

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

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April 14, 2015

Mayor Dains called the City Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Councilors present: Mary Gaasch, Roxanne Grove, Lara Mac Lean, and Mayor Jeff Dains.  
Councilors Absent: Denise Hawkinson.

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, City Administrator and Jim Bownik, Assistant City Administrator.

**Mayor Dains asked for changes to the meeting agenda. Mayor Dains added a report by police staff on the recent burglary of homes. Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Councilor Gaasch moved to approve the March 24, 2015, City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Councilor Grove moved approval of the claims totaling \$110,562.67. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

*Legislative Update, State Senator Marty and Representative Hausman*

Marty and Hausman updated the Council on events at the Capitol that will have an effect on Lauderdale residents and all Minnesotans.

*Police Update: Sargent Mangseth*

Mangseth relayed the events of the night three homes in Lauderdale were broken into. The suspect was apprehended by Officer Dan Johnson as he left one of the homes. The Council thanked the officers for their diligence in this matter and putting the suspect in prison.

*Chicken Permit Request, 2337 Summer Street*

Mark Salovich recently applied for a permit to have 22 hen chickens and sought permission from the Council to keep his three roosters until the end of their natural life even though they are not allowed by ordinance. Salovich addressed the Council on the matter and the Council discussed the particulars of his request with him.

**Councilor Gaasch moved approve Mark Salovich's request for a permit to have 22 hen chickens on the condition that the roosters are removed by June 1, 2015. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

The agenda for the next meeting may include the March financial report and appointment of a new deputy city clerk.

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*Work Session:*

Mayor Dains explained that the Council was moving into the Work Session. Work Sessions are a continuation of the meeting but not aired on community television. Mayor Dains asked if anyone wished to address the Council. No one came forward.

*Housing Condition and Acquisition Discussion*

Butkowski provided the Council with information on homes within the City that are less than 700 square feet in size. Some are in better shape than others, many are rented. If the Council wants to pursue acquiring properties for razing and replacing with homes that achieve the Council's goal of a more diverse housing stock, she identified about ten that would be worth working on first either because of their condition or knowledge of the likelihood that the owner may be at a point to sell. The Council discussed the matter and directed staff to follow up with those highlighted on the list as time permits.

*Community Development Update*

Butkowski told the Council the conduit debt project in Richfield that the City expressed interest in participating in will be handled by another city. She also told the Council that the City received 33 deputy clerk applications and ten for the public works position.

**There being no further business on the council agenda, Councilor Gaasch moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Butkowski  
City Administrator