

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
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Call to Order

Mayor Gaasch called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Councilors present: Andi Moffatt, Roxanne Grove, Jeff Dains, Duane Pulford, 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 January 26, 2021 city council meeting. There being none, Councilor Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2021 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 Pulford to approve the claims totaling \$83,142.12. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Special Order of Business/Recognitions/Proclamations

A. Resolution No. 020921A – A Memorial Resolution Honoring Former Lauderdale Mayor Robert C. Wisen

Bob's wife, Crystal Wisen, joined the meeting to pay tribute to Bob for the work that he did for the Lauderdale community. Administrator Butkowski followed Mrs. Wisen's comment with a reading of the memorial resolution.

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Pulford to approve Resolution No. 020921A – A Memorial Resolution Honoring Former Lauderdale Mayor Robert C. Wisen.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. St. Paul Regional Water Treatment Plant Update by Will Menkhaus and Pat Shea
Project Manager Will Menkhaus, and General Manager Pat Shea, of St. Paul Regional Water Services, presented to the Council their proposed changes to the McCarrons Treatment Plant.

A. City Council Updates

Mayor Gaasch stated that she attended a Regional Council of Mayors meeting where the main topic of discussion was affordable housing.

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Discussion/Action Item

A. Contract between the City and Nadeau Companies, LLC for the Dredging of Gasparre Pond
Gasparre Pond is located in the southeastern quadrant of the City. The pond usually holds water. With the lack of rain this fall, the pond is almost completely dry. Without water, the pond is easier to dredge and staff spoke to the contractor working on Seminary Pond. They provided an estimate based on the removal of three to four feet of sediment if the soil was not contaminated.

The Council authorized the soil testing process in December. The sediment was tested and was found to be clean enough to not need to be hauled to special dump sites. Staff worked with the city engineer to get approvals from Capitol Regions Watershed District for the project.

Councilor Pulford made a motion to approve the contract between the City of Lauderdale and Nadeau Companies, LLC, for the dredging of Seminary Pond. This was seconded by Councilor Moffatt and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

B. VITA/TCE Partner Sponsor Agreement with the IRS

The City is eligible to partner with the IRS for a no-cost online tax preparation software that we can advertise to residents of all income levels. To participate, the City Council must approve the VITA/TCE Partner Sponsor Agreement. After the agreement is complete, staff will work with Council Member Pulford on disseminating the information to residents.

Councilor Moffatt made a motion to adopt the VITA/TCE Partner Sponsor Agreement as presented. This was seconded by Councilor Dains and carried with Council Members Dains, Moffatt, Grove, and Mayor Gaasch voting yea and Council Member Pulford abstaining.

Work Session

A. Community Development Update

Butkowski stated that the City audit will be finishing up on February 10. Staff was working on a sewer lining project and reviewing options for public works management software.

B. Opportunity for the Public to Address the City Council

Mayor Gaasch opened up the floor to anyone in attendance interested in addressing the Council.

There being no people interested in speaking, Mayor Gaasch closed the floor.

Adjournment

Councilor Pulford moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk