

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rud called a meeting of the Lonsdale City Council to order at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at 415 Central Street West.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Duban, Kodada, Rud, Smith and Furrer

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator Joel Erickson, City Planner Benjamin Baker, Public Works Director Russ Vlasak, Police Chief Jason Schmitz, and City Engineer Kevin Kawlewski

4. AGENDA

Mayer Rud asked if anyone had any additions, deletions, or corrections to the Agenda. Administrator Erickson presented two additions to the agenda.

A motion was made by Duban and seconded by Kodada to approve the agenda as presented. Vote for: Duban, Kodada, Rud, Smith and Furrer. 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. Consider Approval of a Request from the Lonsdale Fire Department to Temporarily Close C.S.A.H. # 33 (Main Street South) Between Highway 19 and Alabama Street SW from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm and C.S.A.H. # 4 (Railway Street NW) from 7:00 pm to 1:00 am between Highway 19 and C.S.A.H. # 33 (Main Street N) on July 12, 2008 for their 100 Year Anniversary Celebration Activities

Rud asked if anyone wanted to discuss this item. Duban stated that C.S.A.H. # 33 might not need to be closed, but he suggested leaving it at is in case they might need it closed.

A motion was made by Duban and seconded by Kodada to approve the road closures requested by the Fire Department with the recommended stipulations stated in Staff's Memo. Vote for: Duban, Kodada, Rud, Smith and Furrer. Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

9. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider Approval of Resolution 2008-09, a Resolution Supporting the State of Minnesota Issuing Bonds for Transportation Funding in Minnesota

Erickson said Representative Marty Seifert (R), Minnesota House Minority Chair, sent the City a letter requesting support for a transportation resolution. Erickson explained that the League of MN Cities drafted their own resolution because of concerns raised by cities across the state. Ericson asked the Council to consider Resolution 2008-09, a hybrid resolution of the LMC resolution. He stated that the proposed resolution provides a number of funding options cities are recommending the State consider. Erickson read through the 5 point resolution and recommendation approval of the resolution.

A motion was made by Duban and seconded by Smith to approve Resolution 2008-09, a resolution requesting comprehensive road and transit funding. Vote for: Duban, Kodada, Rud, Smith and Furrer. Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

- b. Consider Approval of a Development Agreement Between the City of Lonsdale and Montgomery/Lonsdale Public School – I.S.D # 394

Erickson stated that typically an agreement is made before a school is built, but once Superintendent Lunn came on board he proposed an agreement. Erickson said the School District will pay their Idaho Street assessment in full. Erickson said that approximately 4.5 acres of parkland dedication will be required once the Tollefson parcel develops. The parkland would be adjacent to the school site. He said the walking path is already complete. He mentioned that the Park Board recommended adding fencing and bleachers to the ball field but not an irrigation system. Erickson said Lunn wants to get a nature center on the site to give kids a different experience. The nature center would be designed by a collaborative group of City staff, School District employees, and local residents. The Park Board did review the agreement and felt comfortable with it. Erickson said with development down, this will be the quickest way to add another ball field for a minimal cost. Rud said due to the increased interest in summer ball, there is a huge demand for fields. He also said adding a nature center would be a benefit for the whole community. Duban asked if there will be any programs from the DNR for the site. Kodada stated that the DNR may have grants available for trail construction. Rud said that all the funds for the school site projects would come directly out of the development fund and not from tax payers. Kodada said the trail would be made of mulch. City Engineer Kawlewski said that filling of wetlands is not allowed but a woodchip trail shouldn't be an issue.

Duban said that a joint powers agreement should be written up for the next City Council meeting. Erickson said in times of decreasing revenues, collaborative initiatives can benefit everyone. The Council directed Staff to put the agreement together for the March 13th meeting.

c. Consider Approval of the 2008 Lonsdale Summer Recreation Service Agreement Between the City of Lonsdale and the Montgomery/Lonsdale Public School – I.S.D. # 394

Erickson said that Kathy Peterson, Montgomery/Lonsdale Community Education Director, was present at the last Park Board meeting to discuss the summer recreation program. Erickson mentioned that the program was on its third year, and he reviewed the key points of the agreement:

- The contract is for one (1) year;
- The District will provide adequate staffing levels;
- Both the City and the District will provide the facilities needed;
- The cost to the City is \$8,500.00 (same as last year)
- Community Education shall recommend the scope of the program by January 15th;
- The District will provide the City a program summary at the end of the year; and
- Both parties agree to cooperate and assist the other when necessary

