

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

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June 27, 2023

Call to Order

Mayor Gaasch called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Councilors present: Jeff Dains, Duane Pulford, Evan Sayre, and Mayor Mary Gaasch.

Councilor absent: Sharon Kelly

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. Dains stated that he would like to add a discussion about the old Lauderdale school bell to the Additional Items section of the Agenda. Gaasch continued to say 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 Pulford to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were corrections to the minutes of the June 13, 2023 city council meeting. There being none, Councilor Pulford moved and seconded by Councilor Sayre to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2023 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 Pulford to approve the claims totaling \$25,752.48. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent

Councilor Sayre moved and seconded by Councilor Pulford to approve the Consent Agenda thereby acknowledging the May financial report and approving the performance agreement with Lazy Does It Band.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten and Representative Leigh Finke

Verbeten and Finke were both in attendance at the meeting. They updated the council on the recently completed legislative session and answered questions from council members.

The council recessed from 7:37 to 7:44 p.m.

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B. City Council Updates

Councilor Dains shared that he, Councilor Pulford, and Mayor Gaasch attended the annual League of Minnesota Cities conference where they covered a variety of topics from this past legislative session. They especially noted the ways in which cities are grappling with the new cannabis legislation.

C. 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. Resolution No. 062723A – Adopting Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan

Butkowski explained that for two decades, Ramsey County has adopted a countywide approach to emergency operations planning. This approach saves money, reduces duplicated efforts, and streamlines training and exercises/practice to save lives, property, and the environment through a common language and a common concept of operations. The Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan (CEOP) is a complete rewrite of the existing document considering lessons learned from real world emergencies that affected Ramsey County over the past several years. It reflects changes to operational processes and directs attention to Ramsey County's most vulnerable communities. This rewritten CEOP was developed with the input of affected Ramsey County agencies, cities, and subject matter experts to prepare the county for disasters in the decades to come. The countywide CEOP serves as the required plan for all of Ramsey County's suburban municipalities.

Councilor Sayre moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve Resolution No. 062723A Adopting Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Items

A. Lauderdale School Bell

Councilor Dains said a resident of Lake Elmo may be in possession of the former Lauderdale school bell. Dains is going to look into this further to authenticate the item before the Council decides on whether they would take possession.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Butkowski stated that the July 11 council meeting might include an electronic funds transfer policy, a moratorium on the operation of cannabis businesses, and a goal setting session.

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Work Session

A. Community Development Update

Butkowski shared that Real Estate Equities plans to host an open house in the fall. The Council discussed visiting the city-owner lots on Walsh Lake before the next meeting on July 11. Staff will post notice.

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 Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Pulford to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk