

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

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June 25, 2024

**Call to Order**

Mayor Gaasch called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:04 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 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 June 11, 2024 City Council meeting. There being none, Councilor Sayre moved and seconded by Councilor Pulford to approve the June 11, 2024 City Council meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any questions on the claims. Councilor Kelly questioned why the claims total was larger than normal. Administrator Butkowski responded that the claims report included checks to St. Anthony for police services, a bond interest payment, and tree trimming that will be covered by the DNR grant that made it higher than normal. Councilor Kelly moved and seconded by Councilor Sayre to approve the claims totaling \$157,902.84. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consent**

Councilor Sayre moved and seconded by Councilor Pulford to approve the Consent Agenda thereby approving the May financial report.

**Public Hearings**

A. Resolution No. 062524A – Abating Three Trees at 1852 Carl Street

There are two diseased ash trees and a dead maple tree at 1852 Carl Street. Butkowski said that staff are usually able to work with the owners of dead and diseased trees to have them removed through a petition and waiver agreement. In this case, the owner has not responded to letters sent to the property, nor another out-of-state address listed. The trees pose a health and safety risk and need to be removed. An estimate of \$4,000 was received from the City's tree trimmer to complete the work.

Mayor Gaasch opened the floor at 7:16 p.m. to those in attendance interested in addressing the

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Council on this topic. There being nobody interested in speaking, Mayor Gaasch closed the floor at 7:16 p.m.

Councilor Pulford made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 062524A—A Resolution Abating Three Trees at 1852 Carl Street. This was seconded by Councilor Kelly and carried unanimously.

**Discussion/Action Item**

A. 2024-2029 Amended and Restated Agreement for Recycling Services with Eureka!  
Bownik said the current recycling agreement with Eureka began in 2019 and ends at the end of June. A revised and restated recycling agreement was negotiated with Eureka and is ready for approval by the City Council. The new agreement would begin July 1 and goes through October 31, 2029. The new agreement is based on the current agreement and is substantially the same. City staff, Eureka, Foth Infrastructure & Environment, and Kennedy & Graven have reviewed it.

Along with a new term for the agreement, there is also a new pricing schedule. Bownik said what while the price is increasing, research shows it is still favorable. Eureka lets Lauderdale share overhead with St. Paul to keep costs lower and maintain the services of the City's recycling cart inventory. Angie Lemar, of FOTH Infrastructure & Environment, prepared a comparison with other nearby cities.

Katie Drews, Co-President and CEO of Eureka Recycling, joined the meeting via Zoom to answer questions from the Council.

Councilor Sayre made a motion to approve the Amended and Restated Agreement for Recycling Services with Eureka Recycling as presented. This was seconded by Councilor Dains and carried unanimously.

**Set Agenda for Next Meeting**

Butkowski stated that the July 9 council meeting might include the storm water public hearing, 2025 budget and levy, and a presentation from Metropolitan Council sector representative Peter Lindstrom.

**Work Session**

A. Community Development Update  
Butkowski shared that the City's intern, William Farley, is in the process of reformatting the City's newsletter. SAPAS will be hosting a monthly luncheon in the social room for seniors. Ramsey County is eyeing July 30 as the date for their Eustis Street open house. 4H will collaborate with Day in the Park for their pie social event. The work session with Jennifer Haskamp has been scheduled for July 15.

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**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 8:14 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline  
Deputy City Clerk