

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

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September 23, 2014

Mayor Dains called the City Council meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

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

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. Councilor Grove added Midland Hills Golf Course to the agenda. Councilor Grove moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Gaasch moved to approve the September 9, 2014 City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Hawkinson moved approval of the claims totaling \$45,919.45. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Dains asked if any Councilors wished to remove items from the Consent Agenda; none did. Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve the Consent Agenda thereby recognizing the July Finances. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Informational Presentations:

Students from the University of Minnesota Sustainability Program

Madeline Hoover and Sara Powers, University of Minnesota (U of M) Sustainability Studies program students, addressed the Council. Hoover and Powers and other U of M students will work on analyzing the sustainability of the cities of Lauderdale, Falcon Heights, and St. Anthony. The specific areas Hoover and Powers are in are energy efficiency and water management and conservation. Hoover and Powers, along with the other students in the sustainability program, will present their findings at the Sustainability Fair being held on November 20 at Silverwood Park in St. Anthony. All residents are welcome to attend.

Discussion Items:

Luther Seminary Plat

City Attorney Ron Batty addressed the Council. Batty stated that the plat was essentially completed and the Council could vote on the Final Plat. The outstanding issues were detailed in the resolution and will be addressed before the Mylars are signed by the Mayor and City Administrator. Batty did suggest modifying the resolution to add a condition about granting the County an easement for a sidewalk.

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Councilor Hawkinson moved to adopt Resolution 092314B as modified for final plat approval. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2015 Preliminary Levy and Budget

Butkowski presented information to the Council at the last meeting and the Council discussed not raising the local tax levy for 2015. The total tax levy will increase by 1.3% but that will be paid by fiscal disparities and local government aid increases. The remaining increases in the projected operating costs for 2015 will be paid for by the fee the City will receive for providing Catholic Eldercare its ability to issue bank qualified debt for 2014. Butkowski stated there will be no debt levy for payment of bonds in 2015. The Truth in Taxation Public Hearing will be held at the December 9 meeting.

Councilor Mac Lean moved to adopt Resolution 092314A-A Resolution Levying Taxes for 2014 Payable for 2015 in the Amount of \$624,357 and establishing December 9 as the date of the Truth in Taxation Hearing. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Eureka Recycling Contract

Bownik provided an overview on the most recent changes to the draft recycling contract with Eureka Recycling. Those changes included establishing pick-up location for city facilities and a plan to roll out recycling carts in the spring.

Councilor Grove moved to approve the amended and restated agreement for recycling services with Eureka Recycling. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Change of Meeting Date

Bownik addressed the Council regarding upcoming council meetings conflicting with Halloween set up and Veterans Day on November 11. The Council discussed different dates and agreed to cancel the October 28 council meeting and hold the November 11 meeting on November 10. The Council decided to not hold the October 28th meeting but to authorize staff to process the City's claims for payment in the time between the October 14 Council and the November 10 rescheduled Council Meeting

Councilor Mac Lean moved to cancel the October 28 council meeting, reschedule the November 11 meeting for November 10, and authorized City staff to process a claims batch between October 14 and the end of October. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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Additional Items:

Midland Hills Golf Course

Councilor Grove added this item to the agenda. Paul Syverson, 1975 Carl Street, addressed the Council regarding the golf balls from Midland Hills Country Club landing on his property. Syverson stated he is concerned about his and his children's safety. Syverson said he was hit by a golf ball while standing in his garage. He spoke with staff at Midland Hills who informed him they sent a letter to members regarding the situation which appears to have had no effect. Mayor Dains stated he is meeting with Mayor Roe of the City of Roseville and will bring up the situation with him.

Agenda items for the next council meeting may include the August Finances and the Quarterly Investment Report.

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.

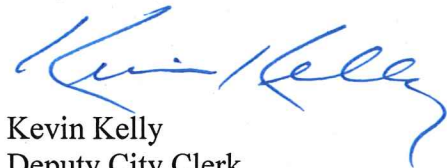
Community Development Update

Larpenteur Avenue Project

Butkowski stated the Larpenteur Avenue Project is being completed currently. Council Members stated that the work is moving quickly and is looking very nice.

There being no further business on the council agenda, Councilor Hawkinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Kelly
Deputy City Clerk