

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

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August 28, 2012

Mayor Dains called the City Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Staff present: Jim Bownik, Assistant to the City Administrator.

Mayor Dains asked for changes to the meeting agenda. The Council offered no changes to the agenda. Councilor Grove moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve the August 15, 2012, City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve the August 16, 2012, Special City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Mac Lean moved approval of the claims totaling \$25,283.85. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Gaasch moved to approve the consent agenda acknowledging the July finances. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

The Mayor said the Council would be taking public comment on the proposed changes to the rental housing license. The draft ordinance then would be reviewed by the city attorney. Another public comment period would occur before final adoption.

Mayor Dains opened the public hearing at 7:33 p.m.

Adrian Stec, 1762 Eustis Street, addressed the Council. He said he is concerned about the rental property in his neighborhood, especially the number of police calls it generates. He said he is in favor of the proposed change to allow the City to take action on a license if there are three police calls in one year and other measures that strengthen the ordinance.

The Council expressed appreciation for Stec's participation in the process. The Mayor suggested Stec meet with himself, Councilor Grove, and staff to discuss the issues further.

Mayor Dains closed the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

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The Council discussed whether the City should revoke the license for a problem unit or the entire property if there were violations. The Council acknowledged that revoking the license of one unit might still impact otherwise law-abiding tenants. The Council will discuss the matter after review of the ordinance by the city attorney.

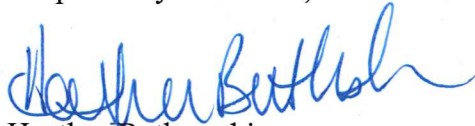
2013 Budget Discussion – The Mayor opened the discussion on the city budget. He noted that the City would receive about \$21,000 additional fiscal disparities dollars because of the change in the city's tax rate over the previous year. The Council discussed the reliability of fiscal disparities revenue in the future. To maintain a similar level of funding, the Council discussed holding the tax rate steady by raising the levy one to two percent.

The agenda items for the next Council Meeting include an informational presentation by County Sheriff Matt Bostrom, setting the preliminary levy for 2013, and discussing the Open Burning Ordinance, city logo, and a concrete barrier for 1843 Malvern Street.

Mayor Dains asked if anyone present wished to address the Council; no one did.

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 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Butkowski
City Administrator