

**MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rud called a special 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: Joe Daleiden, Kevin Kodada, Tim Rud and Cindy Furrer

Members Absent: Scott Pelava

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Rud said there was one item on the agenda and asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda.

A motion was made by Daleiden and seconded by Furrer to approve the agenda as presented. Vote for: Kodada, Daleiden, Rud and Furrer. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 4-0. 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 was the ninth meeting on the preliminary 2018 City Budget. He said based on past discussions, the City Council has directed staff to base the preliminary budget on reducing the property tax levy by 10%. He reviewed specific properties and how a reduction in the tax levy of 10% affects those properties. He said with several exceptions, all property owners in Lonsdale will see a reduction in the City portion of their property taxes.

Erickson said the main focus of the meeting is health insurance. He said the City can provide up to three health insurance plans for employees to choose from and currently, the City only offers one plan. Erickson recommended the City provide up to three health insurance plans for employees to choose from. Daleiden said if an employee was young and healthy, why not choose the \$4,000 / \$8,000 deductible to save money on a less expensive premium. Erickson said he was recommending that employees be allowed the choice to choose how the H S A contribution made by the City is allocated between the H S A and monthly premiums. He said there is no additional cost to the City and would allow the employee to decide how the funds are allocated and provide an option for an employee's check to be more because there might be less of a deduction for health insurance taken out of their check. Kodada asked if staff looked into health insurance plans that did not have a H S A. Erickson said no. Kodada said that the City's insurance broker should be contacted and a meeting held with staff regarding health insurance and discussion be held on providing multiple plans, changing from a H S A qualified plan, cost participation, etc. Erickson said he would schedule the meeting.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

a. General

Mayor Rud requested that Erickson provide an update on the building permits submitted by LGI Homes. Erickson said that LGI has submitted six building permits. He said of the six, one complies with City Code and the others do not. He said he would be recommending denying the building permits because they are not similar to the other homes in the subdivision. The City Council held general discussion on whether or not the City has solid ground to deny the permits. Kodada questioned staff as to the basis for this recommendation and said it would be difficult to deny the permits. Erickson said the City Planner and himself did an inventory of the homes in the RayAnn Acres subdivision specific to the design of the existing housing stock and it is clear that LGI's proposed homes are not similar to the existing homes in the development. He said he would work with the City Planner and City Attorney on how to proceed from here.

b. Staff Reports

None

c. Council Reports

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Furrer to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Daleiden, Kodada, Rud and Furrer. Vote against: None. Abstained: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel A. Erickson, City Administrator