

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

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January 26, 2010

The Mayor called the City Council meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

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

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 Mac Lean moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Councilor Hawkinson moved to approve the January 12, 2010 City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Hawkinson asked whether the city exceeded the budget for snow and ice removal for 2009. Butkowski said she thought the city had gone over budget by a couple thousand dollars. More money was budgeted for 2010.

Councilor Hawkinson moved approval of the claims totaling \$300,205.82. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Dains asked if members of the public 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 approving 2010 rental housing and business licenses, the fourth quarter / 2009 year-end investment report, and accepting a donation from the Chinese Christian Church. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Butkowski said the city has licensed gas stations since the 1960s. Since then regulations have changed and it is no longer necessary for the city to license them. The city attorney also felt the gas station license should be repealed.

The Council discussed the issue. No one felt the city should continue to license gas stations.

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Mayor Dains opened the public hearing at 7:40 p.m. to consider the repeal of ordinance Title 3, Chapter 8 regarding the licensing of gas stations. No one present wished to address the Council. The public hearing was closed at 7:41 p.m.

Councilor Hawkinson moved to adopt ordinance 10-01 repealing Title 3, Chapter 8 of Lauderdale City Code. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bownik updated the Council on plans for Snow*Commotion, which was scheduled for January 30. The event featured skating, a medallion hunt, and an ice sculpture contest. He encouraged residents to come to the park for fun and food.

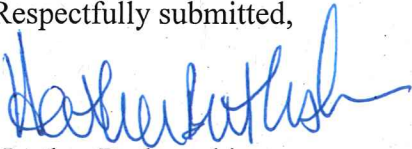
Butkowski said city staff met with St. Paul Regional Water staff to discuss their meter change project. They plan to replace all water meters in the cities they serve between July 2010 and December 2012. They were asking cities if they wanted them to perform sump pump inspections while changing the meters. Sump pump inspections are a method to identify sources of inflow and infiltration (I/I).

The Council discussed the proposal. Since the Metropolitan Council removed the city from the list of cities identified as having excess I/I, they felt no reason to spend more money on the problem. The city can address the issue in the future, should the need arise. No councilor motioned to coordinate sump pump inspections with St. Paul Regional Water.

Butkowski reviewed the preliminary agenda for the next meeting, which included: a 5:00 p.m. start for a zoning update meeting with the city's consultant, approval of collateral arrangement with North Star Bank, and the union contract.

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 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Butkowski
City Administrator