

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

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February 10, 2015

Mayor Dains called the City Council meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

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

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, City Administrator; Jim Bownik, Assistant City Administrator; and Kevin Kelly, Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Dains asked for changes to the meeting agenda. The Mayor added a report from the police department to the Work Session. Councilor Grove moved to approve the amended agenda. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Gaasch moved to approve the January 27, 2015 City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Gaasch moved approval of the claims totaling \$99,501.47. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Dains asked if any Councilors wished to remove items from the Consent Agenda. No Councilor made any change to the Consent Agenda. Councilor Grove moved to approve the Fourth Quarter - Year End Investment Report and the 2015 Residential and Commercial Building Fees. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Informational Presentations:

Peter Lindstrom, Green Step Cities

Lindstrom stated 78 cities in Minnesota are members of the Green Step Cities Program. The Program is helping them to be more sustainable thereby improving things like energy efficiency, transportation options, and water quality. Cities use the best management practices provided by Green Step Cities to achieve their goals. Council members expressed interest in pursuing Lauderdale's membership in Green Step Cities.

Discussion/Action Items:

City Administrator Employment Agreement

The Council reviewed Butkowski's memo regarding City Administrator salaries in suburban Ramsey County cities. Councilor Gaasch stated she appreciated the background and research which Butkowski provides to the Council to help the Council make better informed decisions.

Councilor Gaasch moved to approve the Employment Agreement with Administrator Butkowski as presented. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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The agenda for the next meeting may include Chief Ohl's annual Police Report on February 24, Ramsey County Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire's annual report on March 10, and Senator John Marty and Representative Alice Hausman's annual report on April 14.

The Mayor called for a break in the meeting at 8:14 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:33 p.m.

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.

Police Report by Sergeant Jeff Spiess

Sergeant Spiess addressed the Council regarding two recent incidents. The first was a purse theft at Eustis and Larpenteur. The second was the robbery by knifepoint at the Super USA. Sergeant Spiess stated both incidents occurred between 10:00 and 10:30 p.m. though by what appears to be different individuals. The police continue to follow up on leads.

Community Development Update


City Financial consultant, Stacy Kvilvang, is going to notify developers of the availability of the 2430 Larpenteur Avenue property.

Butkowski met with Hamline University students and their professor to discuss ways to make code enforcement improvements in the City and the cities of St. Anthony and Falcon Heights. The Hamline team will make recommendations to all three cities.

Butkowski met with representatives of Ramsey County, the Greenway Village Apartments, Capitol Region Watershed District, and the City Engineer to discuss storm water and drainage issues on Eustis Street and on the Greenway Village property issues and to begin planning for a sidewalk south of Idaho along the east side of Eustis Street.

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 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kevin Kelly
Deputy City Clerk