

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

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June 11, 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, Jeff Dains, Sharon Kelly, Duane Pulford, 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 Kelly moved and seconded by Councilor Pulford to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were corrections to the minutes of the May 28, 2024 City Council meeting. There being none, Councilor Sayre moved and seconded by Councilor Kelly to approve the May 28, 2024 City Council meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any questions on the claims. There being none, Councilor Pulford moved and seconded by Councilor Sayre to approve the claims totaling \$70,754.06. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consent**

Councilor Kelly moved and seconded by Councilor Sayre to approve the Consent Agenda thereby approving two park use requests that require Council consideration due to group size.

**Discussion/Action Item**

A. Eustis Street Reconstruction Project Update by Ramsey County Staff and Consultants  
Ramsey County staff and consultants have been working on a revised construction plan for Eustis Street south of Larpenteur Avenue over the past few months. The revised plans reflect County standard practices for road improvement projects as they will retain ownership upon completion. City staff met with them recently to go over the plan. They anticipate a third open house in July and requested the opportunity to share the revised plans with the City Council before then.

Larry Poppler of TKDA joined the meeting via Zoom, while Alan Maxwell of Ramsey County presented in person. They both covered the new 60% construction plans and answered questions from the Council.

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**Set Agenda for Next Meeting**

Butkowski stated that the June 25 council meeting might include the May financial report and 2025 budget.

**Work Session**

A. Community Development Update

Butkowski shared that Ramsey County staff meets annually with each city in the county to talk about their Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). After that meeting, Butkowski reached out to Chris Bauer at MNDOT for updated TH280 improvement scheduling. She will forward the email to the City Council. She continued to say that Stantec interns used GoPro's to televise the manholes and look for problematic issues that will be fixed by McDonough's Sewer Service. Butkowski met with Heidi Droegemueller, Vice President of Seminary Relations at Luther Seminary, to discuss their plans for selling their land in Lauderdale after not moving forward with the emergency shelter on the St. Paul side of the site.

Councilor Sayre stated that he would like to explore further assistance for homeowners dealing with diseased Emerald Ash trees.


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 Pulford moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline  
Deputy City Clerk