

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LONSDALE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 28, 2022**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rud called a meeting of the Lonsdale City Council to order at 7:05 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: David Webb, Kevin Kodada, Tim Rud, Cindy Furrer and Scott Pelava

Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: City Administrator Joel Erickson and Public Works Director Russ Vlasak

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Rud asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda. A motion was made by Pelava and seconded by Furrer to approve the agenda as presented. Vote for: Webb, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. 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 Kodada and seconded by Webb to approve the Minutes from the July 7, 2022 Special Meeting and the July 14, 2022 Regular Meeting. Vote for: Webb, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

**6. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

a. Alley Vacation – South of Florida St. SW (Between 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SW and Main St. S.)

Mayor Rud called the Public Hearing to order at 7:07 pm. Erickson said the request to vacate the alley between Main St. S., Florida St. SW and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SW was being made by adjacent property owners. He said the properties surrounding the alley are zoned R-2 and are guided as low density residential in the City’s 2040 Land Use Plan. Erickson said the alley is twenty feet wide, runs north and south and there is power, gas and telecommunication lines in the alley, which will require a drainage and utility easement to be recorded if the request is approved. He summarized the pros and cons of approving the vacation request. Erickson said the Planning Commission also held a public hearing on this item at their last meeting and recommended approval of it. Mayor Rud asked if staff received any written or verbal comments. Erickson said no. Mayor Rud asked if anyone in the audience wanted to speak. There was no one that wanted to speak on the matter. A motion was made by Furrer and seconded by Pelava to close the public hearing. The public hearing ended at 7:14 pm.

**7. PRESENTATION OF CITIZEN PETITIONS AND COMMENTS**

None

**8. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Rud said there were three items on the Consent Agenda and asked if anyone wanted any items pulled for discussion. A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Webb to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote for: Webb, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

**9. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Consider Approval of Resolution 2022-39, a Resolution Vacating the Alley Running South of Florida St. SW Between 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SW and Main St. S.

Erickson said the public hearing for this item was held earlier in the meeting. He provided a brief summary of the alley vacation request. A motion was made by Pelava and seconded by Webb to approve Resolution 2022-39. Vote for: Webb, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

- b. Consider Approval of Resolution 2022-40, a Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Grant Agreement Between the City of Lonsdale and the Minnesota Department of Health  
Public Works Director Vlasak said he has applied for this grant in the past, which was awarded to remove and seal Well No. 2. He said the well was drilled in 1963 at a cost of \$11,000 and has been out of service for the last two years. Vlasak said prior to drilling Well No. 4, it was the primary well. He said because the well is a multi-aquifer well and needs approximately \$70,000 in repairs, he recommended it be removed, sealed and the building demolished. Kodada asked if this well was next to Lonsdale Tool. Vlasak replied yes. Furrer asked if COVID funds could be used to help fund the project. Erickson said COVID funds can be used for just about anything now and that the City Council would need to decide if COVID funds are used to pay for enterprise fund expenses. A motion as made by Kodada and seconded by Pelava to approve Resolution 2022-40. Vote for: Webb, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

## 11. OTHER BUSINESS

### a. Staff Reports

#### *Public Works Director*

Vlasak said staff is installing signs for the street project, working on pumping out the water in the DRS dugout and will be installing the roof the third week of August. Mayor Rud asked if insurance is paying for the repairs and if so, will the project be contracted out. Vlasak said insurance is paying for the repairs but staff is completing the work. Mayor Rud said the project will consume a lot of staff's time.

#### *City Engineer*

Guilliams said the base course of pavement was installed on this year's street project and sod will be installed when it gets cooler. He said the wear course for the 2021 street project will be installed the week of August 8<sup>th</sup>. Pelava asked if the wedge for the 2022 street project would be done at that time. Guilliams said yes.

#### *City Administrator*

Erickson said he has been working on the 2023 budget, will be meeting with Rice County communities on economic development next week, trying to take as much vacation as possible next week, there will be a Lonsdale Fire Board meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup> and a State Primary Election on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### *City Planner*

None

### b. Council Reports

#### *Council Member Webb*

Webb said that about 280 kids participated in the summer reading program this year and that Director Moran is working on the 2023 budget.

*Council Member Kodada*

Kodada said the Planning Commission reviewed the alley vacation request and downtown permitted uses at their last meeting.

*Council Member Furrer*

Furrer stated at their last meeting, the EDA discussed marketing and the Small Cities Development Program grant application.

*Council Member Pelava*

Pelava said the new PD will be operational August 3<sup>rd</sup>, that the boiler pumps are in and the storm doors are in transit.

*Mayor Rud*

Mayor Rud said Nite-to-Unite is scheduled for August 2<sup>nd</sup> and thanked those that have volunteers for Community Days.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Pelava and seconded by Furrer to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Webb, Kodada, Rud, Furrer, and Pelava. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator