

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 11, 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, and Cindy Furrer

Members Absent: Scott Pelava

City Staff Present: City Administrator Joel Erickson, City Planner Benjamin Baker, City Engineer John Powell, and Public Works Director Russ Vlasak

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Rud asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda. Erickson requested Resolution 2017-25 be added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve the agenda with the requested addition. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to approve the Minutes from the March 30, 2017 Regular Meeting. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

7. PRESENTATION OF CITIZEN PETITIONS AND COMMENTS

Fritz Duban, 626 Main Street North, stated his concern with traffic traveling northbound on Garfield Avenue over the hill located just south of the intersection with Pond View Drive SE. He stated that residents using the compost site face potential danger as they turn onto Garfield Avenue. He asked the Council if something could be done to alleviate this concern, such as signage or eliminating the hill.

Roman Kalina, 320 Central Street East, stated that he has the same concern as Duban. He said that hill is bad and has always been bad. He suggested that the City remove 6-8 ft. off the hilltop and bring that dirt to the southeast side of the Rezac Nature Preserve to create a level picnic area.

The Council thanked Duban and Kalina for their comments. They directed City Staff to see what options and solutions are available and potentially meet with Webster Township to discuss annexation of the east-side of Garfield Avenue.

8. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

None

9. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Presentation of a Waste Management Green Team Check in the Amount of \$747.00 to the Lonsdale Elementary School Green Team for Recycling 49.7 Tons of Cardboard and Mixed Paper – Jon Beseman, Waste Management

Jon Beseman, of Waste Management, relayed updated stats for the Green Team Program. He said that 854.89 tons of mixed paper and cardboard has been recycled, which equates to \$12,220.00 of donations to area non-profit organizations. Beseman presented the Lonsdale Elementary School Green Team a check in the amount of \$747.00 for recycling 49.7 tons of mixed paper and cardboard. Natalie Eckstein, of TCU Lonsdale Elementary, stated that the funds will go towards outdoor education and the Prairie Restoration Project. The Council thanked Beseman and Waste Management.

- b. Consider Approval of Resolution 2017-24, a Resolution Approving the Issuance of General Obligation Improvement and Utility Revenue Bonds, Series 2017A – Paul Donna, Baird

Paul Donna, of Baird, addressed the City Council from the front podium. He presented an overview of the Area No. 5 – Phase III and Well No. 5 Project Financing Plan. He said that \$2.335 million will be raised through the issuance of General Obligation bonds. He highlighted the main points of the financial plan, while the Council reviewed the 6-page document. He explained which portions would be funded by the property tax levy and the City's enterprise funds. He said that final maturity would take place in 2033 with a True Interest Cost of 2.25% and an all-in TIC of 2.45%. He said that the City currently has an excellent credit rating of AA-.

Daleiden asked if the City could add to the loan if it decided to go ahead and cut/regrade the hill along Garfield Avenue. Donna said yes with at least a 2-day notice. Erickson said that the City could also use reserve funds. Erickson went through Resolution 2017-24, and he said that funding should line up with previous bond-funded projects.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve Resolution 2017-24, a resolution approving the issuance of General Obligation Improvement and Utility Revenue Bonds, Series 2017A. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

- c. Consider Approval of a Minnesota Lawful Gambling LG220 Application for Exempt Permit With No Waiting Period Requested by the Church of the Immaculate Conception – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson said that the I.C. Church will be conducting a raffle and bingo on Saturday, August 6th for its annual Church Festival. He said that there have not been any issues in the past with their lawful gambling, and Erickson recommended approval of the permit.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to approve Minnesota Lawful Gambling LG220 Application for Exempt Permit with No Waiting Period Requested by the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

- d. Consider Approval to Make a Conditional Job Offer to Thomas Cassidy as Full Time Public Works Employee at Grade 7 / Step 1 (\$16.62/hr.) – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson explained that four applicants were interviewed for the full-time public works position. He noted that the position was originally offered to Eric Knaap, but he declined. Erickson said that Tom Cassidy actually scored the highest on his application due to his training and experience.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve a Conditional Job Offer to Thomas Cassidy as Full Time Public Works Employee at Grade 7 / Step 1 (\$16.62/hr.). Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

- e. Consider Approval of a Bid Submitted by Koktavy and Daleiden Painting in the Amount of \$12,676.00 for the Exterior Painting of the Fire Hall – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson stated that four bids were received for the Fire Hall Painting Project: Koktavy and Daleiden Painting - \$12,676.00, Simon Painting & Decorating - \$15,600.00, HP Finishing Company - \$18,079.50 / \$14,079.50 (1 finish coating), Nick Slavik Painting & Restoration - \$22,450.00. The Council reviewed the Staff Report and a detailed bid comparison spreadsheet, while Erickson went through the different comparison items. He said that the painting project will run from June 5th – July 28th.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve a bid submitted by Koktavy and Daleiden Painting in the amount of \$12,676.00 for the exterior painting of the Fire Hall. Vote for: Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Vote against: None. Abstained: Daleiden, None. Vote: 3-0-1. Motion carried.

- f. Consider Approval of Resolution 2017-25, a Resolution to Contract with a Councilmember

Erickson explained that an emergency towing and impounding service was conducted by Lonsdale Auto Works after being dispatched by Rice County Dispatch. He stated that anytime that City work is completed by a Councilmember that a special Resolution is required.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Kodada to approve Resolution 2017-25, a resolution to contract with a Councilmember. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Department Reports

Public Works Director Russ Vlasak

Vlasak said that he will be meeting with Rice County about County Roads 33 & 4. He said that seal coat proposals will be coming before the Council soon. He said that the parks should be ready to go for the summertime. Rud relayed a complement recently received from ballpark users, stating how nice the fields and parks look in town.

City Engineer John Powell

Powell stated that the Phase III Project started earlier in the day. He said that the reclaim material was left in place, but that it is still a good driving surface. He stated that the area may have temporary water service installed by next week. Powell noted that CenterPoint Energy will be replacing the gas lines in the project area.

City Administrator Joel Erickson

Erickson said that he recently attended the MMBA conference in Alexandria. He said that he will be watching a Census 2020 Webinar. Rud commended Erickson for giving a presentation to DEED in St. Paul regarding the Lonsdale Business Park being a Shovel Ready Project.

City Planner Ben Baker

Baker provided an update on new home permits to-date. Baker said that he has been creating application forms for parking pads and special off-street parking permits. He also said that the Planning Commission will be reviewing a variance and partial easement vacation request from Lonsdale Packaging for a 20,000 sq. ft. addition. Rud thanked Baker and the Park Board members for doing such a great job with the Dog Park and Arbor Day events.

b. Council Reports

Council Member Daleiden

Daleiden provided a report on the Liquor Store's 10th Year Anniversary event. He said that the event was well attended and the store brought in about \$12,000 that day. Rud thanked Daleiden, Kodada, and Erickson for their work on the Liquor Store Committee.

Council Member Kodada

Kodada provided a report on the May 9th Dog Park Grand Opening event.

Council Member Furrer

Furrer stated that the EDA and Library Board will meet next week. She said that the Library Pizza Party will be on June 9th.

Council Member Pelava

N/A

Mayor Rud

Rud said that the Citywide Garage Sale will be happening over the weekend. He announced that the Lonsdale Firemen's Relief Association will be hosting their 15th annual steak fry event on May 20th. He said that Waste Management will have their annual Cleanup Day at Jaycee Park on May 20th from 7:00-11:00 am. Rud said that the poppy distribution will take place at area churches on May 21st. He announced that the American Legion will be holding Memorial Day services on May 29th at area cemeteries and at the Veterans Memorial.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator