

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2021
(ZOOM MEETING # 854 5545 3949)**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rud called a meeting of the Lonsdale City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. He said the meeting was being held electronically due to the ongoing State of Emergency and health pandemic in accordance with Minnesota State Statute §13D.021.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Steve Cherney, Kevin Kodada, Tim Rud, Cindy Furrer, and Scott Pelava

Members Absent: None

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Rud asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the Agenda.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Cherney to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote for: Cherney, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Rud asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the Minutes.

A motion was made by Pelava and seconded by Furrer to approve the Minutes from the December 21, 2020 Regular Meeting. Roll Call Vote for: Cherney, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 2021-304 (2021 Fee Schedule)

Rud opened the public hearing. Erickson presented the Council with a Staff Report and red-lined version of the Fee Schedule, which showed the proposed changes. Erickson went through and explained the reasoning for the changes to nine areas of the Fee Schedule, including: water rates, convenience fees, building, zoning, miscellaneous, equipment, attorney, and engineering. Erickson explained the reasoning for the increase to water rates, and he noted that Lonsdale will still be lower than three of Lonsdale’s neighboring cities, but higher than nearby suburb cities of Lakeville and Prior Lake. He also provided insight on the other proposed changes. Furrer questioned the \$30 reservation fee for the ice rink. Erickson said that it is not any different than reserving the pavilions at Jaycee Park. Rud asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the matter. No one responded. Erickson said that no written or verbal comments were received on the proposed Fee Schedule.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to close the public hearing. Roll Call Vote for: Cherney, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried. The hearing closed at 6:15 pm.

7. PRESENTATION OF CITIZEN PETITIONS AND COMMENTS

None

8. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a. Consider Approval of Resolution 2021-01, a Resolution Designating Official Depositories for City Funds
- b. Consider Approval of Resolution 2021-02, a Resolution Designating the Official Newspaper for 2021

Roll Call Vote for: Cherney, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

9. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider Approval of Ordinance 2021-304 (2021 Fee Schedule), an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2020-300 (2020 Fee Schedule)

Erickson said that a public hearing was held earlier in the meeting. He summarized some of the changes to the Fee Schedule. Pelava asked about fees for snow removal. Erickson said that 8-10 properties use the service, with some thinking that the rate is a great deal and some thinking it is too high. Vlasak said that it is hard to tabulate the true cost of snow removal, but he said that Public Works will be working to get a better account for next year. Cherney asked for assurance that fees charged by the City are not arbitrary and out of line. Rud said that all the City's fees are calculated and audited. Rud asked about development fees. Erickson explained that development fees have not changed since the early-2000s, but he clarified that development does pay for itself.

A motion was made by Cherney and seconded by Furrer to approve Ordinance 2021-304 (2021 Fee Schedule), an Ordinance amending Ordinance 2020-300 (2020 Fee Schedule). Roll Call Vote for: Cherney, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- b. Presentation of a West Central Sanitation "Good Neighbor" Recycling Team Program Check to the New Prague Trojans Softball Booster Club in the Amount of \$510.30 for Recycling 34.02 Tons of Cardboard

Taylor Williamson, West Central Sanitation, presented Chris Kraimer, New Prague Trojan Softball Club, with a check in the amount of \$510.30 for recycling 34.02 tons of cardboard as the 3rd Quarter 2020 Good Neighbor Recycling Team. Kraimer thanked the City and West Central for the opportunity to be part of the program. She said that the money will go towards field improvements and dugout enhancements. Rud thanked Kraimer, and he noted that Kraimer was part of the Lonsdale Park Board for many years.

- c. Consider Approval of Resolution 2021-03, a Resolution Designating Official Appointments
Erickson provided a summary of the openings on the advisory boards. He said that interviews of new applicants were held, and he went through the list of recommendations from Mayor Rud, including: Laura Carpentier on the Park Board, Joe Kodada and Jim Freid on the Planning Commission, Andrew Rasmussen and Bonnie Simon on the EDA, and Megan Warner on the Library Board. Rud went through and explained the reasoning for each of his advisory board and Council position nominations.

Rud said that for a city Lonsdale's size, what has been accomplished is pretty impressive. He went through upcoming goals for the new Police Department facility, future residential development, reconstruction of the older parts of town, and new commercial-industrial development in the Business Park. He said that the owner of AES may be looking to construct a 20,000 – 30,000 sq. ft. building soon.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve Resolution 2021-03, a Resolution Designating Official Appointments. Roll Call Vote for: Cherney, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- d. Consider Approval of Application for Payment No. 7 in the Amount of \$31,590.35 to A-1 Excavating, Inc. for the 2nd Ave SW Area Street and Utility Improvement Project
Powell asked the Council to consider payment to A-1 Excavating, Inc. for the 2nd Avenue SW Area Street and Utility Improvement Project. He said that the substantial completion date was September 11, 2020. Powell said that the bituminous wear course will be paved prior to June 30, 2021. He said that the majority of the punch list items have been completed by the contractor. He said that final measurements and quantities have been reviewed. Powell noted that the project is at or maybe a little below budget. He said that the payment does account for the standard 5% retainage.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve Application for Payment No. 7 in the amount of \$31,590.35 to A-1 Excavating, Inc. for the 2nd Ave SW Area Street and Utility Improvement Project. Roll Call Vote for: Cherney, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. City Staff Reports

Public Work Director

Vlasak stated that the Public Works Department has been working on creating ice at the new Trcka Park Ice Rink and Jaycee Park Ice Rink. He said that the ice at Trcka Park is in good shape and is getting plenty of use. Vlasak stated that they have been struggling with getting ice going at Jaycee Park.

City Engineer

Powell said that WSB is wrapping up a bid document for the pavement work at Trcka Park.

City Administrator

Erickson thanked the Public Works Department for doing a good job maintaining the new ice rink, and he noted that the Police Chief has volunteered to run the ice resurfacers. He said that the warming house will be open on Monday, January 11th. He said that there is a Public Works Meeting on Thursday morning. Erickson stated that he will be working on the State of the City annual report.

City Planner

Baker said that he has been working on website updates, including the City calendar. He noted that he would be working on the annual Community Development Report in January-February.

b. City Council / Department Reports

Council Member Cherney

Cherney thanked the Council for letting him be on the Library Board and Liquor Store Committee. He wished everyone a happy New Year.

Council Member Kodada

Kodada said that Treka Park was the City's biggest accomplishments over the past year. He said that the parking lot work will be completed in the summer of 2021. Kodada said that hopefully the Planning Commission will be reviewing new developments.

Council Member Furrer

Furrer said that the Liquor Store Committee will be meeting tomorrow evening.

Council Member Pelava

None

Mayor Rud

Rud said that it was nice to have such great staff and City leaders working toward the same goals. He said that he is excited to construction taking place over the next year, with a new business and Police Department. He said that Lonsdale is very fortunate.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Cherney and seconded by Furrer to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote for: Cherney, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator