

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

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March 28, 2023

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Councilors present: Jeff Dains, Duane Pulford, Sharon Kelly, Evan Sayre, and Mayor Mary Gaasch. Councilors absent: None.

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, 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 Kelly to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were corrections to the minutes of the March 14, 2023 city council meeting. There being none, Councilor Pulford moved and seconded by Councilor Sayre to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2023 city council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any questions on the claims. There being none, Councilor Sayre moved and seconded by Councilor Pulford to approve the claims totaling \$31,150.98. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Kelly to approve the Consent Agenda thereby acknowledging the February financial report and approving the street sweeping service agreement with Mike McPhillips, Inc.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. Carbon Free Futures MN Coalition Presentation by Dan King, Xcel Energy
Dan King, Policy and Outreach Manager at Xcel Energy, approached the dais and provided a PowerPoint presentation on the work of the Carbon Free Future Minnesota Coalition.

Xcel Energy's goal is to achieve carbon free energy by 2050. Part of this effort is asking likeminded businesses, government agencies, civic groups, and individuals to join their Carbon Free Future Minnesota Coalition. Some cities have supported this work by adopting a resolution. Based on the discussion, the Council can decide if they would like to do that at a future meeting.

After a question and answer session between King and the Council, Mayor Gaasch stated that she would like to discuss this matter further before making a final decision on the resolution to support the coalition.

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B. City Council Updates

Councilor Pulford shared that Nine North is doing a small reorganization and looking for interns interested in broadcasting careers. He continued to say that potholes in the alleys are worsening.

Discussion/Action Item

A. Resolution No. 032823A – Authorizing Application for and Execution of the Municipal Infiltration and Inflow Grant

The Metropolitan Council received state bonding funds to distribute to cities to work on eliminating inflow and infiltration (I/I) from the sanitary sewer system. Storm water is clean water and does not need to be treated at a wastewater plant, which is costly. The City entered into the grant program in 2020 and now needs to close out the paperwork to receive the funds. The grant offsets the cost of the cured-in-place lining project that was done in 2021 and 2022. In order to complete the grant, the Council needs to adopt a resolution, and staff will submit the necessary paperwork detailing the costs and logistics prepared by the City engineer.

Councilor Kelly made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 032823A—A Resolution Authorizing Application for and Execution of the Municipal Infiltration and Inflow Grant. This was seconded by Councilor Sayre and carried unanimously.

B. Proposal for Purchase of a Replacement Mower through the State Contract

Public Works needs a replacement mower. This was in the City's CIP for 2023 replacement, and the City can purchase one from the state bid at a significant discount. The total cost of the equipment is \$47,738.08. Staff are not requesting to buy any attachments as this time, and we have been told our John Deere broom is compatible with the new mower. The dealer is offering the City \$7,100 for the trade in of the old mower. Staff would complete the ordering process in anticipation of the next time John Deere takes orders. Much like trying to buy a new pickup truck, the process is complicated by more demand than supply.

Councilor Pulford made a motion directing staff to purchase the mower at the state bid price through Minnesota Equipment. This was seconded by Councilor Sayre and carried unanimously.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Butkowski stated that the April 11 council meeting might include the revisited speed study and the annual audit presentation.

Work Session

A. Community Development Update

Butkowski shared there is a legislative proposal to extend early voting throughout the state that staff sent letters opposing. She said staff received a quote for signage for the city-wide speed reduction for consideration at the next meeting. The Rice Creek Watershed District is proposing a boundary change that would give 25% of their Lauderdale jurisdiction to the Mississippi

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Watershed Management Organization. The City is working to secure pricing to repair potholes in town. The Nada Chair building has been sold to a remodeling company. Our AmeriCorps member Maggie Duerwachter is leaving for a full-time job opportunity. Finally, the Council engaged in a discussion regarding Ramsey County's Eustis Street open house event and the different options for repairing Eustis Street.

B. Opportunity for the Public to Address the City Council

Mayor Gaasch opened the floor to those in attendance interested in addressing the Council. There being nobody interested in speaking, Mayor Gaasch closed the floor.

Adjournment

Councilor Pulford moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk