

**Lauderdale City Council
Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2003**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. ROLL

Council present: Christensen, Giannetti, McCloskey, and Gill-Gerbig

Council absent: Mayor Dains

Staff present: Administrator Getschow

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A. *Approval of Agenda.* Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Giannetti to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL

A. *Approval of Minutes.* Motion by Giannetti, second by Christensen to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2003 City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

B. *Approval of Claims totaling \$61,937.85.* Motion by Christensen, second by Gill-Gerbig to approve the claims totaling \$61,937.85. Motion carried unanimously.

C. *Approval of Pay Request #3 for the 2003 Street and Utility Improvements for S.M. Hentges and Sons in the amount of \$418,279.15.* Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Christensen to approve Pay Request #3 for the 2003 Street and Utility Improvements in the amount of \$418,279.15. Motion carried unanimously.

5. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

6. CONSENT

7. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS/RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

A. Day in the Park. Council member Giannetti reminded everyone of the upcoming Day in the Park event that is scheduled from 4:00-8:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 12, 2003.

8. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

9. REPORTS

A. Adult Foster Care House. Dale Johnston, Ramsey County Foster Care, provided a report to the City Council and those residents in attendance at the meeting on the state and county regulated foster home at 1889 Eustis Street.

Residents in attendance expressed concern with the notification process that was used. They also asked questions regarding the staffing and operation of the house.

Tim Hammond, Ramsey County Foster Care, addressed some of those questions and concerns regarding notification and the operation of the group home.

Johnston stated that there will be an open house at the group home on Monday, July 14 from 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. He encouraged everyone to attend.

B. 2003 Street and Utility Improvements. The City Administrator updated the City Council on the progress of the project. He also indicated that the Council would be receiving a report from the City Engineer at the next meeting regarding the request to open the alley between Walnut and Malvern Streets as part of the improvements this year.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. ACTION

A. *Approval of Quotations for the Demolition of 1728 Malvern pursuant to a Hazardous Building Removal Agreement.* The City Administrator stated that pursuant to a hazardous building agreement approved by the City Council at their last meeting, city staff has solicited quotations to demolish the structure at 1728 Malvern Street. The City is requiring that the approved contractor remove the house, footings, foundation and slabs from the property. The contractor will also be required to backfill excavations to the existing grade and provide topsoil and seed to fill the hole left from the demolition. The existing garage on the property will be left intact.

The low quotation was submitted by Ray Anderson and Sons Companies, Inc. for \$5,700 and does not include environmental services. Ray Anderson and Sons demolished the last hazardous structure in the mid-1990's under city direction.

Motion by Gill-Gerbig, second by Christensen to accept the low quotation of \$5,700 from Ray Anderson & Sons Companies, Inc. for the demolition at 1728 Malvern Street. Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

B. *Resolution 070803A: A Resolution of Intent to Participate in the Upgraded Metropolitan Public Safety Communication System (800 MHz).* The City Administrator stated that Ramsey County is moving into its next phase of implementation regarding the required Metropolitan Public Safety Communication System (800 MHz). As part of the County moving into this phase of the project, resolutions of support are being requested from each municipality to apply for grant funding.

The main users of this radio system would be the public safety departments. In Lauderdale's case that would be the Saint Anthony Police Department and the Falcon Heights Fire Department. The Police Department has already implemented this radio communications system in Saint Anthony because they are partially in Hennepin County, where the system is currently operating. Also, the City of Falcon Heights has indicated that they support this initiative as it relates to their Fire Department. The passage of this resolution does not invoke a funding commitment. In fact, since both public safety agencies are contracted for there would not be a direct funding commitment on behalf of the City.

Motion by Christensen, second by Giannetti to approve Resolution 070803A: A Resolution of Intent to Participate in the Upgraded Metropolitan Public Safety Communication System (800 MHz). Roll: Yes: all. Motion carried.

12. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

13. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

A. *Adult Foster Care.* Council member Gill-Gerbig stated that it would be a good idea for everyone, if they have the opportunity, to attend the foster home open house on their own.

14. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

1. 2003 Improvements- Alley extension
2. 2nd Quarter 2003 Financial and Investment Report
3. Insurance Policy Renewal
4. Resolution Appointing an Insurance Agent

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Christensen, second by Gill-Gerbig to adjourn at 8:07 P.M. Ayes: All.