

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 14, 2009**

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: Kodad, Rud, Smith, and Furrer

Absent: Daleiden

Staff Present: City Administrator Joel Erickson, City Planner Benjamin Baker, and City Engineer Kevin Kawlewski

4. AGENDA

Mayor Rud asked if anyone had any additions, deletions, or corrections to the agenda. Erickson asked if approval of the first quarter Green Team selection could be added.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve the agenda with the noted addition. Vote for: Kodada, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. 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 motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Smith to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a. Consider Approval to Schedule the 2010 Annual City Council Meeting for Thursday, January 7, 2010 at 7:00 pm

Vote for: Kodada, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider Approval of Resolution 2009-42, a Resolution Setting the Fiscal Year 2010 Final Budget and Property Tax Levy

Erickson mentioned that the Council reviewed and discussed several budget line items and water/sewer rates at their meeting on November 23, 2009. He explained that the property tax levy for 2010 will be set at \$1,481,500, which will result in a \$0 tax impact for the majority of properties in Lonsdale. He went through the total revenues, total expenses, and the fund balance. Erickson said that the Governor will not be unallotting any Local Government Aid like he did last year, but he did mention that some reductions can be expected due to the State's forecasted deficit. He provided the Council with a revenue and expenses spreadsheet that showed a surplus of \$33,383, which is the difference between the proposed tax levy and proposed budget. He mentioned that the surplus money could be used for any future budget cuts. Erickson said that Singing Hills Drive SE will be milled and overlaid in 2010 and the Police Department will be purchasing a new squad car. Mayor Rud thanked City staff and the City Council for their work on the budget, including a wage freeze for employees and a salary cut for the Council. Baker reported that the City has issued 27 new home building permits so far in 2010.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Smith to approve Resolution 2009-42, a resolution setting the Fiscal Year 2010 Final Budget and Property Tax Levy. Vote for: Kodada, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

- b. Consider Approval of an Agreement for Snow Removal Services Between the City of Lonsdale and Rice County

Erickson stated that City staff has been working with the County Engineer to establish an agreement for snow removal services. He said that the proposed agreement would cover Main Street and Railway Street. He mentioned that the City will receive approximately \$4,750 for the service. He stated that the City will only be reimbursed for snow plowing when Rice County is dispatched out for plowing. Kodada stated that the intersection of Main Street and Hwy 19 could use more salt/sand mix. Rud asked why the signals always start flashing red during a snow event. Kawlewski stated that the loop detectors are the cause.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve an agreement for snow removal services between the City of Lonsdale and Rice County. Vote for: Kodada, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

The Council asked for clarification regarding the snow plowing policy for cul-de-sacs. Erickson explained the policy. He said that during snow events with 4 inches or less of snow, the City will plow the snow out toward the curbs, and during snow events with greater amounts of snow, the City will plow the snow towards the middle of the cul-de-sac and haul it away.

c. Consider Approval of a Quote Submitted by Clarke in the Amount \$8,225.00 for (10) Ten Mosquito Control Applications

Erickson said that Clarke Mosquito Control submitted a quote in the amount of \$8,225 for 10 sprayings in 2010. He mentioned that Clarke held their prices the same as 2008 and 2009. He stated that their quote is only good as long as it is approved by December 31, 2009. Kodada and Rud asked if the contact and product information would be posted in the newspaper and on the website. Erickson said yes. He said that the City was satisfied with the work that Clarke performed last year.

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Furrer to approve a quote submitted by Clarke in the amount \$8,225.00 for 10 mosquito control applications. Vote for: Kodada, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

d. Consider Approval of Change Order No. 2 Reducing the Amount Owed to BCM Construction in the Amount of \$2,500.00

Kawlewski said that the 2006 Reconstruction Improvement Project included the reconstruction of 8th Avenue NW, Park Street NW, Tomah Court NW, and Lorenz Court NW. He mentioned that the project was constructed in 2006 with the final wear course being installed in the fall of 2007. He said that since the installation of the wear course, some cracking has appeared along the edges of the roadway but has not shown any indications of settlement. Kawlewski said that BCM has been on site within the last month to complete crack filling maintenance. He stated that crack filling was completed at no additional expense to the City. He said that an agreement has been reached for a deduction of \$2,500 for seal coating of the same areas in the future. The Council briefly discussed curbs, crack filling, and seal coating.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve of Change Order No. 2, reducing the amount owed to BCM Construction in the amount of \$2,500.00. Vote for: Kodada, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

e. Consider Approval of Pay Voucher No. 6 (Final) in the Amount of \$12,312.97 to BCM Construction for the 2006 Street and Utility Improvements

Kawlewski stated that the two year warranty period is up for the 2006 Street and Utility Improvement Project. Rud stated that the total project cost came in within a couple thousand of the initial bid. Furrer asked about Item # 3, removal of sidewalk, and sewer drainage. Kawlewski stated that the listed sidewalk and trail items were for the Railway Street Trail, and he reassured the Council that all the sewer pipes are flowing correctly.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Smith to approve Pay Voucher No. 6 (Final) in the amount of \$12,312.97 to BCM Construction for the 2006 Street and Utility Improvements. Vote for: Kodada, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

f. Discuss and Review Quotes Submitted for the Proposed Skate Park Concrete Pad

Baker said that the City Council directed City staff to obtain quotes for the Jaycee Park

Skate Park & Ice Rink. He said that staff did solicit quotes to J & L Concrete, Simon Brothers, and Kodada & Sons but only two quotes were received from Kodada & Sons and Simon Brothers. Baker explained that the City asked each bidder to provide three different quotes: Quote 1) excavation, base, concrete, and restoration work, Alt. 1) base and concrete, and Alt. 2) concrete work only. Kodada and Sons submitted a quote in the amount of \$16,825.00 for Quote 1, whereas Simon Brothers quoted \$17,331.00 for Quote 1. Baker said that he did speak with Lonsdale Lions President Bryant Tate, and Tate stated that the Lions would be willing to donate money towards the project. Baker said that the Lions will probably not decide on a specific donation amount until their January or February 2010 meeting. He mentioned that funds for the project would come from the Park Development Fund and donations.

Rud said that there may be as many as 100 skaters in town, and he mentioned that he would like to see the project move forward. Baker stated that the Park Board will be applying for the Tony Hawk grant, which provides money for new skate parks. Furrer suggested that the remaining portion of the rink could be filled with gravel. Kodada said that the Board will look into that option. Furrer also suggested that skaters and local organizations work together on fundraising efforts. She said that any initiative taken by the kids would be a great learning experience for them. Erickson recommended erecting a thermometer sign near the rink to show progress on fundraising. Baker stated that the Park & Recreation Commission discussed the project and quotes at their December 8, 2009 meeting, and they recommended approval of Quote 1 submitted by L.A. Kodada & Sons.

A motion was made by Furrer and seconded by Smith to approve a quote submitted by L.A. Kodada & Sons in the amount \$16,825.00 for Phase I of the Jaycee Park Skate Park & Ice Rink (70' x 55' concrete pad). Vote for: Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Abstaining: Kodada. Vote: 3-0. Motion carried.

g. Consider Approval of Montgomery-Lonsdale Youth Wrestling as the January-February-March 2010 Green Team

Baker stated that the City currently has three Green Team applications on file, but Montgomery-Lonsdale Youth Wrestling was the only group to have selected January-February-March as their # 1 priority ranking. He said that M-L Wrestling also submitted their application before any other applications on file, and they were the only applicant that has not served as the green team thus far.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Smith to approve Montgomery-Lonsdale Youth Wrestling as the January-February-March 2010 Green Team. Vote for: Kodada, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Daleiden
Absent

Council Member Kodada

Kodada said that the Park Board discussed the following items at their December 8th meeting: Jaycee Park Skate Park, possible 2010 tree planting locations, conducting a community-wide survey, and the MN/DOT Roadside Landscaping Program.

Council Member Smith

None

Council Member Furrer

None

Council Member Rud

Rud thanked the Chamber and everyone who participated in the annual Christmas Tree lighting at Lions Park. He mentioned that Monday, January 18, 2010 will be the official opening date of the new Public Library.

Erickson provided a brief update on the Library. He said that Dianna has been going through the donated books, and she found that about 50% of the books are usable. He said that the new shelves should be getting installed soon.

Rud stated that the City, Steele-Waseca, Ag Star Financial, and On-Site Marketing met earlier in the day to try to get the business park going in town. Erickson said that a representative from DEED should be at their next meeting. Rud said he hopes that the business park gets off the ground by Summer 2010.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Kodada, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried. The meeting closed at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator