

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Lieske called the meeting to order at 7:00 am in the City Council Chambers at 415 Central St. W.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Furrer, Duban, Lieske, Kuchinka, Pierskalla and Daleiden

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dietz

STAFF PRESENT:

Joel Erickson, City Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

2. AGENDA

Lieske asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. A motion was made by Duban and seconded by Pierskalla to approve the agenda. Vote for: Furrer, Duban, Lieske, Kuchinka, Pierskalla and Daleiden. Against: None Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 18, 2012 REGULAR MEETING

Lieske asked if there were any additions or deletions to the minutes. A motion was made by Furrer and seconded by Kuchinka to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2012 regular meeting. Vote for: Furrer, Duban, Lieske, Kuchinka, Pierskalla and Daleiden. Against: None Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

a. Consider Approval of the October 2012 Treasurer's Reports

Erickson said October had a beginning balance of \$242,999.32, revenues of \$930.27 and expenses of \$301.11 for an ending balance of \$243,628.48. He said the only bills for review are for payable to Joel Erickson for the Lonsdale 1st program cards and stamps in the amount of \$492.39 and \$37.99 respectively, totaling \$530.38. Furrer said the cards for the Lonsdale 1st program should be purchased sooner to save on shipping. A motion was made by Kuchinka and seconded by Pierskalla to approve the October 2012 Treasurer's Report and the two invoices. Vote for: Furrer, Duban, Lieske, Kuchinka, Pierskalla and Daleiden. Against: None Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Updated on Proposed Business Park
Erickson said Mayor Rud and himself will be giving a presentation to the Steele Waseca Cooperative Electric (SWCE) Board on Tuesday, November 20, 2012. He said the City Council is considering the option of financing the Business Park by itself, without assistance of Rice County. He said he is still confident SWCE will purchase the property.

- b. Update and Discuss Park Improvements to the Property Located at 127 Main St. N. / Purchase of 133 Main St. N. (Carey) Property
Erickson said the City Council approved a motion to make a purchase offer on the property. He said since then, the two parties have been negotiating a purchase price.

- c. Update on the Lonsdale 1st Program
Erickson said he had sent a press release to the Lonsdale Area News Review for publication pertaining to the Lonsdale 1st Program but it was not published. He said he was disappointed and the paper will be running a story on the program in an upcoming edition.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discuss Main Street "Streetscape" Design Options
Erickson said at the last meeting, the Board requested this be discussed. He reviewed the goals outlined in the Streetscape and asked the Board if they were still the goals or if they needed to be reprioritized. The Board held general discussion on the goals, priorities, the timing of a complete reconstruction of Main Street, bump outs, stripping parking stalls, lighting and the concepts plans. The Board eliminated Concept 1 due to the median and Concept 3 due to the piers located in islands just outside of the downtown area. The Board directed Erickson to obtain quotes on stripping parking stalls and eight bump outs. The Board also discussed what type of plantings will be located in the bump outs and how to provide water. The Board said they wanted twelve spireha, ten low cover greenery shrubs, day lilies, tall grass, trees, etc. Erickson suggested providing each bump out with a water spigot located in a pit, so it was hidden and there was a location to coil up a hose. The Board agreed that colored and/or stamped concrete will be used. The Board also discussed installing bollard lights or just the conduit for future wiring. Handicapped parking was also discussed, specifically if it is needed and/or how it would be incorporated into the design.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Additional Items to be Discussed
None

b. Items for the December 2012 Agenda

The Board requested the following items be placed on the December agenda: (1) Lonsdale 1st program (2) the Carey property/park and (3) streetscape and (4) updates.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Duban to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 am. Vote for: Furrer, Duban, Lieske, Kuchinka, Pierskalla and Daleiden.

Against: None Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator