

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LONSDALE  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 25, 2020**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rud called a meeting of the Lonsdale City Council to order at 6:00 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, Cindy Furrer and Scott Pelava

Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: City Administrator Joel Erickson and Chief of Police Jason Schmitz

**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 Cherney 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**

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. Interview Architectural Firms/Partners for the Police Facility / Master Planning Project  
Erickson said the City solicited proposals for the Police Facility / Future Master Planning project and received 19 proposals. He said at the June 11, 2020 meeting, the City Council reviewed the proposals received and selected 4 firms to interview. He said 3 of the 4 firms were interviewed June 18, 2020. Erickson said tonight the City Council will be interviewing Oleson + Hobbie.

### Oleson +Hobbie

Eric Oleson introduced himself and thanked the City Council for being flexible and rescheduling O+H's interview due a medical emergency. Oleson reviewed what each team member would be responsible for and their experience. He also reviewed the services they provide including but not limited to: site selection studies, pre-design, sustainability design, architectural, cost estimating, programming, planning, historical preservation and construction administration. He said they will be using consultants that they regularly work with for HVAC and structural engineering. Oleson said they value being a firm that focuses on sustainability, being ethical and leaders in the community, accountable and fostering a culture that is positive, healthy and fun. He reviewed projects they have completed in St. Peter (park pavilion), Wells (liquor store), Belle Plaine (pavilion/warming house/ice rink) and Sleepy Eye (event center, city hall and police station). Oleson said they really enjoy working with their clients and because of their quality work, almost all of their work is repeat and/or word of mouth from satisfied clients and the fact O + H strives to find creative solutions that work. The City Council said they want and encourage local contractors to bid on the project. Oleson said using a construction manager (at risk) would be the way to increase the opportunities for local contractor to bid on the project. Cherney asked if Oleson has been part of a contentious meeting and how he handled it. Oleson said yes and explained a heated meeting at Bethany College in Mankato and how he handled the situation. Oleson was asked if the proposed project budget was realistic. Oleson said yes but probably would not include an all masonry building or precast but some type of hybrid between masonry and stick frame construction.

## 11. OTHER BUSINESS

None

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava 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 6:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator