

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Lauderdale City Hall
1891 Walnut Street
Lauderdale, MN 55113

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August 08, 2017

Roll Call

Mayor Gaasch called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Councilors present: Jeff Dains, Kelly Dolphin, Andi Moffatt, Roxanne Grove, and Mayor Mary Gaasch.

Councilors absent: None

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, City Administrator; Jim Bownik, Assistant to the City Administrator; and Miles Cline, Deputy City Clerk.

Approvals

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any changes to the meeting agenda. There being none, Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any changes to the meeting minutes. There being none, Councilor Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2017 City Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the claims totaling \$72,494.97. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent

Councilor Grove moved and seconded by Councilor Moffatt to approve the consent agenda thereby acknowledging the tennis court resurfacing quote and contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Informational Presentations / Reports

A. Day in the Park and Farmer's Market

Bownik approached the Council to give updates on the various vendors and types of events that will be at Day in the Park on August 17.

B. City Council Updates

Councilor Dains mentioned that he, Councilor Moffatt, and Mayor Gaasch visited multiple block parties during Night to Unite. Dains also attended the County Board's budget meeting and stated the County is proposing a 4.3% levy increase for 2018. Finally, Councilor Dains mentioned that he will attend a Cable Commission meeting on August 17.

Discussion/Action Item

A. Rental Housing Administrative Fee for 1772 Pleasant Street

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Anthony Erenberg, owner of 1772 Pleasant Street, was notified that his tenant violated the Crime Free Housing section of the rental housing ordinance and he was obligated to evict the tenant by August 8. As of the date of the meeting, Mr. Erenberg failed to comply with this request.

City code allows the Council to impose an administrative fee to recoup the costs of dealing with the matter. The suggestion of staff and the city attorney was \$25 to \$50 per day. The Council ultimately decided to impose an administrative fee of \$25 per day that the tenant is not evicted.

Councilor Dolphin moved to adopt Resolution 080817A – A Resolution Assessing an Administrative Fee for Rental Housing Violations. Second made by Councilor Dains and the motion carried unanimously.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Administrator Butkowski stated that the next council meeting may include the 2018 budget and levy and the auditor proposals.

Work Session

A. Opportunity for the Public to Address the City Council

Mayor Gaasch opened the floor to anyone in attendance that would like to address the Council. There being none, the floor was closed.

B. Discussion Regarding 1795 Eustis Street with Financial Advisor

Stacie Kvilvang, the City's financial advisor, approached the Council to discuss the redevelopment potential of the Chinese Christian Church site. She explained the costs associated with converting the site to single-family homes, multi-family units, and a senior facility. All of these options would require some form of financial assistance from the City. The most costly would be a single-family home development. Multi-family housing, whether a senior facility or not, could be financed by a pay-as-you-go tax increment district. Multi-family housing would not require financial assistance up front.

After some discussion, the Council directed Kvilvang to determine whether any developers still had interest in the site. If so, Kvilvang will bring proposals back to the Council and establish a process for gathering community feedback.

C. Community Development Update

Butkowski asked the Council about their availability for tours of the Eureka Recycling facility. They reached consensus on August 29 at 8:00 a.m. Butkowski stated that she spoke to the owner of 1925 Walnut Street and is monitoring the progress of their work. Finally, instead of rescheduling the Goal Setting session, Butkowski proposed dedicating the work sessions to goal setting over the next couple of meetings to accommodate busy schedules.

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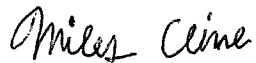
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Adjournment

There being no other items on the agenda, Councilor Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Miles Cline".

Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk