

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

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April 9, 2024

Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Pulford called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Councilors present: Evan Sayre, Sharon Kelly, Jeff Dains, and Mayor Pro Tem Duane Pulford.
Councilor absent: Mayor Mary Gaasch.

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, City Administrator; Jim Bownik, Assistant to the City Administrator; and Miles Cline, Deputy City Clerk.

Approvals

Mayor Pro Tem Pulford asked if there were any additions to the meeting agenda. Councilor Kelly asked to add a Fair Housing Proclamation to the Additional Items section of the agenda. Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Kelly to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Pulford asked if there were corrections to the minutes of the March 26, 2024 City Council meeting. There being none, Councilor Sayre moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the March 26, 2024 City Council meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Pulford asked if there were any questions on the claims. There being none, Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Kelly to approve the claims totaling \$229,727.64. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent

A. 2024 Garbage Hauler's Licenses

Councilor Sayre moved and seconded by Councilor Kelly to approve the Consent Agenda thereby approving the 2024 garbage hauler's licenses.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. City Council Updates

Councilor Pulford shared that Lauderdale was named the second-best community to live in Minnesota by Niche.com, trailing only behind Falcon Heights. NineNorth interviewed Mayor Gaasch and Councilor Pulford about the story.

Discussion/Action Item

A. Annual Audit Presentation by Bonnie Schwieger of Abdo

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Bonnie Schwieger of Abdo gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Council highlighting the City's 2023 financial statements and audit report. Upon conclusion of the presentation, Schwieger answered questions from Council members.

Additional Items

A. Fair Housing Proclamation

Councilor Kelly addressed the idea of adding a fair housing proclamation on behalf of the City Council. Staff will create a formal proclamation for the next meeting for consideration.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Butkowski stated that the April 23 council meeting might include the March financial report and the annual police report.

Work Session

A. Community Development Update

Butkowski shared that former Police Chief Jon Mangseth's funeral will be held on April 12. Duane Grace, the City's former building official, recently passed away at the age of 94. Staffing are working on the insurance renewals, ARPA funds reporting, and the ordinance establishing an environmental commission. The fair housing proclamation discussion will be brought to the next meeting.

B. Opportunity for the Public to Address the City Council

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

Adjournment

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Sayre to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk