

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 24, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rud called a meeting of the Lonsdale City Council to order at 7:11 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, Kodada, Rud, Smith, and Furrer

Absent: None

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

4. AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve the agenda as presented. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Kodada to approve the minutes from the October 30, 2008 regular meeting, the November 13, 2008 regular meeting, and the November 13, 2008 special meeting. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

7. PRESENTATION OF CITIZEN PETITIONS AND COMMENTS

John Duban, 800 8th Avenue NW, asked how much garbage collection rates will increase. Erickson provided Duban with the updated rates.

8. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Monthly Bills

- b. Treasurer's Report
- c. Board and Commission Minutes

Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

9. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider Approval of a 3% Increase in the Monthly Garbage Rate Effective January 1, 2009 as Stated in the Refuse Collection Supplemental Agreement as proposed by Waste Management

Erickson said that he recently met with Waste Management (WM) to discuss a proposed increase in the monthly garbage rate and to discuss an increased landfill disposal fee. He said that Waste Management has not asked for an increase since they took over Lonsdale's refuse contract in 2006. He said that the Council did agree upon an up to a 4% CPI annual increase in the Supplemental Agreement. Erickson provided WM's rate increase request letter to the Council. Randy Bongard, Waste Management District Manager, approached the podium to answer questions regarding the proposed increases. Bongard mentioned that WM did not ask for an increase in 2007 or 2008. Bongard went over the proposed numbers with the Council. Rud stated that the numbers all appear to be under one dollar. Rud also stated that information explaining the rate increase should be sent out in the mail and advertised in the newspaper. He said even after the increase takes effect, the rates will be pretty competitive.

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Kodada to approve a 3% increase in the monthly garbage rate effective January 1, 2009. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

- b. Consider Approval of a Garbage Rate Increase Due to Increased Landfill Fees as Proposed by Waste Management

Bongard explained that Bridgewater Township imposed a tax on Rice County for the landfill being located in Bridgewater Township and therefore an increased tipping fees is being passed on to the users. Kodada asked if Rice County was going to try to fight the tipping fee. Bongard said that the court favored on the side of Bridgewater Township. Daleiden asked about the single sort recycling program. Bongard said that WM is only a subcontractor to Rice County, but recycling statistics have risen by 80%. Bongard said that the program has been a tremendous success so far.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Smith to approve a garbage rate increase due to increased landfill feeds. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

- c. Consider Approval to Change the Date of Thursday, December 25, 2008 Regular Meeting to Monday, December 22, 2008 at 7:00 pm

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Smith to reschedule the December 25, 2008 regular meeting to Monday, December 22, 2008. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Project Updates

City Engineer Kawlewski provided an update on the CSAH 33 Trail Project. He said that the gravel surface would be poured in a couple of days. He said that barricades need to stay up until guardrail is installed by Rice County next year. He mentioned that the trail will not be plowed this winter.

Kawlewski said that Niles Wiese has not shown up for two different meetings. Rud mentioned that the contract for the Commerce Drive SE cul-de-sac should be terminated. He said that the City could capitalize off another project next year.

Kawlewski said that staff will be meeting with MnDOT in early December regarding the 2010 Hwy 19 Project. Rud mentioned that decorative pet ramps could be included along with the project. Kodada asked Kawlewski to look into the Main Street South road sensors because people are getting stuck at that intersection for a long time. Kawlewski suggested that another loop detector may need to be installed further back from the crosswalk.

- b. Department Reports

Council Member Daleiden

None

Council Member Kodada

Kodada mentioned that the East Elementary Nature Center overlook platform is almost complete. He stated that the Jaycee Park Warming House Project recently started construction. He thanked the Park Board, Jaycees, M-L Hockey Association, other volunteers for their work on the project.

Council Member Smith

None

Council Member Furrer

None

Mayor Rud

Rud encouraged everyone to pursue connecting one-on-one with potential businesses looking to locate in Lonsdale. He mentioned that the Lions Park Christmas Tree lighting will be held next Saturday.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Smith, and Furrer. Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting closed at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator