

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

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August 4, 2010

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

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

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, City Administrator.

Mayor Dains asked for changes to the meeting agenda. Butkowski added a claims batch totaling \$1,869.89. **Councilor Hawkinson moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Councilor Gaasch moved to approve the July 27, 2010, City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Gaasch moved approval of two claims batches totaling \$51,673.78 and \$1,869.89 respectively. 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.

Butkowski reported on plans for Day in the Park. The parade begins at noon and will start at the Park before processing south on Pleasant, west on Ione, north on Malvern, and east on Roselawn. Games, food, and entertainment will follow at 12:30 p.m. Hamline Autobody sponsored Lazy Does It to provide music for the event. There will be a break in the music at 1:30 p.m. for the puppet wagon. Volunteers are needed for set-up, clean-up, and to run games during the event.

Butkowski also reported on the August 10 primary. Lauderdale residents may vote at City Hall through 5:00 p.m. Monday, August 9. City Hall will be open Saturday, August 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for absentee voting as well. The polls are open on election day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. All voting is done at City Hall.

Ramsey County's meeting with finance officers is scheduled for August 24. Butkowski said she will try to get the materials prior to that date so the Council will not have to schedule a special meeting to discuss the budget prior to levy adoption.

Butkowski reiterated that assessed values within the City have yo-yoed. Lauderdale is the only city within Ramsey County where single-family homes have appreciated (.78%). The assessed values of Brandy Chase condominiums have increased 12.97% as well. The owners of apartment

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buildings (9.51%), commercial property (5.0%), and Rosehill townhomes (8.51%) all saw significant decreases in their assessed value.

Mayor Dains asked staff to investigate the possibility of a municipal liquor store as an alternative source of revenue. Butkowski said many cities have been looking at the option, but due to their size and the presence of existing liquor stores, many are not able to enter into the business. Lauderdale, due to its population and absence of other establishments with intoxicating liquor licenses, would be able to establish a municipal liquor store. Butkowski will share with the Council information from Paul Kaspssack, Executive Director of the Minnesota Municipal Beverage Association, at the next meeting.

Butkowski reviewed the preliminary agenda for the next meeting, which includes a tour of Finn Sisu starting at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will continue at City Hall at 7:30 p.m. with a budget and levy discussion in addition to the follow up discussion on municipal liquor stores.

The Mayor announced the City Council was moving into closed session to discuss pending litigation. The Council moved into closed session at 7:50 p.m.

The Council returned from closed session at 8:40 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 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Butkowski
City Administrator