

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 2017**

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: Joe Daleiden, Kevin Kodada, Tim Rud, Cindy Furrer, and Scott Pelava

Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: City Administrator Joel Erickson, City Planner Benjamin Baker, and City Engineer John Powell

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Pelava to approve the agenda with the noted addition. Vote for: Daleiden, 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 Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve the Minutes from the October 12, 2017 Regular Meeting. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

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 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, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

9. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Presentation of the Czech Slovak Century Project for 2018 – Marit Lee Kucera, Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic for MN, IA, ND, SD and Jean Keogh of Montgomery
Marit Lee Kucera, Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic for MN, IA, ND, SD, and Jean Keogh of Montgomery addressed the City Council and audience from the front podium. Kucera and Keogh, of the Czech Heritage Club, provided an update on the plans for celebrating 100 years of Czechoslovakia, 50 years of Prague Spring reform movement, and 25 years as the independent countries of Slovakia and the Czech Republic. They invited Czech Country to attend the Genealogy Display at Kolacky Days (Montgomery), Community Days (Lonsdale), and Dozinky (New Prague). They also promoted the following events: Battle of the Bands, Cemetery Tours, Taste of Czech and Slovak, and a Czech Mass. Daleiden and Kucera briefly discussed stories of Czech heritage and immigration to the United States of America. The Council thanked Kucera and Keogh for attending the meeting.
- b. Consider Approval of Ordinance 2017-281, an Ordinance Amending City Code §90.01, Prohibiting Types of Animals and City Code §153.040, Zoning Districts Allowing “Urban Beekeeping” as a License – Ben Baker, City Planner
Baker stated that beekeeping is currently allowed, but he explained that the City does not have any specific requirements for beekeeping except for the requirement of a CUP. He stated that Kathy Kahler had attended the June 8, 2017 Council meeting requesting that the City consider a less expensive and extensive permitting process. Baker said that Kahler and beekeeping expert Kathy Smith attended the July 20th Planning Commission meeting to provide information, stories, and regulation recommendations for hobby beekeeping. Both Smith and Kahler were in attendance at the Council meeting. Smith provided information, facts, and examples about honeybees and beekeeping to counter any misconceptions about bees, aggressive behavior, and swarms. She pointed out that most Police Departments across Minnesota get plenty of calls concerning dogs, but they typically don't get many complaints about honeybees.

Kodada stated that the Council needs to protect the City as a whole. He questioned who would be held responsible if someone gets hurt. Kodada asked if a beekeeper's insurance or the City's insurance would cover the cost a bee-related injury/reaction. Rud agreed with Kodada, and he wondered if proof of insurance should be required as part of the license application. Pelava wondered why we the City would require insurance for beekeeping since insurance is not required for dog licenses. He said that the Planning Commission was satisfied with all the details and regulations of the proposed ordinance. Rud assured Kahler and Smith that the proposed ordinance was generally all good, but he asked the Council if the item should be tabled to answer the question about insurance liability. Kodada said that the Council has to answer to 4,000 people, and he agreed to table the agenda item. Rud stated that it is important that the insurance question be clarified.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to table the agenda item. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried. The item was tabled.

c. Consider Approval of Ordinance 2017-282, an Ordinance Amending City Ordinance 2017-279 (2017 Fee Schedule) – Ben Baker, City Planner

Baker stated that the current CUP fee is set at \$300 with a required \$750 escrow. He said the Planning Commission had originally agreed on a \$100 license fee for beekeeping, but they later ended up recommending a \$300 license fee. Pelava stated that he did not agree with some of the Planning Commissioner's attempt to keep the fee high in order to discourage people from applying for a license. He explained that the \$300 fee recommended by the Planning Commission was a settlement between the current \$1,050 application/escrow amount and the original proposed \$100 fee. Smith suggested a one-time \$25 application fee, because the initial and on-going costs of beekeeping is so high. Baker explained the anticipated Staff time that would be associated with an application and follow-up inspections. Kodada asked about neighbor approval. Kahler presented a petition of signatures from her neighbors, which showed support for her proposed beekeeping hobby. Rud stated that this item should be tabled as well to allow City Staff to arrive at justification for associated license application review fees and inspections.

A motion was made by Furrer and seconded by Pelava to table the agenda item. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried. The item was tabled.

Rud thanked Kathler and Smith for attending the meeting.

- d. Consider Approval of Application for Payment No. 1 in the Amount of \$77,501.00 to Pember Companies, Inc. for the Well No. 5 Pump and Raw Water Main Project – John Powell, City Engineer

Powell provided an update on the well project at 1001 South Main Street. He recommended approval of Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$77,501.00 to Pember Companies for work completed from August – September 20, 2017. He said that the payment amount does reflect the standard 5% retainage.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$77,501.00 to Pember Companies, Inc. for the Well No. 5 Pump and Raw Water Main Project. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- e. Consider Approval of Resolution 2017-43, a Resolution Approving the Purchase of 900 Idaho Street SW – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson explained that Rice County is proposed to sell the tax forfeiture property located at 900 Idaho Street SW to the City of Lonsdale for \$1.00. Erickson stated that the City does have infrastructure and there are wetlands located on the subject property, and he said that it important that the City have ownership of this property. The Council reviewed Resolution 2017-43.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve Resolution 2017-43, a Resolution approving the purchase of 900 Idaho Street SW. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- f. Consider Approval of Resolution 2017-44, a Resolution to Contract With a Councilmember – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson explained that the City's John Deere loader malfunctioned and required repairs. He said that the repairs are covered under warranty but it needed to be transported to RDO for the repairs to be completed. He said after Staff tried contacting multiple companies to obtain prices for the timely transport of the pay loader, only Rud Construction was able to respond in a timely manner. Erickson estimated the cost for transportation at \$450, but he noted that the City was only invoiced \$290 for the transportation service. The Council reviewed the standard resolution to contract with a Councilmember.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve Resolution 2017-44, a Resolution to Contract With a Councilmember. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: Rud. Vote: 4-0-1. Motion carried.

- g. Consider Approval of a Bid Submitted in the Amount of \$1,500.00 for the 1995 F-250 Ford Truck – Joel Erickson

Erickson said that a bid of \$1,500 was recently received for the City's 1995 F-250 Ford Truck. He stated that no other bids were received.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Pelava to approve a bid submitted in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the 1995 F-250 Ford Truck. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- h. Consider Approval of a Bid Submitted in the Amount of \$170.00 for the 2016 CT200U Mini Dirt Bike Forfeited to the Police Department – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson said that the Lonsdale Police Department forfeited a CT200U Mini Dirt Bike this past summer. He said that the dirt bike was not contested by the owner, and it then became the property of the City of Lonsdale. Erickson said that only one bid was received.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Daleiden to approve a bid submitted in the amount of \$170.00 for the 2016 CT200U Mini Dirt Bike Forfeited to the Police Department. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- i. Consider Approval of Resolution 2017-45, a Resolution to Contract with a Councilmember – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

The Council reviewed a memo from the Public Works Director recommending that the Council approve a quote from Five Star Embroidery for Public Works Department jackets. The Council also reviewed prices from Mills Fleet Farm for similar work jackets.

A motion was made by Pelava and seconded by Kodada to approve Resolution 2017-45, a resolution to contract with a Councilmember. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: Furrer. Vote: 4-0-1. Motion carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Staff Reports

Public Works Director

N/A

City Engineer

None

City Administrator

None

City Planner

Baker stated that Staff has been working to finalize outstanding landscaping and land use permit items.

b. Council Reports

Council Member Daleiden

Daleiden said that Lonsdale Liquor will have a wine tasting event on November 10, 2017.

Council Member Kodada

Kodada stated that the Park Board will meet on November 14th.

Council Member Furrer

Furrer stated that the Library will be having a Halloween party. She said that the Library Board is looking to expand the Library's hours. Furrer said that the EDA is planning a lunch forum for November 14, 2017.

Council Member Pelava

Pelava said at the Planning Commission meeting will meet again in November.

Mayor Rud

Mayor Rud stated that the Lonsdale Lions will host the 3rd Annual Lions Friday event on November 3rd. Rud thanked the American Legion Auxiliary for hosting the candidate forum. He wished Daleiden a happy birthday.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Daleiden to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator