

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 9, 2019**

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: Steve Cherney, 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, 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 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

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

A motion was made by Cherney and seconded by Furrer to approve the Minutes from the April 25, 2019 Regular Meeting and the May 1, 2019 Special Meeting. Vote for: Cherney, 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

Jonathan Wood, 1806 Birchwood Ct, Faribault MN, contractor for 1320 Deerview Ct SE, stated that he was a Faribault Councilmember and this was his first time providing public comment from the podium. He said that he just wants to finish his new home construction on Deerview Ct for two lovely residents coming to Lonsdale from Farmington. He explained the grading flow for his lot and the neighboring lot to the west. Wood said that there is some discrepancy in the grading and concern with the watershed.

Rud welcomed Wood to Lonsdale, and he said that City Staff will be working with him towards resolution concerning the grading issues.

8. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

None

9. OLD BUSINESS

Consider Approval of a Policy Relating to Accepting Private Streets into the City's Street System – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson provided a policy for the Council to review concerning the acceptance of private streets into the City Street System, in regard to a request from the majority property owner within Rolling Ridge Market Place for turning-over Ash Street NE. Erickson said that the Rolling Ridge Market Place Owners Association recently discussed and approved the proposed improvement project. Erickson stated that the policy was created based on feedback from the previous Council meeting to require a similar turn-back policy that MNDOT and Rice County regularly implement. Furrer asked about future maintenance of Ash Street. Kodada asked about road rating. Erickson said that the roadway would be constructed as a 9-ton road and incorporated into the City's system-wide road maintenance schedule. Rud said that the policy looks good, and said that the private roadway will have to be brought up to City standards.

A motion was made by Cherney and seconded by Furrer to approve a policy relating to accepting private streets into the City's Street System. Vote for: Cherney, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Presentation of a Waste Management Green Team Recycling Check in the Amount of \$435.00 to the Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women for Recycling 29 Tons of Cardboard and Mixed Paper – Jay Nieson, WM

Jay Nieson, Waste Management, stated that 1,260 tons of mixed paper and cardboard have been recycled as part of the Green Team Program. He noted that \$18,314 has been given to various civic organizations. He presented a check in the amount of \$435.00 to the IC Council of Catholic Women for recycling 29 tons. Everyone applauded. Nieson said that Lonsdale has had some worthy organizations step up as Green Teams, and he said that Lonsdale's teams have done a good job monitoring the dumpsters compared to other communities.

- b. Consider Approval of Requests Made by the Lonsdale Area Chamber of Commerce Pertaining to Community Days 2019 – Joel Erickson, City Administrator
LACC President Joel Erickson presented annual requests needed to help make Community Days possible, including: 1) a temporary liquor license, 2) overnight camping, 3) road closures, 4) mosquito control, 5) additional Staff hours, and 6) restrooms. Chamber Executive Director Shanna Gutzke-Kupp went through the list of happenings that will be taking place during Community Days 2019 on Saturday, August 10th. She thanked the City for their continual support, and said that they are always looking for more volunteers.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve requests made by the Lonsdale Area Chamber of Commerce pertaining to Community Days 2019. Vote for: Cherney, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

- c. Consider Approval of an Application and Permit for Outdoor Public Fireworks Display Requested by Lonsdale Freedom Fireworks, Associated Road Closures and Payment of Fireworks Insurance Premium – Nicole Smith, Lonsdale Freedom Fireworks
Mike Walters, on behalf of Nicole Smith and the Freedom Fireworks group, came up to the front podium to ask the Council to consider approval of their annual public fireworks display permit. Erickson provided the Council with further details on the proposed shoot site and road closures. Walters said that they will be spending a little more this year, because this will be the last year that their group plans to organize the event. He said that everyone is running out time and energy to put on the display. Rud thanked the Freedom Fireworks group for doing such a good job of fundraising and the fireworks display. Walter said that the fireworks event does a good job of bringing people together.

A motion was made by Furrer and seconded by Cherney to approve an Application and Permit for Outdoor Public Fireworks Display requested by Lonsdale Freedom Fireworks. Vote for: Cherney, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

- d. Consider Approval of the Plans and Specifications and Authorize Staff to Obtain a Quote for a New Rosenbauer Rescue Truck From Heiman Fire Equipment to be Purchased Through Sourcewell MN Cooperative Purchasing – Dave Pfluke, Fire Chief

Fire Chief Dave Pfluke explained that the Rescue Truck Committee was formed a year ago to work on replacing the 28 year old rescue vehicle. Pfluke said that the current truck has low miles but was run hard. He showed the Council sketches of the proposed vehicle that the Committee helped design. Pfluke stated that the truck and updated equipment will run about \$200,000. He described the many type of fire/rescue calls that the truck is used for. Rud and Pfluke talked about the Capital Outlay Program that has been set up to pay for new vehicles and equipment. They also said that Lonsdale pays about 35-37% with the four surrounding Townships paying the remainder. Pfluke asked the Council to consider authorizing the Committee to get a price for the proposed rescue truck. The Council looked through the associated information provided by the Fire Chief.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve Plans and Specifications and authorize Staff to obtain a quote for a New Rosenbauer Rescue Truck from Heiman Fire Equipment to be purchased through Sourcewell MN Cooperative Purchasing. Vote for: Cherney, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

- e. Consider Approval of Resolution 2019-16, a Resolution to Contract With a Councilmember – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson explained that emergency tire repair was needed for the rescue truck, and asked the Council to consider approval of Resolution 2019-16, which is required when work is completed by a Councilmember. The Council reviewed the Resolution, Conflict of Interest Affidavit, and associated invoice.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Cherney to approve Resolution 2019-16, a Resolution to Contract with a Councilmember. Vote for: Cherney, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

f. Consider Approval of a Proposal Submitted by Clarke in the Amount of \$16,500.00 for Mosquito Control 2019 – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson said that the City has been providing mosquito control for the community for the past 10 years. He explained the historical progression of treatments based on precipitation and complaints. He said that the Council approved an RFP at their April 25th meeting, and one proposal was received from Clarke in the amount of \$16,500 for 22 treatments. Erickson said that \$21,600 was budgeted for mosquito spraying in 2019.

Brekke Antonneau, 209 Arizona Street SE, said that she is concerned about the ramifications of the City's mosquito control program. She relayed information about the potential effect on plants, insects, and humans due to chemical spaying. Brekke said that she would love to plant her own garden/produce, but she said that she will not do so because of the insecticide. She stated that no other cities are spaying as much as Lonsdale, and Brekke challenged the City to find a more efficient and less excessive way to control mosquitos. She listed some recommendations from the EPA/CDC. She talked about a petition that she just started that already had 47 signatures. She suggested a notification system, posting labels, an opt-out option, and measurability.

Kathy Kahler, 315 2nd Ave SW, relayed her concerns over mosquito spraying and drift due to the honeybee hives she has permitted on her property. She went through organic options that Clarke provides, and she noted that the organic options may be \$300/gallon more expensive.

Cheney encouraged the concerned citizens to form a volunteer group to do further research, conduct a survey, and bring back the information to the City. He asked about their research so far.

Kodada stated that since the City has already committed to providing this service in 2019, that the quote should be approved, and any interested parties can request an opt-out, if so desired. Antonneau and Kahler agreed that an opt-out option was agreeable this year.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Cherney to approve a proposal submitted by Clarke in the amount of \$16,500.00 for Mosquito Control 2019. Vote for: Cherney, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

- g. Consider Approval of a Quote Submitted by WSB in the Amount of \$6,750.00 for an Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) Report on the Highway 19 and 8th Ave NE Intersection – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson asked the Council to consider approval for WSB to conduct an ICE Report for the Highway 19 & 8th Avenue NE/Industrial Drive SE intersections, due to proposed development next to the Villages of Lonsdale and the Rolling Ridge Market Place. He said that in order to get the project included with MNDOT's 2023 Hwy 19 Mill & Overlay Project, that report need to be submitted during the scoping process. He said that MNDOT budgets for project four years in advance of a project. Powell talked about different traffic calming and intersection control techniques, including traffic signals and round-a-bouts. He said that the City has yet to determine the different assumptions to input into the traffic modeling software.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve a quote submitted by WSB in the amount of \$6,750.00 for an Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) Report on the Highway 19 and 8th Ave NE Intersection. Vote for: Cherney, Kodada, Rud, and Furrer. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. City Staff Reports

Public Works Director

N/A

City Engineer

Powell provided project updates on the on-going Phase 5 Projects and the Lift Station Decommissioning Project. He noted that the 8th Avenue Mill & Overlay Project pre-construction meeting is coming up and that project should be completed in early-summer. Powell also provided an update on road analysis work.

City Administrator

Erickson said that the Liquor Store Manager and he recently attended the MMBA Conference. He said that he attended the recent RRMPOA Meeting. He said that the Library Board will be looking to fill a vacancy on the Board. Erickson said that the Rice County Economic Development Committee recently met in Lonsdale. He noted that Baker and he had a meeting with a potential developer of the Bixby property. He said that Staff did make the developer aware of drainage problems in that area.

City Planner

Baker said that Staff was test-driving the initial WSB web-based GIS system, DataLink. He said that Park Board packets should be delivered tomorrow, and that the Planning Commission will be meeting at 7:00 pm, directly following the May 20th Budget Meeting.

b. City Council Reports

Council Member Cherney

Cherney stated that he brought pizza from Signature Pizza in Faribault to the Liquor Store for Committee members and Staff.

Council Member Kodada

Kodada provided an update on the Liquor Store. He said the store is right-on-track and recently had good sales last Sunday. He said that there will be tasting event on May 18th. Kodada thanked Baker, Micki Ziskovsky, and the Public Works Department for their help with organizing the 10th Anniversary Arbor Day event along Idaho Street SW.

Council Member Furrer

Furrer said that the EDA and Library Board will be meeting next week.

Council Member Pelava

N/A

Mayor Rud

Mayor Rud thanked all the volunteers who help out around town, including the Freedom Fireworks group and Community Days Committee. He thanked the two newspapers for doing such a wonderful job. Rud said that the City has received multiple concerns about the senior housing project not moving forward due to the previous Special Council meeting. Rud said that the City is determined to get that project back on track regardless of indecision by the City Council.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Cherney 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 8:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator