

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

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Mayor Dains called the special meeting of the City Council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

Councilor absent: Lara Mac Lean.

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, City Administrator and 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 Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Mayor told the audience that the Council would change the order of the agenda and discuss the fires at 1816 and 1818 Walnut Street first. Butkowski said the police and fire departments considered the fires that started early in the morning on July 27 to be suspicious. The investigation is on-going. She noted this was the Council's first opportunity to discuss the fires since they happened.

The Council discussed that arson is a scary crime and whether to host a town meeting about the fires. Staff will discuss the matter with Chief Ohl to determine if there is more information that can be released which would warrant a town meeting.

Butkowski mentioned that adoption of the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Emergency Response Policy was missed at the last meeting. That needs to be submitted with the City's response to the March overflow event.

Councilor Gaasch moved to adopt the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Emergency Response Policy as written. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

City attorney Ron Batty addressed the Council. The Council previously voted to appeal the administrative penalty order issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Batty advised the Council that they could close the discussion regarding the appeal as it involved pending or threatened litigation. The Council decided they wanted to close the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

The Council returned from the closed session at 6:24 p.m.

Councilor Grove moved to pay the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's fine totaling \$3,500. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

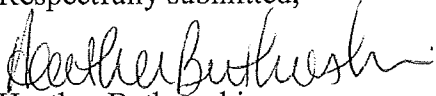
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There being no further business on the council agenda, Councilor Hawkinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Butkowski
City Administrator