

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

Page 1 of 2

October 11, 2011

Mayor Dains called the City Council meeting to order at 7:35 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; Kevin Kelly, Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Dains asked for changes to the meeting agenda. There being none, **Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve the September 27, 2011, City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Councilor Mac Lean moved approval of the claims totaling \$96,037.34. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Councilor Mac Lean moved the consent agenda approving a 2011 HVAC license, the August 2011 finances, and the GIS Users' Group Joint Powers Agreement. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

The November 8 Council Meeting coincides with the school board election. The Council can either start after the polls close at 8:00 p.m. or move the meeting to another day. After a brief discussion, the Council opted to hold the November 8 Council Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

**Councilor Mac Lean motioned to move the start of the November 8 Council Meeting from 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

The St. Paul Regional Water Service (SPRWS) offered to add "STORZ" connections to fire hydrants as they are replaced. STORZ connections allow fire crews to access water more quickly than with the present connections. Nearly all cities which use the SPRWS have requested the new connections. The connections will be added to new hydrants as they are replaced at no additional cost to the City.

**Councilor Gaasch moved to approve Amendment No. 1, an agreement between the City of Lauderdale and the Board of Water Commissioners, to install hydrants with STORZ connections. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

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

Page 2 of 2

Bownik presented on the purchase of new playground equipment. Bownik noted changes to the order and cost of the original quote for the equipment. The existing spring toys meet current safety standards and will remain. The trash cans in the original quote will not be used as they do not match the current style of trash cans in the Park. Trash cans which match will be ordered separately from a different company. The CDBG playground grant from Ramsey County will cover all but approximately \$210.00 of the price of the project. Staff will order the equipment, and weather permitting, the playground equipment will be installed this fall. The equipment will be stored until spring if it cannot be installed this year.

**Councilor Grove moved to authorize staff to order the playground equipment for the Community Park. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Items for the October 25 council meeting include finalizing the Eustis Street winter parking plan and a report on the 2011 Halloween Party.

Mayor Dains explained the Council was moving into the work session. Work sessions are a continuation of the meetings but not aired on community television.

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

The Council discussed a proposed alley parking ordinance. Butkowski stated there have been complaints about residents parking in alleys for long periods of time. The police tried to address the issue but neither city code nor state statute provides guidance. Neighboring cities allow for 30 minute parking in alleys. Councilor Gaasch remarked on the number of dead end alleys in the City and there being no outlet if a resident parked in the alley.

Council Mac Lean and Mayor Dains felt that 30 minutes was too long and 20 minutes was better for loading and unloading and not for parking. The Council discussed that loading and unloading should not be allowed over 20 minutes which would give police officers time to respond if a vehicle or the alley was blocked. Staff will bring revisions to the next council meeting.

**There being no further business on the council agenda, Councilor Mac Lean moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kevin Kelly  
Deputy City Clerk