

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

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August 23, 2022

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

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 Grove moved and seconded by Councilor Moffatt to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the August 8, 2022 city council meeting. There being none, Councilor Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2022 city council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any questions on the claims. There being none, Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Moffatt to approve the claims totaling \$222,029.96. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent

Councilor Grove moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the Consent Agenda thereby acknowledging the June financial report and the second quarter investment report.

Informational Presentations/Reports

C. City Council Updates

Mayor Gaasch stated that the League of Minnesota Cities board of directors had a meeting in regards to cannabis edibles and how they could be licensed for safety and regulation.

Discussion/Action Item

A. Eustis Street South of Larpentour Avenue Reconstruction Planning by Ramsey County Engineering Staff

John Mazzitello, interim Ramsey County Engineer, attended the meeting via Zoom to present the County's vision for rehabilitating Eustis Street south of Larpentour Avenue. Butkowski said that staff notified adjacent property owners to bring them into the discussion, as they have all struggled with aspects of the road, and faced storm water issues as well.

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After the presentation, Mayor Gaasch opened the discussion between Mazzitello and the Council. After the Council asked their questions, Mayor Gaasch opened the floor to anyone in attendance interested in addressing the Council.

Robert Holthaus, 1631 Eustis Street, expressed his concerns about the conditions on Eustis Street south of Larpenteur Avenue. He works for Super USA, which is located on the corner of the two streets. He stated that walking on Eustis Street, especially for those that are elderly or disabled, is dangerous. It is an even more significant issue in the wintertime. He mentioned that Super USA sometimes plows part of Eustis Street near their entrance because cars get stuck on the hill.

Thor Nelson, Vice President of Greenway Village, shared his concerns about existing storm water issues caused by poor street infrastructure. Nelson continued to say that flooding is a problem during periods of heavy rainfall.

The Council agreed to take a five-minute recess at 7:55 p.m. and returned at 8:00 p.m.

B. Snow Plowing Agreement with the City of Falcon Heights

Butkowski explained that Ramsey County Public Works put the City on notice about five years ago that they intended to stop plowing residential streets and Lauderdale needed to find a new snow plowing provider. City staff met with neighboring jurisdictions to see if any had the capacity and interest to provide the service for the City; Falcon Heights was interested. Ron Batty, City attorney, drafted an agreement for snow plowing services with Falcon Heights. Falcon Heights' attorney reviewed it with no changes.

Councilor Moffatt made a motion to approve the Contract Agreement for Snow Removal Services with the City of Falcon Heights. This was seconded by Councilor Dains and carried unanimously.

C. 2023 General Fund Budget

Butkowski reviewed some information related to next year's budget with the Council. Staff are still waiting on a few key financial numbers to wrap things up.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Butkowski said the September 13 council meeting may include the 2023 general fund budget.

Work Session

A. Community Development Update

Butkowski shared that 1795 Eustis Street is moving along as planned, and snapping turtles survived after recently being born in Community Park.

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B. Opportunity for the Public to Address the City Council

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

John Bykowski, 1918 Eustis Street, said he believes Falcon Heights is the best option for plowing City streets, but wanted to make sure we have equal priority. He expressed concern that they plow later than Ramsey County.

Robert Holthaus, 1631 Eustis Street, expressed his concerns about plowing as well as the habitat of the snapping turtles born in the park.

Adjournment

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Moffatt to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk