

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

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April 10, 2012

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 to the City Administrator; and Kevin Kelly, Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Dains asked for changes to the meeting agenda. Butkowski added televising the sewer line from Larpenteur Avenue across TH280 and contaminated soil disposal. Councilor Hawkinson added the location of the portable restroom at Community Park. Mayor Dains added to the work session the Ramsey County Charter Amendment on Sports Stadiums. **Councilor Grove moved to approve the amended agenda. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Councilor Grove moved to approve the March 27, 2012, City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Councilor Hawkinson moved approval of the claims totaling \$84,623.58. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Councilor Mac Lean moved the consent agenda approving a park use request, the February finances, and the street sweeping contractors agreement. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

City auditor Andrew Berg addressed the Council. He updated the Council on the results of the 2011 financial audit. Berg stated the City received a "clean, unqualified" opinion and does a good job segregating duties amongst the small staff. He stated there was a sufficient fund balance in the General Fund at year end to transfer \$135,982 from the General Fund into the Park Improvement Fund and Street Improvement Fund. Berg also stated the debt to asset ratio had improved as the City paid off bond debt and the ratio is significantly better than the average for comparable municipalities. He suggested the Council consider pre-payment of the 2003 Improvement Bond before it reaches maturity in 2015. The Council thanked Berg for his work on behalf of the City.

The Council considered the costs associated with the cleanup from the sewer overflow in the 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SE area last week. The MPCA approved City plans to remove soil from the site. The

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soil is in a dumpster in the Twin City Die Casting parking lot awaiting testing and ultimately disposal.

**Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve soil testing at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.  
Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

The Council discussed the disposal of the soil after testing was completed. The cost of disposal is dependent on which site will take the soil based on testing results. Ultimately, the cost is not expected to be in excess of \$1,000.

**Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve disposal of the soil at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.  
Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

The Council discussed televising the sewer line where the back-up occurred. The site is difficult to access as it runs under TH280. Veit stated it can do the televising between Larpenteur Avenue and Twin Cities Die Casting at a cost of \$375.00/hr.

**Councilor Grove moved to approve sewer line televising by Veit from Larpenteur Avenue to the area behind Twin City Die Casting at a cost of \$375.00/hr. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

The Council discussed the reason the Port-a-Potty was placed in a location near the east end of the hockey rink. Staff explained that public works poured concrete behind the ball field backstop this week. Once cured, the Port-a-Potty, garbage and recycling bins, and the Roseville Baseball equipment will be stored there.

Butkowski reviewed the preliminary agenda for upcoming City Council meetings which included discussion of a city logo and legislative updates on May 8 and discussion of a sewer lining project and emergency management round table on May 22. The Mayor said he would not be in attendance at the April 24 meeting; Mayor Pro Temp Gaasch will preside over the meeting.

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.

Paul Bilotta, city consultant, addressed the Council. Bilotta updated the Council on Croix Oil's (Lauderdale BP) progress to rebuild and add space for the City to have a municipal liquor store. They are working with a designer on the project. Croix Oil is not interested in an expanded redevelopment project. Bilotta asked the Council if they would like him to discuss Larpenteur

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Avenue with other potential developers. Preliminary discussions have shown that other developers might be interested in a Lauderdale site. The Council discussed this and felt Bilotta should discuss the Larpenteur Avenue corridor with developers and report back to the Steering Committee and City Council.

**Councilor Hawkinson moved to approve having Bilotta meet with prospective developers regarding redevelopment options for Larpenteur Avenue. Council Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Mayor introduced the Ramsey County Sports Stadium Charter Amendment to the Council. He mentioned council members could sign it if they were interested.

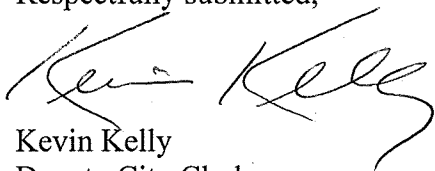
The Mayor recused himself from the union contract discussion.

The Council went into closed session to discuss the union contract at 8:28 p.m. The Council returned from the closed session at 8:39 p.m.

**Councilor Hawkinson moved approval of the terms of the contract proposed by the union with regard to health insurance benefits, deferred compensation, and pay for 2012 with a wage reopener for 2013. Council Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**There being no further business on the council agenda, Councilor Hawkinson 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