

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LONSDALE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
August 13, 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: Daleiden, Rud, Smith, and Furrer

Absent: Kodada

Staff Present: City Administrator Joel Erickson, City Planner Benjamin Baker, and Public Works Director Russ Vlasak,

**4. AGENDA**

Mayor Rud asked if anyone had any additions, deletions, or corrections to the Agenda.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to approve the agenda as presented.

Vote for: Daleiden, 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**

None

**9. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Consider Approval of Resolution 2009-25, a Resolution Declaring September 16<sup>th</sup> as "American Legion Day" in Lonsdale

Erickson read through the proposed resolution. He said that in 1919 Congress chartered the American Legion as a wartime organization. He said that over the years the

American Legion has become a preeminent community service organization, with more than 2.5 million members in over 14,000 posts worldwide. He asked the Council to consider recognizing the American Legionaries in Lonsdale by declaring September 16, 2009 as “American Legion Day” in Lonsdale.

Mayor Rud thanked Benny Sticha, American Legion Post 586, for taking the initiative to help recognize local veterans. He said that the American Legion is active in the community and participates in many local events. He said that the American Legion does an excellent job, and he thanked all veterans for their service to the nation.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Smith to approve Resolution 2009-25, a resolution declaring September 16<sup>th</sup> as “American Legion Day” in Lonsdale. Vote for: Daleiden, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

b. Consider Approval to Purchase an Aire O2 Triton Aerator/Mixer in the Amount of \$15,525.00 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Aeration Basis

Vlasak said that the Public Works Department has been fighting maintenance issues with aerators since the opening of the waste water treatment plant. Vlasak described the enormous amount of time and effort it takes to currently maintain each aerator. He mentioned that the aerator manufacturer, Aeromix, is aware of the issues, and they have met with City staff to discuss different options. He said that one option would be to ship the aerators to Aeromix under a maintenance agreement every 6 months. He said that another option could be to try out a different type of aerator from Aeration Industry that manufactures a non-grease, nylon bearing, and water cooled model. Vlasak suggested trying an Aeration Industry aerator to see if it alleviates the maintenance issues. He provided the Council with a quote for one Aeration Industries aerator in the amount of \$15,525.00, and he also provided the Council with a 10-month rent-to-own quote.

Vlasak also stated that he has checked in with other cities that use Aeromix aerators, and no problems have been reported. Furrer asked if there would be any energy savings by replacing the eight current aerators. Vlasak said that the City could potential save up to \$20,000 per year by replacing all eight aerators. He also said that the City has been recently running only 4 aerators (one pond) so that the other 4 aerators can be exchanged in-and-out as maintenance requires. Rud suggested holding Aeromix responsible somehow for the issues that the City has been experiencing with their product. He also asked if the aerators could be bought back by Aeromix. Daleiden asked about the makeup and difference between the Aeromix aerator and the Aeration Industry product. Rud suggested that City staff research a few more options. He said they will discuss the issue further at their next meeting.

No action was taken.

c. Consider Approval of a Quote Submitted by Summit Supply in the Amount of \$2,970.00 for 15 Benches to be Located along the Trail System

Baker provided the Council with a map showing possible trail bench locations, a picture of Summit Supply Bench B6RCS, a quote from Summit Supply, and an up-to-date

development fund budget. He mentioned that the Park Board has been discussing the possibility of adding benches along the trail system around the city at their past few meetings. He said that the Park Board originally considered having the Public Works Department construct the benches out of treated lumber, but they later agreed that the City's fantastic trail system would be better served with the PVC-coated benches, which are less maintenance and last longer compared to wood style benches. Baker said that the trail benches have been budgeted for in 2009. He also mentioned that the Park & Recreation Commission recommended purchasing 15 trail benches from Summit Supply at their meeting on August 11, 2009.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to approve a quote submitted by Summit Supply in the amount of \$2,970.00 for 15 benches to be located along the trail system. Vote for: Daleiden, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

After brief discussion regarding the possibility of a local skate park, Rud directed the Park Board to discuss identifying a location for a future skate park at their next meeting. Rud said that the Park Board does a really nice job.

d. Consider Approval of Draw Request No. 1 in the Amount of \$800,000 to Lonsdale Senior Housing, LLC to Finance the Public Development Costs as Approved in the Development Agreement Dated October 9, 2008

Erickson reminded the Council that they agreed a year ago to help finance the Lonsdale Senior Housing Project through tax increment financing. He re-educated the Council and public on how TIF works. Erickson also explained the proposed request for \$800,000. Rud mentioned that it has been quite an achievement by the City to get a new senior housing facility into town and public library for only \$1.00.

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Furrer to approve Draw Request No. 1 in the amount of \$800,000 to Lonsdale Senior Housing, LLC to finance the public development costs as approved in the development agreement dated October 9, 2008. Vote for: Daleiden, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

e. Presentation of \$420.00 - Library Fundraiser Conducted by Youths Against Low Expectations (YALE) – Shaver Family

Nathan and Brianna Shaver, representing Youths Against Low Expectations, presented the City of Lonsdale with a check for \$420.00 to help purchase youth/teen material at the new Public Library opening in January. The Shaver Family helped organize a fundraiser during Lonsdale Community Days including a dunk tank, Plinko, and a parade float. The Council congratulated the Shavers for all their efforts and accepted the fundraising donation. Rud thanked the Shavers and Administrator Erickson for all their hard work, and he said that they all did a great job.

## **11. OTHER BUSINESS**

*Council Member Daleiden*

Daleiden mentioned that the Liquor Store continues to show positive signs.

*Council Member Kodada*

Absent

*Council Member Smith*

None

*Council Member Furrer*

Furrer stated that the EDA will be finishing up their marketing folders at their next meeting. She said that the folders will be available for any potential business looking to locate to Lonsdale.

*Council Member Rud*

Rud thanked the Community Days Committee for their work organizing the recent event. He also announced that an American Legion Alumni baseball game will be held on Friday night.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried. The meeting closed at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator