

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

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September 25, 2012

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

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

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, City Administrator; Kevin Kelly, Deputy City Clerk.

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

**Councilor Hawkinson moved to approve the September 11, 2012, City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Councilor Hawkinson moved to approved the September 13, 2012 special City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Councilor Hawkinson moved approval of the claims totaling \$34,734.60. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve the consent agenda approving rental housing licenses and Resolution 092512A Regarding the Rental Housing License for the Property at 1954 Malvern Street. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

*Informational Presentations/Reports:*

University of Minnesota Adjunct Professor Dave Wanberg and two of his students, Jenna Lewein and Neil Pearson addressed the Council. Professor Wanberg and his students will work with residents from Lauderdale, Falcon Heights, and St. Anthony during two workshops. The workshops will feature community discussions which will lead to the creation of a sustainability framework and a plan with identified actions the communities can take to make them more sustainable. The two workshops are scheduled for October 11 and November 1, 2012 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Professor Wanberg would like to see 200 community members participate in the workshops. The students will summarize the results of the workshop for each community.

*Discussion Items:*

The Council received a letter from E. Peterson, owner of 1738 Walnut Street. The resident was concerned about noise from the Park as well as the planned improvements. The resident inquired

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about the installation of a privacy fence or buying land from the City to create a buffer from the Park. The Council discussed whether arbor vitae was a viable solution for the noise. The Council was less interested in selling public property. Staff will discuss the matter with the homeowner.

The Council had previously budgeted to purchase a grill, garbage can, and picnic table for Skyview Park. In light of the letter from Peterson, they decided to forgo the grill. The Council also authorized staff to purchase two additional garbage cans for Community Park.

**Councilor Hawkinson moved to approve the purchase of three garbage cans and one picnic table for the parks. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Agenda items for the October 9 Council Meeting are a review of the retaining wall agreement with 1843 Malvern Street, amendments to the Open Burning ordinance, and review of city logo designs.

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.

The Mayor asked if anyone present wished to address the Council. No one present wished to address the Council.

*Work Session:*

Butkowski explained that the cash balances of the funds are largely adequate to fund expenses over the next 10 years. Examples of items that need to be replaced are city trucks and mowers every ten years and seal coating of the roads every seven years. Additionally, a sewer lining project is scheduled for 2013. The funds will largely come from tax increment (TIF) funds and through a grant. Approximately, \$430,000 will be left in the TIF account after the sewer lining project. TIF money can be used for housing improvements and infrastructure to support housing. The Council discussed adding a sidewalk along Eustis Street and Larpenteur Avenue to improve pedestrian safety. Larpenteur Avenue and Eustis Street are County Roads and would need the support of the County.

Other ideas for the TIF funds included loans to residents for home improvements and acquisition of distressed properties in the City.

**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 8:50 p.m.**

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Respectfully submitted,



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