

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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 Nick Guilliams, Public Works Director Russ Vlasak, Fire Chief Dave Pfluke

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 Pelava to approve the agenda as presented. 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 9, 2021 Regular. Vote for: Cherney, 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. November Monthly Bills
- b. Treasurer’s Report
- c. Board and Commission Minutes

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 to Change the Time of the Monday, January 3, 2022 City Council Meeting and the Public Hearing for Proposed Ordinance 2022-308 (2022 Fee Schedule) from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Erickson stated that a request was made to move the January 3, 2022 Annual City Council Meeting from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

A motion was made by Cherney and seconded by Furrer to approve: 1) a change to the time of the Monday, January 3, 2022 City Council from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm, and 2) a change to the time of the Public Hearing on January 3, 2022 from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm or shortly thereafter for Proposed Ordinance 2022-308 (2022 Fee Schedule), an Ordinance amending Ordinance 2021-304 (2021 Fee Schedule). Vote for: Cherney, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- b. Consider Approval to Change the Time of the Public Hearing on January 3, 2022 From 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm or Shortly Thereafter for Proposed Ordinance 2022-308 (2022 Fee Schedule), an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2021-304 (2021 Fee Schedule)

This item was discussed as part of Agenda Item 10(a).

- c. Consider Approval of Resolution 2021-67, a Resolution Approving Entering into Limited Use Permit No. 6602-0023 With the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Execute the Limited Use Permit

Erickson stated that in 2013, the City entered into Limited Use Permit No. 6602-0019 with MNDOT for construction of the Linking Lonsdale trail within State right-of-way at the intersection of TH 19 and 8th Avenue NE. He said that the LUP Agreement is essentially the same except for the new expiration date of 2031. The Council reviewed the LUP and attached maps. Pelava expressed his satisfaction with the popular trail connection/system.

A motion was made by Pelava and seconded by Kodada to approve Resolution 2021-67, a Resolution Approving Entering into Limited Use Permit No. 6602-0023 With the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Execute the Limited Use Permit. Vote for: Cherney, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- d. Consider Approval of Resolution 2021-68, a Resolution Approving Entering into Limited Use Permit No. 6602-0024 With the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Execute the Limited Use Permit

Erickson stated that in 2007, the City entered into Limited Use Permit No. 6602-016 with MNDOT for construction of two Welcome Signs within the TH 19 right-of-way on both the east and west entrances to town. He said that the LUP Agreement is essentially the same except for the new expiration date of 2031. The Council reviewed the LUP and associated maps.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve Resolution 2021-68, a Resolution Approving Entering into Limited Use Permit No. 6602-0024 With the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Execute the Limited Use Permit as presented. Vote for: Cherney, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- e. Consider Approval to Accept Russ Vlasak's Letter of Resignation from the Lonsdale Fire Department

Fire Chief Pfluke presented the Council with Russ Vlasak's retirement from the Fire Department. The Council reviewed the Letter of Retirement from the Lonsdale Fire Department. Rud said that Vlasak did a really good job for a long time. The Council thanked Vlasak for his service.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to accept Russ Vlasak's Letter of Retirement from the Lonsdale Fire Department. Vote for: Cherney, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

f. Consider Approval to Accept Mike Nerud’s Letter of Resignation from the Lonsdale Fire Department

Fire Chief Pfluke presented the Council with Mike Nerud’s retirement from the Fire Department. The Council reviewed the Letter of Retirement from the Lonsdale Fire Department. Rud said that he did a good job.

A motion was made by Pelava and seconded by Furrer to accept Mike Nerud’s Letter of Retirement from the Lonsdale Fire Department. Vote for: Cherney, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

g. Consider Approval to Authorize Staff to Advertise for Two Fire Fighters – Dave Pfluke, Fire Chief

Pfluke recommend that with the retirement of Nerud and Vlasak, two day-time responders, that the Council should authorize Staff to advertise for two fire fighters. Pfluke said that there are still 2-3 fire fighters available to respond to calls during the day.

A motion was made by Pelava and seconded by Furrer to authorize Staff to advertise for two Fire Fighters. 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 Public Works is working on making ice at Trcka Park. He also stated that they fixed the Christmas lights on top of the Lions Park tree.

City Engineer

Guilliams provided an update on the 2022 Street Project.

City Administrator

Erickson stated that he has been working on State reporting and installation of a new phone system.

City Planner

Baker stated that he has been updating the parks webpages and preparing for year-end reports

b. City Council / Department Reports

Council Member Cherney

Cherney wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Council Member Kodada

Kodada said happy holidays.

Council Member Furrer

Furrer stated that the EDA talked about the BRE initiative and banners at their last meeting.

Council Member Pelava

Pelava provided a brief update on the Police Department project.

Mayor Rud

Rud stated that the City hosted a nice Christmas lunch earlier in the day. He listed some of the accomplishments that have taken place over the past 18 years, including: street reconstruction projects, Lonsdale Liquor, the parks/trails system, and keeping taxes inline. Rud said that the community is pretty blessed, and he thanked the Council and Staff for all the work and effort that they've put into making Lonsdale great.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Cherney, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator