

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present: David Webb, Kevin Kodada, Tim Rud, Cindy Furrer and Scott Pelava

Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: City Administrator Joel Erickson, City Engineer Nick Guilliams, Interim Public Works Director Joe Dornfeld and Liquor Store Manager Lynette Moe

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Rud asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda. A motion was made by Furrer and seconded by Pelava to approve the agenda as presented. Vote for: Webb, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: 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

None

9. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider Approval of Resolution 2022-47, a Resolution Transferring an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$45,000 From Fund 609 to Fund 404 for the Purchase of a 2022 John Deere Gator and Attachments

Erickson said the purchase of the John Deere Gator was approved at the last meeting and staff was requested to research funding options. He said the Liquor Committee reviewed the transfer at their last meeting and recommended approval of it. A motion was made by Pelava and seconded by Webb to approve Resolution 2022-47, a resolution transferring an amount not to exceed \$45,000 from the liquor fund to the park fund. Vote for: Webb, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

Mayor Rud said Lonsdale Liquor has been a tremendous success and reviewed the history of Railway and Lonsdale Liquor. He said Lynette Moe and staff have done a great job and thanked them.

- b. Consider Approval of Resolution 2022-48, a Resolution Designating 116 Alabama St. SE (IC Church Civic Center) as the Polling Place for any 2023 Special, Primary and/or General Elections Held in Lonsdale

Erickson said this is an annual resolution that needs to be adopted. He reviewed the applicable state statute and what the City Council is approving. A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve Resolution 2022-48. Vote for: Webb, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- c. Discuss the Shadow Stone Development and Gibbon Ave Drainage

Erickson said he was contacted by Jody Hruby of 6800 Gibbon Ave regarding drainage through her property from the Shadow Stone development and previous and potentially future flooding. He said flooding has been a concern of hers since 2004 and she has experienced flooding over the years. Erickson said last winter season, Hruby's driveway culvert froze and water backed up because of it. He said the last time the City addressed this was in 2014 when a larger culvert was installed. He said the solution worked until early 2022, when it froze. Erickson said staff recently met with Hruby to discuss her concerns and determine a possible solution to reduce/eliminate the potential of flooding. He said the City Engineer completed the attached report, which is based on a 2-year, 10-year and 100-year rain fall. Erickson said based on the 100 year rainfall, there would be flooding for about one hour but could be addressed by raising the elevation of the berm of the Shadow Stone retention pond and increasing the size of the culvert under Gibbon Ave. Mayor Rud asked if this was the responsibility of the City to resolve. Erickson said Hruby's property did not flood until the development was constructed. There was discussion on the fact that culverts freeze all the time, which is common in Minnesota and the proposed design. Guilliams said the culvert is proposed to be lowered to the bottom of the ditch section and the check dam downstream of the culvert removed. Mayor Rud stated what is typically done to get water to flow when it is not. Kodada asked if the ditch would be wet or dry. Guilliams said the ditch would be dry. Furrer asked if the current plan was offered in 2014. Erickson said he did not remember but

Hruby wanted to retain water in the ditch. Erickson said the property owner does not want any water. Webb questioned if it was the City's responsibility now if the City already fixed it. Furrer asked what will happen if this does not work and if the City will have to fix it again. Kodada questioned if the culvert froze in the future what would happen. Erickson said probably flooding. Erickson said Hruby has spent thousands of dollars on repairs, erosion control, etc. Mayor Rud asked if there were other options to resolve the problem due to the anticipated cost. Webb asked if Hruby would cost share. Mayor Rud suggested getting quotes to see what the cost actually is. A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to authorize staff to advertise and solicit quotes for the project. Vote for: Webb, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- d. Consider Approval of Resolution 2022-49, a Resolution Approving an Agreement Between the City of Lonsdale and Mark and Jacqueline Pavek to Spread Bio-Solids
Dornfeld said in the past, the City has had an agreement with Paveks, which allowed spreading of bio-solids and he reviewed the associated costs. He said Paveks are still interested in receiving bio-solids but was told by them that the compensation rates needed to be increased. Dornfeld reviewed the proposed fees, the number of acres needed and the potential maximum out of pocket cost to the City. He said finding land for spreading bio-solids in spring is difficult. Dornfeld said it was staff's recommendation to approve the agreement and he reviewed Resolution 2022-49. Mayor Rud said he assumes the only reason for a payment by the City is due to weather and not timing of the contractor, etc. Dornfeld said it is not the contractor. Kodada asked if the proposed fields are permitted. Dornfeld replied yes and the applicable years. Furrer asked if the City is looking for additional fields. Dornfeld said he had not but received a call from a farmer the City worked with in the past. He said Pavek's have been good to work with over the years. Kodada said the City does not have much of a choice. Furrer said unless the City purchases land. There was general discussion on permitting, MPCA requirements, trucking, etc. A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve Resolution 2022-49. Vote for: Webb, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.
- e. Consider Approval of Application for Payment No. 19 in the Amount of \$91,329.20 to Kue Contractors, Inc. for the Police Facility
John McNamara of Wold said the project is done and punch list items are being worked on. He said the City still has \$150,000 of retainage and he is working on a change order for an overall credit to the City. He said the City is in a good spot with the building and he is satisfied with the pay request. Mayor Rud asked if there were any questions. A motion was made by Webb and seconded by Furrer to approve Application for Payment No. 19. Vote for: Webb, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Staff Reports

Interim Public Works Director

Dornfeld said winter is in the air so staff has been getting ready for it and have been busy sweeping, completing landscaping projects, weed control, tree removal, manhole repairs, and irrigation winterizing.

City Engineer

Guilliams said he is working on closing out last years street project. He said BCM will be in town tomorrow to work on this year's project punch list. He said staff walked several trails earlier this week in preparation of proposed trail maintenance scheduled for next year.

City Administrator

Erickson said he is working on delinquent accounts for the upcoming assessment hearing, participated in a meeting with staff, engineering and the MPCA on chloride limits for the wastewater treatment plan, will be coordinating interviews for Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief and applications for Public Works Director and Community Development Planner are due next Friday. He said he attended a Rice County Administrator's meeting and there has been virtually zero interest in the old police building.

City Planner

None

b. Council Reports

Council Member Webb

There was discussion on Library wages.

Council Member Kodada

Kodada said the Planning Commission will be meeting on October 17th at 6:45 pm.

Council Member Furrer

Furrer said the EDA will be meeting next Thursday.

Council Member Pelava

Pelava said the Chamber is working on coordinating Frosty Fest and the Lonsdale 1st Program. He said there are several ribbon cuttings coming up soon.

Mayor Rud

Mayor Rud said water/sewer is being installed for the building on Pondview Dr SE. He said a concept plan has been submitted for the parcel next to the Villages of Lonsdale.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Webb, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator