

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

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June 13, 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, Sharon Kelly, Evan Sayre, 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. Gaasch stated that she would like to add a Day in the Park update to the Informational Presentations/Reports section of the agenda. There being nothing else, Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Sayre to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were corrections to the minutes of the May 23, 2023 city council meeting. There being none, Councilor Kelly moved and seconded by Councilor Sayre to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2023 city council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any questions on the claims. There being none, Councilor Kelly moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the claims totaling \$135,735.01. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Sayre to approve the Consent Agenda thereby acknowledging the April financial report and approving the Day in the Park temporary on-sale liquor license.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. City Council Updates

Councilor Dains shared that the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization is embarking on a diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) project to increase diversity and inclusion surrounding climate and environmental issues.

Councilor Kelly stated that she and Mayor Gaasch attended the League of Minnesota Cities webinar where they reviewed the 2022-2023 state legislative session.

Mayor Gaasch shared that she and Councilor Kelly attended the quarterly ISD 623 meeting at Central Park elementary school.

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B. Day in the Park

Assistant to the City Administrator Bownik gave an update on the food, games, music, and events that will take place at Lauderdale's annual Day in the Park event. The event will take place on Thursday, July 13 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Lauderdale Community Park.

Discussion/Action Item

A. Options for the Restoration of City Owned Property around Walsh Lake

Butkowski explained that the City owns four lots around Walsh Lake. The purchase was the result of a lawsuit settlement the City was involved in decades ago. The lots are largely underwater. The area that isn't has largely been left untouched has sprouted invasive species and the shoreline has erosion issues. The same holds true for the Roseville side of the lake.

In speaking with the Ramsey County staff that treated the Japanese Knotweed in the Nature Area, they said they work with cities to submit grant applications for Legacy Amendment funds for restoration work. They agreed to work with Roseville and us on a project. Digging deeper into the issues, we discussed two unknowns that affect the grant application. The first is that some of the adjacent property owners would like to buy the parcels to add to the property that they own. The second is past interest in creating a trail or pathway along the lakeshore.

City engineer, Kellie Schlegel, put together a proposal regarding a path, which would include a boardwalk to keep the path within public property. Schlegel joined the meeting via zoom to answer questions from the council. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Council decided they would visit the area together in the near future. Staff was directed to coordinate.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Butkowski stated that the June 27 council meeting might include an electronic funds transfer policy, the adoption of a countywide comprehensive emergency operations plan, a presentation from Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten, a variance setback, and city attorney Ron Batty on cannabis legislation.

Work Session

A. Community Development Update

Butkowski shared that we have received an increased number of swimming pool, fence, and driveway applications this spring. She said she met with Aspen Waste to discuss their plans for Greenway Village. Finally, The Fern is expected to be completed by September 1.

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.

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Adjournment

Councilor Kelly moved and seconded by Councilor Sayre to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk