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Call to Order

Mayor Gaasch called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

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 Grove 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 October 12, 2021 City Council meeting minutes. There being none, Councilor Pulford moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the minutes of the October 12, 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 Grove to approve the claims totaling \$67,633.62. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Consent

Councilor Dains asked to remove item E from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Councilor Pulford moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the Consent Agenda as amended thereby acknowledging the September financial report and third quarter investment report and approving Resolution No. 102621A – A Resolution Levying Special Assessments and Resolution No. 102621B – 2022 Score Grant for Recycling.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. Halloween on Rosehill Update

Josh Dirksen addressed the community about the upcoming Halloween event. He said the organizing group needs more volunteers, candy, and gHost sites. He shared that Saturday's activities including the pumpkin patch will be held at Lauderdale Community Park from 1-3 p.m. Trick-or-treating and the gHost sites will take place on Sunday night from 5-8 p.m.

B. City Council Updates

Mayor Gaasch shared the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) Mayor for a Day essay contest for fourth through sixth grade students is underway. Gaasch also said the LMC started a climate

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caucus for cities across the state. Councilor Pulford said they discussed reduced cost broadband internet for qualifying individuals at the cable commission meeting.

Discussion/Action Item

A. Xcel Energy Variance Request

Xcel Energy is applying for a variance to construct a metal storage shed ten feet from the side property line at 2535 Larpenteur Avenue. Zoning regulations require a twenty-foot setback from the side property line. The applicant is requesting a ten-foot variance to the side setback requirements. The reasoning is that the site is narrow leaving little space for a building in addition to the need to maintain distance from the large electrical structures.

Councilor Pulford made a motion to direct staff to prepare a resolution of approval for a ten-foot side yard setback variance at 2535 Larpenteur Avenue for the next meeting. This was seconded by Councilor Grove and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

A. 2021-2022 Snow Removal Agreement with 8th Day Landscaping

The City received a proposal from 8th Day Landscaping for the approaching winter season. They raised their price by \$15 per month. This is the first price increase since the City began contracting with them in 2014. They clear snow in front of the homes along Larpenteur Avenue.

Councilor Pulford made a motion to direct staff to enter into a contract with 8th Day Landscaping for snow removal services as presented. This was seconded by Councilor Grove and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

The next Council meeting may include the proposed 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 reminded all that the school board and bond referendum election is on November 2.

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.

Sharon Kelly, 1814 Malvern Street, thanked Administrator Butkowski for her conversation in regards to planning an event to highlight the recent crimes against women in Lauderdale and show support for them.

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

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Adjournment

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk