

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 8, 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: Kevin Kodada, Joe Daleiden, Tim Rud, Cindy Furrer, and Scott Pelava

Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: City Administrator Joel Erickson, City Planner Benjamin Baker,
Police Chief Jason Schmitz

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Rud asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the agenda. Erickson asked if "Fog Seal Discussion" could be added as Agenda Item 10(i).

A motion was made by Pelava and seconded by Furrer to approve the agenda with the noted addition. 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

- a. Ordinance 2017-278 (Liquor), an Ordinance Regulating the Possession, Sale and Consumption of Intoxicating and 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor Within the City of Lonsdale, Minnesota

Rud read through the public hearing notice, and he opened the hearing. The Council reviewed Ordinance 2017-278 and the associated Staff Report. Erickson stated that the reason for the ordinance amendment is because the City does not currently allow for the sale of Off-Sale on Sundays, which was recently approved by the State Legislature. He said that the Liquor Store Committee recommended that Lonsdale Liquor be open on Sunday and monitored for profitability. Erickson highlighted the 8 main points of the ordinance. Rud asked if anyone off the floor wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. No one in the audience responded to the request.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to close the public hearing. Vote for: Kodada, Daleiden, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried. The hearing closed at 7:09 pm.

7. PRESENTATION OF CITIZEN PETITIONS AND COMMENTS

Kathy Kahler, 315 2nd Avenue SW, asked the City Council to consider amending the current ordinance to allow “beekeeping” with a lower-priced license instead of having to go through the high-priced conditional use permit process. She provided information on the importance of honey bees and how cities typically permit beekeeping. She explained some of the conditions that are required by city governments. Kahler said that she has already talked with her neighbors, and she stated that they are okay with her having bees.

8. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

None

9. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider Approval to Promote Part Time Police Officer John Thielen to Full Time Police Officer at Step 1 (\$20.55/hr.) – Jason Schmitz, Chief of Police

Schmitz said that with the resignation of Full-Time Officer Zachary Ambroz, he recommended promoting Part-Time Police Officer John Thielen. Schmitz provided the Council with further information on Thielen.

A motion was made by Pelava and seconded by Kodada to approve the promotion of Part Time Police Officer John Thielen to Full Time Police Officer at Step 1 (\$20.55/hr.). Vote for: Kodada, Daleiden, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- b. Consider Approval to Accept Full Time Police Officer Jarid Schmidt's Letter of Resignation – Jason Schmitz, Chief of Police
Schmitz provided a brief overview on Officer Jarid Schmidt. He stated that Schmidt recently accepted a position with the City of Big Lake to be closer to family. The Council reviewed Schmidt's Letter of Resignation.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Daleiden to approve Jarid Schmidt's Letter of Resignation. Vote for: Kodada, Daleiden, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- c. Consider Approval to Advertise for a Full Time Police Officer at Step 1 (\$20.55/hr.) and a Part Time Police Officer at Grade 8 / Step 1 (\$17.90/hr.) – Jason Schmitz, Chief of Police
Schmitz asked the Council for permission to advertise for a full-time police officer due to the vacancy left by the resignations by Officers Ambroz and Schmidt. He said that with the promotion of Officer Thielen, there is still one vacancy remaining that needs to be filled.

A motion was made by Pelava and seconded by Furrer to advertise for a Full Time Police Officer at Step 1 (\$20.55/hr.) and a Part Time Police Officer at Grade 8 / Step 1 (\$17.90/hr.). Vote for: Kodada, Daleiden, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- d. Consider Approval of Ordinance 2017-278, (Liquor) an Ordinance Regulating the Possession, Sale and Consumption of Intoxicating and 3.2 percent malt liquor within the City of Lonsdale, Minnesota – Joel Erickson, City Administrator
Erickson said that a public hearing was held earlier in the meeting, and he stated that no written or verbal comments were received. He highlighted the main points of Ordinance 2017-279 again. He explained the language that was changing and items that were not changing in regard to liquor regulations in Lonsdale.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to approve Ordinance 2017-278, (Liquor) an ordinance regulating the possession, sale and consumption of intoxicating and 3.2 percent malt liquor within the City of Lonsdale, Minnesota. Vote for: Kodada, Daleiden, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- e. Consider Approval of the Following Liquor Licenses: Lonsdale American Legion – On-Sale Club and Sunday Liquor; Whistle Stop Tavern & Grill – On-Sale and Sunday Liquor; Lonsdale Baseball Association – 3.2% On-Sale; Lonsdale Lions – 3.2% On-Sale and Lonsdale Liquor – Off-Sale – Joel Erickson, City Administrator
Erickson stated that all liquor licenses expire on June 30th of each year except for temporary on-sale licenses, which expire on the date stated on the application/permit. He said that Staff sent license renewal letters to the following organizations: Lonsdale American Legion, Whistle Stop Tavern & Grill, Lonsdale Lions, Lonsdale Baseball

Association, and Lonsdale Liquor. Erickson stated that the Chief of Police has received and reviewed all of the applications and signed them for approval.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve the following liquor licenses: Lonsdale American Legion – On-Sale Club and Sunday Liquor; Whistle Stop Tavern & Grill – On-Sale and Sunday Liquor; Lonsdale Baseball Association – 3.2% On-Sale; Lonsdale Lions – 3.2% On-Sale and Lonsdale Liquor – Off-Sale. Vote for: Kodada, Daleiden, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- f. Consider Approval of an Application and Permit for a 1 Day to 4 Day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License Submitted by the Church of the Immaculate Conception – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

Erickson stated that the Church of the Immaculate Conception has requested a temporary on-sale liquor license for their annual Church Festival event. Erickson said that Staff doesn't know of any reason not to approve the request, and he recommended approval of the temporary license.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Kodada to approve an application and permit for a 1-Day-to-4-Day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License submitted by the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Vote for: Kodada, Daleiden, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- g. Consider Approval of Resolution 2017-27, a Resolution Requesting Conveyance of Tax Forfeited Property to the City of Lonsdale – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

The Council reviewed two tracks of land within the southern portion of the Heritage Estates Development that recently went into tax forfeiture. Erickson said that both parcels only generate \$79/year in taxes. He explained that one parcel currently has a paved public trail on it, and the other parcel is part of the City's stormwater ponding system. The Council reviewed the attached resolution, maps, and letter from the Rice County Auditor-Treasurer. Furrer asked who previously owned the parcels. Erickson said that they were owned by the developer of Heritage Estates, Ryan Contracting Company.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to approve Resolution 2017-27, a resolution requesting conveyance of tax forfeited property to the City of Lonsdale. Vote for: Kodada, Daleiden, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- h. Consider Approval of a Lease Agreement Between the City of Lonsdale and Jim Schmitz – Joel Erickson, City Administrator

The Council reviewed a proposed lease agreement between the City of Lonsdale and Jim Schmitz to temporarily hay the vacant lots in the Lonsdale Business Park. The Council reviewed the bid submitted by Schmitz. Erickson explained that the alfalfa crop is not growing like it has in the past. The Council briefly discussed the mowing of larger outlot

areas. Rud suggested that Staff reach out to interested farmers to see if they may want to hay other large parcels around town.

A motion was made by Furrer and seconded by Pelava to approve a lease agreement between the City of Lonsdale and Jim Schmitz. Vote for: Kodada, Daleiden, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

i. Discuss a Quote Submitted by Pearson Bros. Inc. for Fog Sealing Work

The Council reviewed a quote submitted by Pearson Bros. Inc. in the amount of \$16,191.25 or \$0.25/yd. for fog sealing work. Erickson explained that the City will already be getting a higher quality oil/seal coat product, but he stated that a fog seal would work even more to reduce the amount of tracking. However, Erickson suggested that Staff could probably better use the \$16,000 on other improvements or maintenance items. The Council discussed the fog sealing option, and they asked Staff to check into getting a test-strip completed to see how well the product actually works to reduce tracking.

A motion was made by Pelava and seconded by Kodada to reject a quote from Pearson Brothers for fog sealing work. Vote for: Kodada, Daleiden, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Reminders

Rud reminded everyone about the following upcoming meetings:

- a. June 20th – Budget Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- b. June 27th – Budget Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- c. June 29th – City Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm

b. Staff Reports

Public Works Director

N/A

City Engineer

N/A

City Administrator

Erickson stated that he attended the weekly reconstruction project meeting, and he said that the project is progressing along nicely. He stated that the Pond View Drive Project has not started yet but materials have been brought to the site. Erickson stated that he will be attending the annual LMC Conference from June 14-16.

Erickson noted that the Planning Commission could potentially review beekeeping license information at one of their upcoming meetings. The Council agreed that the Planning Commission should first review and make suggestions on the subject.

City Planner

Baker stated that he recently updated finance, EDA, and Lonsdale Business Park information on the City's website. He talked about upcoming Park Board items that will be discussed at the June 13th meeting. He stated that tall grass/weeds enforcement letters have been sent out.

c. Council Reports

Council Member Daleiden

Daleiden stated that Lonsdale Liquor generated a profit last month.

Council Member Kodada

Kodada announced that the Park Board will be meeting on June 13th at 6:00 pm.

Council Member Furrer

Furrer said that the EDA will be meeting on June 29th and the Library Board will be meeting on June 21st. Rud and Furrer announced that the Library's annual pizza party will be held on June 9th.

Council Member Pelava

Pelava provided an update on total building permits and new home starts.

Mayor Rud

Mayor Rud stated that the American Legion held a nice Memorial Day event at the Veterans Memorial. He announced that the Knight of Columbus will be hosting an open house from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm on Saturday, June 10th to showcase their charity home, which recently sold, on Connecticut Drive SE.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava 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 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator