

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 20, 2017**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rud called a special meeting of the Lonsdale City Council to order at 6:01 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: J. Daleiden, K. Kodada, T. Rud, C. Furrer, and S. Pelava

Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: City Administrator Joel Erickson, City Engineer John Powell, Public Works Director Russ Vlasak and City Treasurer Tami Brokl

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve the agenda as presented.
Vote for: Kodada, Daleiden, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. 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. Discuss the Proposed 2018 City Budget

Erickson said this is the fourth budget meeting and the topic of discussion is the scope of the Area No. 5 – Phase 4 Street and Utility Improvement Project. He said if it is the intention to open bids in late January 2018, the scope of the project needs to be determined so the Feasibility Study can be ordered at the July 13, 2017 meeting. Erickson said as of now, the scope of the project is water main/services and curb stops, spot sanitary sewer repairs and patching of the disturbed areas. He said recently, the City Council approved a resolution requesting \$297,000 in funding from Rice County so the street can be completely repaved. Mayor Rud said the project should include Railway St. NW because the County is interested in turning it back to the City. He said if it is turned back to the city, all surface improvements should be done prior to that. Vlasak recommended that the storm sewer be televised to determine the extent of any needed repairs. Furrer asked if new sidewalk is added to Main St. S., who would be responsible for snow removal. Staff said at this time, it would be the homeowner's responsibility. Vlasak said if a sidewalk is added, could the boulevards be widened to allow for snow storage, resulting in less of a need for hauling.

During discussion on the scope of the project, the following improvements were discussed and to be included in the Feasibility Study:

Main St. S.:

- Water, sewer, pavement section;
- Sidewalk/trail along the west side of the street;
- Minimal narrowing of the street to accommodate sidewalk/trail;
- Trail extended to Idaho St.

Main St. N.:

- Water, sewer and pavement section;

Downtown Area:

- Water, sewer, pavement section;
- New sidewalk and widen as much as 4 feet;
- New light poles (Main St. and Railway St.);
 - Electrical, irrigation, hanging baskets, banners and flags

2nd Ave NW:

- Water, sewer, pavement section

Railway St. NW:

- Water, sewer, pavement section;
- Work with Rice County on turn back agreement

Pelava asked about heated sidewalks for easier maintenance in the winter. There was discussion regarding this and Powell recommended to not include in this in the “public” section of the sidewalk because it could cause other unintended issues.

b. Fog Seal With Seal Coat Project

Erickson said staff followed up with Pearson Bros. regarding including a test strip of fog seal to this year's seal coating project. He said the cost for a 300 foot long area would be \$850.00. He said staff was recommending it be done. The Council discussed this and agreed that all of 3rd Ave NW should be fog sealed because the cost should not be more than \$2,500.00.

c. Pondview Dr. SE / Garfield Ave Intersection:

Powell said staff has reviewed the surveying done and determined that the geometric design is 30 mph. He said by lowering the intersection by 1 ½ to 2 feet, the design speed can be increased to 40 mph. He said the estimated cost to complete the work would be between \$22,000 and \$26,000. The Council agreed the work should be done. Mayor Rud asked if the work included a right turn lane. Powell said it did not. The Council discussed and agreed that a right turn lane should be included because increased traffic volume is expected in the future.

d. Pavement Borings:

Vlasak said due to premature failure of several streets in newer subdivisions, WSB completed borings and has provided a recommendation of work necessary to repair these areas. Powell said the work to be done is intensive and the areas are past the point of normal mill and overlay work. Vlasak said the borings were done to determine the scope of work necessary. Powell said the areas have failed prematurely. The Council discussed drainage options to help resolve the problem areas.

e. Noise Complaint:

Erickson said he has been dealing with a noise complaint regarding TMI, Inc., specifically the dust collector. He said complaints have focused on Minnesota Rule 7030, which specifies decibel levels for varying types of land uses. He said to have a legal standing, a decibel reader will have to be purchased. The Council said it needs to be determined if there is a violation and if so, proceed accordingly and if not, to let the residents know. The Council directed staff to research companies that will do the testing for the City and prepare a report on the complaint.

f. Sanitary Sewer Service Repairs:

Mayor Rud asked Erickson if he had made progress on the sanitary sewer repairs property owners have been and are currently dealing with. Erickson said he spoke to the City's insurance company and they do not cover the repair, similar to a water main break. He said he contacted the City Attorney to review the matter and is awaiting a response. Erickson said while attending the LMC Annual Conference, he spoke to NLC Service Line Warranty Program representatives and obtained information on their program. He reviewed the coverage amounts per occurrence. The Council discussed the matter and agreed the City should do the right thing and make it right if the City is responsible. Erickson said he would follow up with the City Attorney.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Staff Reports
None

b. Council Reports
None

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Furrer and seconded by Kodada to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator