

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
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November 23, 2021

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Councilors present: Roxanne Grove, Duane Pulford, Jeff Dains, Andi Moffatt, 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 or corrections to the meeting agenda. There being none, Councilor Pulford 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 November 9, 2021 City Council meeting minutes. There being none, Councilor Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Pulford to approve the minutes of the November 9, 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 Moffatt to approve the claims totaling \$21,789.68. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Consent

Councilor Dains asked to remove item E from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Pulford to approve the remaining Consent Agenda items thereby approving Resolution No. 112321A – Granting a Conditional Use Permit for a Two-Unit Dwelling at 1792 Lake Street; Resolution No. 112321B – Establishing 2022 Sanitary Sewer Rates, Storm Sewer Rates, and Recycling Rates; Resolution No. 112321C – Revised Resolution Levying Special Assessments; a contract with AEM Financial Solutions for audit preparation services; and acknowledging the October financial report.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. Legislative Updates by Rep. Alice Hausman and Sen. John Marty
Representatives Hausman and Marty gave updates on the State House and Senate respectively and answered questions from the Council.

A. City Council Updates

Councilor Pulford stated that he was appointed treasurer of the North Suburban Cable Commission.

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Discussion/Action Item

A. Contract for Building Official Services

The *Agreement for Building Official Services* with Rum River Construction Consultants (RRCC) was presented to the Council. Staff also presented the *Building Permit and Related Fees* document. The fee structure for construction related permits would remain similar as what is in place now. The maintenance related permits (windows, doors, roofs, siding, water heaters, air conditioners, furnaces) would fall into a flat fee maintenance category.

The document included an updated fee for rental inspections. Currently, staff inspect a percentage of the units in multi-family buildings and charge fees commiserate with the time it takes to do that. RRCC strongly believes in inspecting each unit. They feel if all units are not inspected, it is hard to justify any fees as a program based on inspecting only a percentage could miss something and create liability for them and the City.

Councilor Moffatt made a motion to approve the agreement for building official services with Rum River Construction Consultants. This was seconded by Councilor Dains and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

E. Authorization to Issue Garbage Hauler Licenses

Councilor Dains stated that he does not have an issue with adding Aspen Waste as a residential garbage hauler. He expressed concern with the number of garbage trucks in the City outside of Monday's designated pickup times. He would like to continue this conversation down the road.

Councilor Dains made a motion to accept Aspen Waste as the fourth residential garbage hauler in the City. 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 a contract with Northeast Youth and Family Services, a Catholic Eldercare bond modification public hearing and resolution, a truth-in-taxation public hearing, and adoption of 2022 budgets and levy.

Work Session

A. Community Development Update

Butkowski stated that public works interviews would be held next week. The City applied for Ramsey County funding for the school site to help with affordability. Real Estate Equities will be applying for state bonding again in January. Finally, she and Councilor Moffatt met with Ramsey County staff regarding environmental cleanup around Walsh Lake.

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.

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Adjournment

Councilor Pulford moved and seconded by Councilor Moffatt to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk