

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

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March 12, 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, Jeff Dains, 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 Kelly moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were corrections to the minutes of the February 26, 2024 City Council meeting. There being none, Councilor Sayre moved and seconded by Councilor Kelly to approve the February 26, 2024 City Council meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any questions on the claims. There being none, Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Sayre to approve the claims totaling \$71,402.14. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent

A. Street Sweeping Proposal

Councilor Dains asked to move the street sweeping proposal to Items Removed from the Consent Agenda.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. Eureka Recycling Annual Update – Johanna Stone, Director of Customer Relations
Johanna Stone, Director of Customer Relations with Eureka Recycling, presented Eureka's annual report to the Council. The presentation highlighted the tonnage report, customer service report, and contamination log from 2023.

They discussed changes the city of St. Paul is making to their garbage and recycling collection. Eureka and St. Paul are finalizing a new contract. Lauderdale's contract with Eureka ends on June 30, 2024. With the St. Paul contract in place, Lauderdale can move forward with negotiations on extending our agreement with Eureka.

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B. City Council Updates

Mayor Gaasch shared that she, Councilor Kelly, and Councilor Sayre attended the League of Minnesota Cities Day on the Hill event on March 7 and met with Rep. Leigh Finke.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

A. Street Sweeping Proposal

Staff received a quote from Mike McPhillips, Inc. Similar to last year, staff asked Mike McPhillips, Inc. to quote the cost of three street sweeps in 2024. 2022 was the first year we did three sweeps, and it was worthwhile as autumn leaves do not fall at the same time. Ultimately, this kept more debris out of catch basins and prevented pollution.

Councilor Dains expressed his concerns about residents raking the leaves from their yards into the streets. Administrator Butkowski explained that in those situations staff either put the leaves back into the yard or the sweepers drive around the pile.

Councilor Dains made a motion to approve the contract with Mike McPhillips, Inc. to perform the 2024 street sweepings per the terms of the service agreement. This was seconded by Councilor Kelly and carried unanimously.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Butkowski stated that the March 26 council meeting might include the February financial report and the annual audit presentation.

Work Session

A. Community Development Update

Butkowski shared that the draft ordinance for the environmental commission is at the city attorney's office. She said that the DNR tree grant is now official and the funds will be used to remove the remaining ash trees in 2024 and replant trees in 2025. Staff is currently working on the second quarter newsletter. Staff met with Ramsey County last week to discuss their revised Eustis Street plan. Finally, St. Anthony and Falcon Heights are discussing the potential of St. Anthony returning to be the police department for Falcon Heights.

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

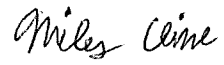
Councilor Kelly moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Miles Cline".

Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk