City Engineer John Stewart of BDM

4. AGENDA

Mayor Rud said the agenda goes through 11B and asked if anyone had any additions or deletions to the agenda. A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve the agenda as presented. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, 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

a. None

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. None

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider Approval of Resolution 2011-26, a Resolution Authorizing Temporary Closing of Main Street (One Block North and South of Highway 19) and Allowing Alcohol Consumption in the Contiguous Area
Erickson said Mayor Rud and staff met with members of the Community Days Committee and bar owners on issues relating the sale and consumption of alcohol

during Community Days weekend. Erickson that patrons will be allowed to take alcohol purchased in a bar outside on to Main St. Erickson said that walk up sales will not be allowed and patrons will have to purchase alcohol inside at the bar. A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Pelava to approve Resolution 2011-26. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer and Pelava. Against: None Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

b. Consider Approval to Accept a Sealed Bid Submitted in the Amount of \$1,900.00 for a Forfeited 1999 Chevrolet Cavalier

Police Chief Schmitz said he advertised for sale by sealed bid the 1999 Cavalier and received one bid in the amount of \$1,900.00. He informed the City Council there was a minimum bid of \$2,500.00 required but with only one bid, he recommended approving the \$1,900.00 bid. Kodada asked what the blue book value of the car was. Schmitz said it was between \$2,500.00 and \$3,100.00. A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve the bid in the amount of \$1,900.00. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer and Pelava. Against: None Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

c. Consider Approval of Resolution 2011-27, a Resolution Receiving the 2012 Street Improvement Project – Area No. 2 Feasibility Report and Calling for a Hearing on the Improvement

John Stewart of BDM reviewed the feasibility studies for the Area #2 and #3 reconstruction projects. He said the street section was proposed to be the same for each project area. Stewart said the assessments are based on a per lot assessment, meaning everyone will be assessed the same, specific to the improvements received. He said the 2nd Ave NW water main was installed in 1947 and needs to be replaced. He said the 3rd Ave NW water main is cast iron and ductile iron and the cast iron needs to be replaced. He said the material transition is around Birch Street NW and the water main north of Birch Street. NW might not get replaced. He said the 2nd Ave NW water main has met its useful life and will be assessed. Stewart said the water main in Area # 3 is questionable and might not have to be replaced. Mayor Rud said if possible, the water main should be left in place. He said the residents feel the project area is in good shape and should not be fully reconstructed. Stewart discussed the existing and proposed improvements to the storm sewer. Mayor Rud said that 2nd Ave NW has a big storm sewer issue. Mayor Rud said the on 4th Ave NW, north of Ash St. NW, there never were any sump pumps and now one house has two or three of them. Stewart said the reason for the need to sump pumps now could be due to the fact that the last two years, rain fall has been above average and there was a lot of snow last winter. He said over the years, the water table rises and falls and now it is higher than normal. Stewart said the proposed assessments have been reviewed carefully and are not overstated. He compared assessments from a recent job bid in Hastings, MN and the City's 2007 reconstruction project to the proposed assessments for Area # 2. Stewart reviewed the City's assessment policy and recommended the City obtain appraisals on what the special benefit will be so if any residents appeal their assessment, the City has the basis for the

assessment. Stewart said once the appraisals are received by the City, the assessments can be revised and the feasibility studies brought back to the City Council for approval. Mayor Rud said the proposed assessments need to be looked at closer and compared to other cities in the area. Mayor Rud asked if the City should get appraisals done. Kodada said appraisals should be obtained. Mayor Rud asked what the timeline to receive the appraisals will be. Stewart said the appraisals should be completed in six to eight weeks. Mayor Rud asked if obtaining appraisals will delay the project. Stewart said it might delay bidding the project by three to four weeks. A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to table Resolutions 2011-27 and 2011-28 and to obtain a proposal for special benefits appraisals. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer and Pelava. Against: None Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

- d. Consider Approval of Resolution 2011-28, a Resolution Receiving the 2012 Street Improvement Project – Area No. 3 Feasibility Report and Calling for a Hearing on the Improvement

This agenda item was discussed on the previous agenda item.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Department Reports

Water Treatment Plant:

Pelava said the workers are parking on the trail. Stewart said they have already been told not to park on the trail. He said he would talk to the contractor again about not parking on the trail. Mayor Rud asked if the project was on schedule and budget. Stewart said the contractor has proposed several change orders and BDM is working on rebuttals for each of them.

Highway 19 Sidewalk Project:

Kevin Kawlewski said the warranty walk through for the project has been completed and the contractor will be in town shortly to do the work and also for the Fig Street project as well. Kawlewski said the County Road 33 culvert has been repaired. Mayor Rud asked if the contractor was going to repair the trail. Kawlewski said he is working with the contractor to get the trail replacement resolved. Mayor Rud asked if a fence could be installed between the trail and culvert because children are playing in the area and he is concerned that a child might fall into the ditch. Vlasak said the City has fence and will install it.

Liquor Store: Daleiden said the committee has been meeting on a regular basis and there has been a positive swing due to increased pricing and customer counts. He said July was profitable and August is expected to be as well.

Parks and Recreation:

Kodada said the Board met earlier in the week and allocated funds for tree plantings around benches on the trail system and 8th Ave NW. He said the MnDoT Community Roadside Partnership Grant process has slowed due to the State shutdown and restart. Kodada said the Board also discussed permanent

fencing for the north side of the DRS Field for crowd control. Kodada said that no Certificates of Occupancy should be provided to Mattamy homes that are along the 8th Ave NW trail until the necessary trail repairs are made.

Library Board:

Furrer said there is an emergency meeting to accept the resignation of Kym El-Wallai and to advertise for a new Circulation Clerk. She said the regular board meeting will be next week.

EDA: Furrer said the EDA will be meeting next week and one of the agenda items will be to select a flower planter winner.

Planning & Zoning: Pelava said the board will be meeting next week and the water treatment plant project was already discussed.

Mayor Rud:

Mayor Rud said Community Days is this weekend. He congratulated the winners of the pageant and thanked the volunteers that organize it. He said the next Meeting with the Mayor will be on August 20, 2011.

- b. Reminder of Budget Meeting Scheduled for August 16, 2011 at 6:00 pm
Mayor Rud said the next budget meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 6:00 pm.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Pelava 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 7:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator