

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

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January 25, 2011

Mayor Dains called the City Council meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Councilors present: Mary Gaasch, Roxanne Grove, Denise Hawkinson, Lara Mac Lean, and Mayor Jeff Dains. Councilors absent: none.

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

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

Councilor Gaasch moved to approve the January 11, 2011, City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Hawkinson moved approval of the claims totaling \$49,165.90. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Dains asked if anyone in attendance wished to address the Council. No one present wished to do so.

Mayor Dains asked if councilors wished to remove items from the consent agenda. There being no one, **Councilor Mac Lean moved the consent agenda items: 2011 rental housing, tree contractor, HVAC, and garbage hauler licenses and PCIC minutes. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Bownik updated the Council on plans for Snow*Commotion, which was scheduled for January 29. The event features skating, a medallion hunt, and cardboard sled races. He encouraged residents to come to the park for fun and food.

Butkowski said the City is a member of a joint powers agreement (JPA) with 9 other north metro cities for the administration of the cable franchise. To expedite the franchise renewal process, the member cities were asked to adopt a resolution affirming this relationship.

Councilor Mac Lean moved to adopt Resolution 012511A – A Resolution Concerning the Commencement of Formal Renewal Proceedings under the Federal Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, as Amended. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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Butkowski explained that every three years the City must show compliance with the pay equity act. The wages presented in the report will be sent to the Minnesota Management and Budget Office for review.

Councilor Gaasch moved to submit the pay equity data presented to Minnesota Management and Budget. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At the previous meeting, a resident asked the Council to consider one-sided parking on Eustis Street due to the snow. Staff discussed the issue with the County since Eustis Street is a county road. The County said they will support the Council's decision either way.

Council members discussed the benefits of one-sided parking which included improving driver safety by making the road wider for two-way traffic and creating snow storage for future snow falls. They also discussed that Eustis Street parkers may spill over onto other streets which are also narrowed by the snow.

Chief Ohl addressed the Council. He said he would work with staff to create the best outcome if the Council chose to limit parking to one side of the street.

Councilor Mac Lean moved to prohibit parking on the east side of Eustis Street from Larpenteur to Roselawn between January 25 and April 1, 2011 with ticketing beginning after February 6. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it failed with Councilors Gaasch and Mac Lean voting yea and Councilors Grove and Hawkinson and Mayor Dains voting nay.

Staff will discuss options to wing back the snow on Eustis Street and order no parking signs for future use.

Butkowski said she and the city administrator from Falcon Heights discussed whether the cities could share a deputy clerk. For a number of reasons, they concluded it was not feasible. With council approval, staff would like to begin searching for a new deputy clerk. Councilors Gaasch and Hawkinson agreed to participate in the search.

Councilor Mac Lean moved to direct staff to advertise for the open deputy clerk position. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Hawkinson moved to hire Kyle Hughes as the temporary, seasonal snow plower from January 26 to February 18, 2011 at the rate of \$16.00 per hour. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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The Council reviewed the fourth quarter and year end investment report. Butkowski pointed out the significant reduction in investment interest income due to the market troubles. The Council has taken these losses into account each year when setting the budget.

Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve the fourth quarter and year end investment report. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

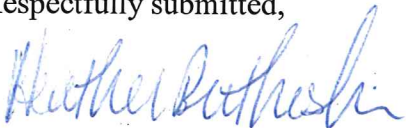
Butkowski reviewed the preliminary agenda for the next meeting, which included a follow up discussion on market research for a municipal liquor store.

Mayor Dains explained the Council was moving into a closed session with Police Chief John Ohl to discuss security at City Hall, time being 8:15 p.m.

The Council returned from the closed session at 9:30 p.m.

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 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Butkowski
City Administrator