Rud asked where swimming lessons would be held, due to the pool closure in Montgomery. Kodada said the kids will be bused to the LeCenter pool for lessons.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve the 2008 Lonsdale Summer Recreation Service Agreement between the City of Lonsdale and the Montgomery/Lonsdale Public School – I.S.D. # 394. Vote for: Duban, Kodada, Rud, Smith and Furrer. Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

d. Consider Approval to Terminate Police Officer Jason Knutson's Position as Interim Full-Time Police Officer Effective April 30, 2008 and Make a Job Offer as Part-Time Police Officer at Grade 3 / Step 5 (\$14.68/hr)

Erickson said that at the May 31, 2007 City Council meeting, the City Council appointed Jason Knutson to the position of Interim Full Time Police Officer for a term of 11 months to replace Officer Todd Franklin who was deployed to Iraq. Erickson said that Knutson's term is set to expire on April 30, 2008, and he requested formal action from the Council to let Knutson's eleven month term expire and to offer him a part time position. Rud said that the Union considers one year, full time. Smith said he had Erickson contact the Union. The Union said they would be open to an agreement of understanding. Rud said the City is trying to be fair by giving Knutson time to look for another full time position. The Council debated whether Knutson, as a part time officer, should be able to keep the same hourly salary he was receiving as a full time officer. Smith agreed that Knutson's contract needs to expire, but he thought that Knutson should be offered the same pay. Furrer said that part time pay should be consistent with other current part-time wages.

A motion was made by Duban and seconded by Kodada to let expire Police Officer Jason Knutson's position as Interim Full-Time Police Officer effective April 30, 2008. Vote for: Duban, Kodada, Rud, Smith and Furrer. Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Duban to Make a job offer to Jason Knutson as a Part-Time Police Officer at Grade 3 / Step 5 (\$14.68/hr). Vote for: Duban, Kodada, Rud, Smith and Furrer. Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Erickson said he would research hours a part-time employee can work before being eligible for benefits.

- e. Consider Approval of a Bid Submitted by Tri State Supply, Inc. in the Amount of \$1,575.00 for the City's 1976 Aquatech Trailer Mounted Sewer Jetter

Erickson stated that it has been well over a year since the jetter was advertised and only one bid has come in. Erickson said public works staff was satisfied with the bid price and recommended excepting the bid.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Duban to approve the bid submitted by Tri State Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$1,575.00 for the City's 1976 Aquatech trailer mounted sewer jetter. Vote for: Duban, Kodada, Rud, Smith and Furrer. Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

- f. Consider Approval to Pay the Lonsdale Emergency Services Volunteers \$25,00 Each for Attendance at NIMS Training

Erickson said that Skywarn has requested payment for attending NIMS training required by the federal government through the state. He said Staff was paid for the training, and the emergency service volunteers wanted to be treated the same way.

A motion was made by Duban and seconded by Kodada to approve payment in the amount of \$25.00 per person to the Lonsdale emergency services volunteers for attending NIMS training. Vote for: Duban, Kodada, Rud, Smith and Furrer. Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Planning & Zoning Report
None

- b. Council Comments & Department Reports

Human Resources

Duban said that the Human Resources Committee felt that they should not hire any part-time officers due to the applications received. He said no one will be interviewed for the part-time police officer position but their application will be kept on file.

Duban stated that two original Lonsdale Liquor hires have decided to move on. He said the store will need two part-timers soon, and he suggested placing an advertisement in the local paper.

A motion was made by Duban and seconded by Kodada to advertise for (2) two part-time Lonsdale Liquor Store employees in the local paper only. Vote for: Duban, Kodada, Rud, Smith and Furrer. Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Parks

Kodada said the Park Board discussed the agreement between the School District and City and recommended deleting the irrigation system for the little league ball field and the Co. Rd. 4 crosswalk. He said they also discussed fixing the hockey rink lights at Jaycee Park and obtaining fence quotes for Sticha Park. He mentioned that the Sticha family has expressed interest in donating money toward future improvements.

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None

Council Comments

Furrer asked about the Public Works Department thoughts on a new street sweeper. She asked if it was going to be strictly a sweeper. She also asked if the City would lease or purchase the equipment. Smith said he would pass along Montgomery equipment website information to the department.

Mayor

Rud said that the Fire Board meeting went well.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Duban and seconded by Kodada to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Duban, Kodada, Rud, Smith and Furrer. Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator