

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

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May 22, 2012

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

Councilors present: Mary Gaasch, Roxanne Grove, Denise Hawkinson, Lara Mac Lean, 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. The Council offered no changes to the agenda. **Councilor Hawkinson moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve the May 8, 2012, City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Hawkinson moved approval of the claims totaling \$36,054.93. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Mac Lean moved the consent agenda acknowledging the April finance report, 2012 business licenses, Resolution 052212A –Findings of Fact for 1792 Walnut Street, and park use applications. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Butkowski addressed the Council regarding the annual storm water report. The City is required to meet certain standards to be in compliance with its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit. To remain in compliance the City has updated ordinances, utilized best management practices, informed the public of storm water related information, and held a public hearing annually so residents can address the Council. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) will be issuing a new permit to urbanized cities like Lauderdale this year.

Mayor Dains opened the annual public hearing regarding the City's storm water program at 7:36 p.m.

No member of the audience came forward and the public hearing closed at 7:37 p.m.

The Council also had no further discussion and thanked Butkowski for her work on storm water management.

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The Council discussed the constitutional amendments relating to same sex unions and voter ID which will be on the ballot in November. Staff drafted Resolution 052212B – A Resolution in Opposition to the Constitutional Amendment Ballot Questions. The Council discussed; no amendments were proposed.

Councilor Gaasch moved to adopt Resolution 052212B, A Resolution in Opposition to the Constitutional Amendment Ballot Questions. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Butkowski addressed the Council regarding deficiencies in the current rental housing ordinance. The rental housing ordinance was first adopted in 2006. Since then property owners have made positive improvements to safety in rental units but changes need to be made to more effectively handle conduct on licensed premises.

The rental housing ordinance currently states a license can be revoked if there are three code violations within three months. The Council and Police Chief Ohl felt this was too lenient and discussed allowing for revocation after three violations within a year. Chief Ohl stated the City of St. Anthony has the three violations within a year written in their city ordinance.

Butkowski also said Brandychase Condominiums may want to be part of the rental housing license program going forward. Brandychase Condominiums were exempt from the rental housing ordinance initially due to their bi-laws being more stringent than the city's proposed ordinance.

Staff will work with the police and prosecuting attorney on changes to the ordinance.

Agenda items for the next meeting are a presentation by Northwest Youth and Family Services President Jerry Hromatka, the annual update by Cor Wilson regarding the North Suburban Cable Commission, and the city logo design discussion. The 2014 police contract with the City of St. Anthony discussion is set for June 26.

The Mayor asked if anyone present wished to address the Council.

Ralph Mikel of 1843 Malvern addressed the Council. Mikel stated his garage is falling into the alley and attributes the deterioration of the garage floor to the alley paving project in 2003. Mikel stated other neighbors received concrete walls to protect structures and he was asking the City Council to provide him one now. Butkowski said the city engineer determined who needed additional concrete barriers based on the slope from structures to the alley. Mikel's garage did not meet the standard. Mikel thanked the Council for listening to his request.

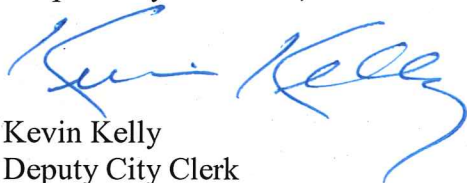
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Kristi Stauffer from Ramsey County Emergency Management held an emergency management round table with the Council. Police Chief Ohl and Falcon Heights Fire Chief Clem Kurhajetz were also present. Stauffer presented a tornado disaster scenario in which the Council discussed how they would respond to this emergency situation.

There being no further business on the council agenda, Councilor Hawkinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Kelly
Deputy City Clerk