

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
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May 12, 2020

Call to Order

Mayor Gaasch called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:33 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 Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Dains 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 April 28, 2020 city council meeting. There being none, Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the minutes of the April 28, 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 Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Dolphin to approve the claims totaling \$89,975.27. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Consent

Councilor Dolphin moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the Consent Agenda thereby acknowledging the March Financial Report and the First Quarter Investment Report. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. Ashley Shiwarski, Director of Business Development for Utility Service Partners, Inc., a Service Line Warranty Program of the National League of Cities
Shiwarski presented information to the Council explaining the Service Line Warranty Program. Her presentation illustrated insurance options that homeowners can buy to protect their private sanitary sewer and water lines. In order for these options to be available to residents, the City must enter into an agreement with Utility Service Partners. There is no cost to the City to participate. They have about thirty partner cities in Minnesota. The Council will discuss the merits of the program at a future meeting.

B. City Council Updates

Councilor Dains stated that the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization cancelled all of their summer events. Their employees plan to work from home until September. Mayor

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Gaasch noted conversation that the Ramsey County League of Local Governments and the Minnesota Mayors Association have had to help each other through this difficult time.

Public Hearings

A. Permit Application for a Bee Hive at 1924 Walnut Street

Lauderdale residents Diane Galvin would like to install a beehive at 1924 Walnut Street. The property was owned by Bill Silverman who passed away; Leslie and Gary are responsible for the estate and support Diane's application to install a beehive on the premises.

City code Title 5, Chapter 3 regulates the keeping of bees. The ordinance requires the keeper be trained and reach out to neighbors for their support. Due to the difficulty the applicant faced reaching a couple of the neighbors, the Council agreed to staff's request of holding the public hearing after mailed notice was sent to all neighbors within one hundred feet.

Diane Galvin joined the teleconference to explain her proposal. She would like to create one beehive at the property to boost the pollinator population for the gardeners of Lauderdale. The hive would be in the southeast corner of the site surrounded on two sides by the home and on the open sides by a flyway barrier.

Gary Brandenburg and Leslie Kratz, 1773 Carl Street, shared their support for Diane's permit application. They said it was a great location based on the bee community's familiarity with Bill's property.

Clay Christensen, 1933 Malvern Street, said the beehive's location in the home's southern alcove separates it from the neighbor to the north who expressed concern over the project. He continued to say that he is in favor of Diane's proposal.

After a follow-up discussion between the Council and Galvin, Councilor Dains made a motion to approve Diane Galvin's Bee Hive Permit Application at 1924 Walnut Street. This motion was seconded by Councilor Grove and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Administrator Butkowski stated that the May 26 council meeting may include a quote from Midwest Playscapes for the purchase of playground equipment for Skyview Park and a legislative update from Katie Engman of the Association for Nonsmokers-Minnesota.

Work Session

A. Community Development Updates

Butkowski sent an e-mail to upcoming high school graduates and their families asking if they would like complimentary Lauderdale shirts to recognize their efforts and represent their community. Butkowski inquired if they would like to provide additional information to be profiled in a commemorative e-mail, and receive cards from community members.

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Staff will be meeting with the city engineer regarding the completion of the Eustis Street and Roselawn Avenue reconstruction project.

Butkowski mentioned that staff teleconferenced with Ramsey County Elections staff on May 11 to discuss the upcoming state and primary elections and how they may differ in pandemic times.

Butkowski stated that the draft fire services agreement was sent back to the St. Paul city attorney representing the fire department.

B. Opportunity for the Public to Address the City Council

Mayor Gaasch opened the floor to anyone that had comments or questions for the Council.

Leslie Kratz, 1773 Carl Street, stated that she would volunteer for the upcoming elections, whether it is bringing people to voting locations, or just getting the word out.

As there were no additional parties interested in speaking, Mayor Gaasch closed the floor.

Adjournment

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk