

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

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February 24, 2015

Mayor Pro Tem Gaasch called the City Council meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

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

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

**Mayor Pro Tem Gaasch asked for changes to the meeting agenda. Councilor Mac Lean added an announcement of a Lauderdale gathering to Additional Items on the Agenda. Councilor Grove moved to approve the amended agenda. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve the February 10, 2015 City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Councilor Grove moved approval of the claims totaling \$30,840.18. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Gaasch asked if any Councilors wished to remove items from the Consent Agenda. There being none, Councilor Grove moved to adopt the Post Audit Transfer – Resolution 022415A, the 2015 Garbage Haulers Licenses, and the Recreation Agreement with the City of Falcon Heights. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Mayor Dains arrived at the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

*Informational Presentations:*

*Annual Public Safety Presentation by Police Chief John Ohl*

Chief John Ohl presented the Annual Police Report to the Council. Chief Ohl stated that the St. Anthony Police Department (SAPD) has taken the service ethos of the SAPD to the next level and has branded the vehicles with “Safety through Service.” Chief Ohl again lauded the strong relationship the SAPD has with the City Council and the residents of Lauderdale. Chief Ohl stated Part I and Part II crimes remained similar to 2013 numbers. The SAPD investigations unit cleared 55% of cases in 2014. Ohl stated the SAPD continues to emphasize officer training and complimented the Police Reserve volunteers who help each city in countless ways.

The Mayor and Council also emphasized the compassion of officers and the strong relationship between Lauderdale residents, the City Council, and the SAPD.

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*Discussion/Action Items:*

There were no discussion items on the agenda.

The agenda for the next meeting will include Ramsey County Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire's annual report. The Annual Audit Report will be on March 24 and Senator John Marty and Representative Alice Hausman's annual report will be on April 14.

*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.

*2015 Community Events*

Bownik presented a preliminary list of community events scheduled for 2015. Those events include expanding the Farmers Market from three to five evenings, Day in the Park in August, the City-Wide Garage Sale on May 16, the Halloween Party, Night to Unite, and the Fun Run.

Bownik stated Susie Zahratka will continue to run the Farmers Market events as a City sponsored event with the Council's support.

The Council supported organizing the ten community events in 2015 while emphasizing use of volunteers to help augment the amount of work and time spent on these events by staff.

*Community Development Update*

There were no updates at this meeting.

**There being no further business on the council agenda, Councilor Mac Lean moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Kelly  
Deputy City Clerk