

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

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March 24, 2020

Call to Order

Mayor Gaasch called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Councilors present: Andi Moffatt, Jeff Dains, Roxanne Grove, Kelly Dolphin, 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 additions to the meeting agenda. There being none, Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Moffatt to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the March 10, 2020 city council meeting. There being none, Councilor Grove moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2020 city council meeting. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any questions on the claims. There being none, Councilor Grove moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the claims totaling \$31,013.35. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Consent

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the Consent Agenda thereby approving the payment of claims during an emergency declaration and the 2020 garbage hauler licenses. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. City Council Updates

Councilor Dains shared that the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization will be conducting meetings remotely for the foreseeable future, and he believes that the Metropolitan Council will likely follow suit. Council Member Moffatt stated that she and Councilor Dains attended the I-35W Policy Advisory Committee meeting with other MnDOT elected officials which was hosted at Lauderdale City Hall. Mayor Gaasch shared that she appreciates all of the community support and understanding during these uncertain times in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic. Councilor Dolphin added a special thank you to CTV for making it possible to hold a city council meeting remotely on such short notice.

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Discussion/Action Items

A. Resolution 032420A – Extending the Period of a Mayor-Declared Local Emergency
On March 18, Mayor Gaasch declared a local emergency in the city of Lauderdale. In order for the emergency declaration to continue, it must be ratified by the City Council.

Councilor Moffatt made a motion to adopt resolution 032420A—A Resolution Enacted Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 12.29 Extending the Period of a Mayor-Declared Local Emergency. This was seconded by Councilor Dolphin and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

B. Accept the Audited 2019 Financial Reports

Each year, a representative of Abdo, Eick, and Meyers presents the findings to the City Council. Due to the coronavirus, staff cancelled the in-person presentation. A copy of the audit, management letter, and the presentation are included in the packet. Staff can invite them to participate in a remote meeting once we get the hang of it. In the interim, the Council should accept the audit reports.

Councilor Dains made a motion to accept the audit reports prepared by Abdo, Eick, and Meyers. This was seconded by Councilor Moffatt and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Administrator Butkowski stated that the April 14 council meeting may include the annual update by police Chief Jon Mangseth.

Work Session

A. Opportunity for the Public to Address the City Council

Mayor Gaasch opened the floor at 7:43 p.m. to anyone that submitted comments or questions to the Council. As none were received, Mayor Gaasch closed the floor at 7:44 p.m.

B. Community Development Updates

Butkowski mentioned that Real Estate Equities is conducting their Phase I environmental testing of the former Chinese Christian Church building. She continued to say that signs were posted at the park warning people not to congregate in large groups. The Council asked Butkowski to move up street sweeping to accommodate all of the residents out walking.

Adjournment

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk