

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
HELD REMOTELY VIA TELECONFERENCE

Page 1 of 3

September 28, 2021

Call to Order

Mayor Gaasch called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Councilors present: Roxanne Grove, Andi Moffatt, Duane Pulford, Jeff Dains, and Mayor Mary Gaasch.

Councilor 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 or corrections to the meeting agenda. There being none, Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Pulford to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any corrections to the September 14, 2021 city council meeting minutes. There being none, Councilor Pulford moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the minutes of the September 14, 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 Pulford moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the claims totaling \$25,520.48. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Consent

Councilor Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the Consent Agenda thereby approving the contract between the City and Nadeau Companies, LLC for the dredging of Gasparre Pond and acknowledging the August financial report.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. Presentation by Roseville Area Schools Assistant Superintendent Melissa Sonnek
Assistant Superintendent of Roseville Area Schools Melissa Sonnek, along with business manager Shari Thompson, gave a presentation on the two upcoming levy referendum votes. One would renew the expiring levy and the other would create a new levy. The school district has an election this year that Ramsey County Elections will administer with Lauderdale residents voting at City Hall.

B. City Council Updates

Councilor Dains shared that he has spoken to a number of concerned citizens about reckless driving activities around school busses that they have recently witnessed in the City. Butkowski

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
HELD REMOTELY VIA TELECONFERENCE

Page 2 of 3

September 28, 2021

said staff were working with the school district and police on the issue. A brief article will be in the next newsletter.

Councilor Pulford stated that he attended a cable commission meeting on September 23 and that he will be on their fiscal control committee.

Mayor Gaasch finished the updates by thanking citizens planning the Halloween party.

Discussion/Action Item

A. Resolution No. 092821A – Adopting the 2022 Preliminary Property Tax Levy and Establishing Budget Meeting Date

Butkowski said the proposed 2022 general fund budget is 3.2% higher than 2021. With no new state aid, the local property tax levy must support the anticipated cost increases. As a result, the proposed local property tax levy increase is 5.6%. The impact on a median value home (\$231,550) is approximately \$31.

As previously discussed, the budget reflects the shift from an on-staff building official to the expense of a contract. It also reflects the expense of a second public works employee. 2022 is an election year and brings those additional costs as well.

The City Council meeting on December 14 will serve as the date of the public meeting regarding the proposed 2022 budget and levy.

Councilor Grove made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 092821A—Adopting the 2022 Preliminary Property Tax Levy and Establishing the Budget Meeting Date. This was seconded by Councilor Pulford and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

The next Council meeting may include Steve Schwanke of Inland Development Group regarding development of Luther Seminary's property, establishing 2022 fund budgets, a contract for building official services, and a contract with Northeast Youth and Family Services.

Work Session

A. Community Development Update

Butkowski stated that the newsletter will be finalized this week, the new public works software went live, and staff is required to report on the new COVID money by the end of October.

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.

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
HELD REMOTELY VIA TELECONFERENCE

Page 3 of 3

September 28, 2021

Adjournment

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Pulford to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk