

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Lauderdale City Hall
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Lauderdale, MN 55113

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March 13, 2012

Mayor Dains called the City Council meeting to order at 7:43 p.m.

Councilors present: Roxanne Grove, Lara Mac Lean, and Mayor Jeff Dains.

Councilors absent: Denise Hawkinson and Mary Gaasch.

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

Mayor Dains asked for changes to the meeting agenda. There were no changes offered.

Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Grove moved to approve the February 28, 2012, City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Mac Lean moved approval of the claims totaling \$86,480.70. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Grove moved the consent agenda approving 2012 rental housing and business licenses, the agreement with the City of Roseville for park and recreation services, and Personnel Policy revisions. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Council discussed supporting suburban Ramsey County efforts to organize as a Beyond the Yellow Ribbon community. Beyond the Yellow Ribbon groups support military personnel and their families after they return home from their deployment.

Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve Resolution 031312A – A Resolution Supporting the Effort of Becoming a Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Community. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Council discussed replacement of the Public Works truck paid through the Capital Improvement Fund. Staff received a quote from Midway Ford, the state contract holder and Boyer Ford. The bid from Boyer Ford was lower than the state contract due to a greater trade in price for the current city truck. The City would take possession of the truck in about six months. The Council asked staff to look into the cost of other makes of public works vehicles:

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Councilor Grove moved to table the public works truck purchase until the next council meeting so staff can research other truck options. Councilor Mac Lean seconded to table the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Council discussed a letter and request sent by the daughter of Helen Lindstrom asking the City to wave the interest accrued on the deferred special assessment for 1921 Eustis Street.

Councilor Mac Lean moved to deny the waiver of accrued interest. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Butkowski reviewed the preliminary agenda for the next City Council meetings which included the 2013 Police Contract, a City Asset Dedication Policy, and the 2011 audit presentation. Representatives John Marty and Mindy Greiling are scheduled to address the Council on April 28, and an emergency management round table activity on May 22.

Mayor Dains explained 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 present wished to address the Council. No one present addressed the Council.

Butkowski said a number of meetings regarding the municipal liquor store had happened since the last council meeting. City consultant Paul Bilotta contacted the property owners along the Larpenteur Avenue west of Eustis Street regarding their plans for their properties. They all expressed interest in working with the City or a developer if changes along the corridor were likely to happen.

City staff also spoke with Stacie Kvilvang from Ehlers regarding options for the financing of Larpenteur Avenue improvements and a municipal liquor store. At this point, she needs more financial information from BP to make an assessment.

The Liquor Store Committee also met for a briefing on developments and discussed options for the type of uses along Larpenteur Avenue that would be preferred. They reviewed photos from other developments as a first step in determining preferred layout and design feature options.

Finally, Butkowski and Bilotta met with Croix Oil (the owners of Lauderdale BP) again. Croix Oil continues to be interested in redeveloping their property and having the municipal liquor store as a tenant. Croix Oil is preparing financial information on the redevelopment of their site. Bilotta will be at the April 10 meeting to update the Council further.

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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 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Kelly
Deputy City Clerk