

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

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January 23, 2024

Call to Order

Mayor Gaasch called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Councilors present: Evan Sayre, Sharon Kelly, Duane Pulford, Jeff Dains (via Zoom), and Mayor Mary Gaasch.

Councilors absent: None.

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 Pulford 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 January 9, 2024 City Council meeting. There being none, Councilor Kelly moved and seconded by Councilor Sayre to approve the January 9, 2024 City Council meeting minutes. 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 \$92,624.38. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent

Councilor Kelly moved and seconded by Councilor Sayre to approve the Consent Agenda thereby acknowledging the December financial report and the fourth quarter investment report and approving Resolution No. 012324A Approving a Three-Foot, Ten-Inch Variance to the Side Yard Setback Requirement at 1773 Fulham Street.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. City Council Updates

Councilor Kelly shared that she attended a Martin Luther King Jr. event at the Ordway Theater. Mayor Gaasch stated that she attended the Ramsey County League of Local Governments legislative session preview along with Councilor Kelly. Gaasch also attended a League of Minnesota Cities board meeting.

Discussion/Action Item

A. Security Camera System

Butkowski explained that over time various items have been damaged and stolen outside of the

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Public Works building. Staff regularly find the dumpster full of garbage left by others. After an item was stolen this fall, staff began discussing installing exterior security cameras. Staff researched standalone camera options, but none on them were great, so staff asked Metro-Inet to help guide us on the best path forward.

Of the 45 Metro-Inet cities, 16 use Milestone software to manage security cameras. If approved by the Council, there is an up-front Milestone license cost and annual fee of about \$150.00, which would be added to our Metro-Inet bill. The hardware and install costs total around \$6,625.

Butkowski explained this security camera setup reduced long-term costs by allowing the Public Works building to share the internet service coming into City Hall. The cameras can be monitored via computer or phone. Staff along with the St. Anthony Police Department would be given access to the live stream. The system retains the videos for 14 days.

Councilor Sayre made a motion to approve the quotes included in the packet to set up an exterior security camera system at City Hall and the Public Works Building. This was seconded by Councilor Kelly and carried unanimously.

B. Follow Up to Meeting with Ramsey County Regarding Eustis Street Reconstruction
Mayor Gaasch explained that she and Council Member Sayre met with Ramsey County engineering staff and Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire to discuss Ramsey County's change in direction regarding the reconstruction of Eustis Street. She noted the Council will be holding a special meeting on January 25 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the situation and prepare a response to Ramsey County.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Butkowski stated that the February 13 council meeting might include the January financial report, 2024 alcohol and tobacco licenses, and a discussion with Northeast Youth and Family Services Executive Director Angela Lewis-Dmello.

Work Session

A. Community Development Update

Butkowski shared that the City's financial audit will take place next week, staff are working on quotes for the new city truck's dump box and plow, and the skating rink will stay open for as long as the weather allows.

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 Sayre moved and seconded by Councilor Pulford to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk