

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rud called a meeting of the Lonsdale City Council to order at 6:02 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: Steve Cherney, Kevin Kodada, Tim Rud and Cindy Furrer

Members Absent: Scott Pelava

City Staff Present: City Administrator Joel Erickson and Building Official Gary Staber

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. Vote for: Cherney, Kodada, Rud and Furrer. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 4-0. 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 a Agreement Between the City of Lonsdale and Municipal Inspections, Inc. for Building Official/Inspection Services and Introduction of Building Official Gary Staber

Erickson provided a summary of the hiring process to fill the position of Building/Code Enforcement Official to date. He said since the preferred candidate declined the position, staff discussed the situation and reached out to Gary Staber, the City's current Building Official to see if he was interested in a longer term contract. Staber said he was interested in a long term agreement and the City and Staber have come to terms on an agreement. Erickson highlighted the main points of the agreement.

Cherney asked if Staber would have an office at City Hall and asked if he also met the requirements of an independent contractor. Erickson said Staber does have a home office but requirements of the agreement are that the City provides office space at City Hall, local telephone and garbage service at no charge to Staber. Rud asked if Staber was still provided Building Official/Inspection service to Elko New Market. Staber replied yes. Cherney asked if Staber will have less qualified people to fill in when he is out. Staber said yes and it has worked well in Elko New Market and it is ideal that Lonsdale is ten minutes from his home so he can group inspections together and meet with residents after hours if necessary. Staber said he is used to and does work with residents on their projects and scheduling inspections. Cherney said based on discussion, Staber seems to be even keeled. Staber said he is because when you lose your temper, you have lost the argument. Kodada said that he has worked with Staber throughout his twenty five year career and Staber has always worked with residents and contractors. Staber said to follow up the previous point, there was a change in the law that allows persons to do inspections per the Building Code as long as they have a Minimum Limited Certification. Rud asked about code enforcement.

There was general discussion on code enforcement. Staber said erosion control goes hand and hand with Building Code inspections. Erickson said code enforcement will be similar to how it was handled when the City contracted with Jim Filipek. He said Staber will be the eyes in the field and staff, whether the Police Department or City Hall staff will follow up for abatement. Rud asked if legal had reviewed the agreement. Erickson said the initial agreement was based on Elko New Market's agreement, who have the same legal firm represent them as Lonsdale and the current agreement was also the basis for the proposed agreement, which was reviewed by the City Attorney. A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve agreement the between the City of Lonsdale and Municipal Inspections, Inc. for Building Official/Inspection services. Vote for: Cherney, Kodada, Rud and Furrer. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Cherney, Kodada, Rud and Furrer. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 6:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator