

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
Lauderdale City Hall  
1891 Walnut Street  
Lauderdale, MN 55113

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August 8, 2022

**Call to Order**

Mayor Gaasch called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

Councilor absent: Roxanne Grove.

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 Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Pulford to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the July 26, 2022 city council meeting. There being none, Councilor Pulford moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2022 city council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any questions on the claims. There being none, Councilor Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the claims totaling \$136,656.99. Motion carried unanimously.

**Informational Presentations/Reports**

A. Primary Election and Candidate Filing

Butkowski reminded residents that the primary election will take place at Lauderdale City Hall on August 9 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. She also said that candidate filing would be open until August 16, and thus far, there had been one filing for mayor and two filings for city council.

C. City Council Updates

Councilor Dains stated that the Met Council Transportation Accessibility Committee is currently surveying whether people support a two or three-car light rail train.

Councilor Pulford shared that the League of Minnesota Cities policy committee discussed that the first congressional district is holding an election to fill the seat of a deceased congressman. Pulford also said that NineNorth is hiring a new executive director by September 15. Finally, NineNorth's Board is considering increasing member cities' assessments.

**Discussion/Action Item**

A. 2023 General Fund Budget

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Staff prepared a draft of the general fund budget for 2023. It does not reflect fiscal disparities revenue so it cannot be finalized. The budget is tighter than normal to minimize the levy required to balance revenue and expenses.

Previously, the Council discussed budgetary increases expected in 2023 and options for addressing them. If the Council raised the local levy by the same percentage as 2022, the budget shortfall would be \$46,850. The American Rescue Plan Funds can cover this gap. In subsequent years, those dollars can be addressed through transfers from the sanitary and storm sewer funds.

**B. Snow Plowing Agreement with Falcon Heights**

Ron Batty, city attorney, drafted the agreement for snow plowing services with Falcon Heights. Falcon Heights discussed it at their August 3 work session, and Butkowsi presented an overview of the deal to the Council. A final draft will be available for adoption after Falcon Heights' attorney reviews the document.

**Set Agenda for Next Meeting**

Butkowski said the August 23 council meeting might include the June financial report, the 2023 general fund budget, and reconstruction planning by Ramsey County staff on Eustis Street south of Larpenteur Avenue.

**Work Session**

**A. Community Development Update**

Butkowski shared that Lauderdale applied along with St. Anthony to be a Forestry Corps post next year.

**B. Opportunity for the Public to Address the City Council**

Mayor Gaasch opened the floor to anyone in attendance interested in addressing the Council. There being no one interested in speaking, Mayor Gaasch closed the floor.

**Adjournment**

Councilor Pulford moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline  
Deputy City Clerk