

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2014**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rud called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. at the Lonsdale American Legion, 115 2nd Ave NW, Lonsdale, MN 55046

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer and Pelava

Absent:

Staff Present: City Administrator Joel Erickson, Public Works Director Russ Vlasak and City Engineer Kevin Kawlewski

Others Present: None

4. AGENDA

Mayor Rud said there was one item on the agenda and asked if there were any additions to the agenda. A motion was made by Pelava and seconded by Furrer 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

a. None

7. PRESENTATION OF CITIZEN PETITIONS AND COMMENTS

None

8. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

None

9. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Neighborhood / Informational Presentation on the Area No. 5 Street and Utility Improvement Project

Mayor Rud introduced the City Council and staff. Kawlewski gave a presentation on the entire Area No. 5 Reconstruction Project, which included: (1) the City's Capital Improvement Plan history, (2) project location, (3) proposed improvements, (4) estimated project cost of \$7,300,000.00, (5) project staging, (6) financing, (7) possible special assessment amounts and (8) project timeline. Residents asked if they lived on a corner, would they be assessed for both sides? Kawlewski said in the past, properties have only been assessed for the street in front of their home. He said commercial and multifamily properties will be assessed for all frontage adjacent to the street(s) being reconstructed. Residents asked when Main St. S. would be assessed. Kawlewski said based on the proposed staging, Main Street S. would get the water main replaced in 2018 and assessments would become payable in 2019. Harold Vosejka asked about deferral of special assessments. Erickson reviewed the requirements that must be met for a deferral based on State Statute. Bruce Simon asked what improvements were being done to Alabama St. SE because there is a drainage problem, in that, the water from the south side of the road drains to the north side of the road and goes over the curb/alley and onto private property. Simon said the road should be narrowed between 2nd Ave SE and 3rd Ave SE to help alleviate this drainage problem. Joe Simon, on behalf of the IC Church asked if the cost of sidewalk replacement was accounted for. Kawlewski said the cost to replace the sidewalk is included in the cost of the street reconstruction. Gene Thompson asked if he would be assessed for both Delaware St. SE and Florida St. SE because, if so, the amount would be crushing to his company. Kawlewski said he would only be assessed for Florida St. SE because the project does not include the section of Delaware St. SE in front of his business. Kevin Sontag asked if the project would eliminate his sewer backing up during heavy rain events. Vlasak said the project will not eliminate the problem but it is proposed to repair approximately 30 sanitary sewer wyes, which will reduce the amount of clean water getting into the sanitary sewer system. Kawlewski said if the City is made aware of a problem, it will be fixed, which should result in less backups to the system overall. Joe Simon asked if the City will be or would consider closing 2nd Ave SE between Highway 19 and Alabama St. SE. Kawlewski said that is a decision for the City Council to make. By closing it, it could create traffic issues on the surround streets that are not currently present. Residents asked if the City would vacate the alley between 2nd Ave SE and 3rd Ave SE south of Casey's. Residents expressed concerns that Arizona St. SE at the intersection of 3rd Ave SE is off-set, has high traffic volumes, high speeds and there is large/heavy truck traffic on the street as well. Residents ask what improvements were being done to Upper Arizona St. SE. Kawlewski said those details would be determined by a meeting with the two residents that have addresses on the street. Residents asked if improvements were being made to the alleys between Alabama St. SE, Arizona St. SE, 2nd Ave SE and 3rd Ave SE. Kawlewski replied no. Residents asked if the special assessments had been finalized. Kawlewski said no but they are estimated to be between \$10,000 and \$15,000. Representatives of Casey's General Store asked if improvements were being made to the alley adjacent to their property. Kawlewski said not directly adjacent to their property, only to the south to Alabama St. SE.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

a. 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. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator