

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

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November 9, 2010

Mayor Dains called the City Council meeting to order at 7:35 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; Jim Bownik, Assistant to the City Administrator. Also present was city consultant Paul Bilotta, Bonestroo.

Mayor Dains asked for changes to the meeting agenda. Mayor Dains added a follow up Halloween report. **Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Councilor Hawkinson moved to approve the October 26, 2010, City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Mac Lean moved approval of the claims totaling \$79,015.75. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Dains asked if anyone in attendance wished to address the Council. Harvey Skow, 1931 Carl Street, stated he did. He asked the Council to consider paying the property taxes on the easement area agreed to during the court case settlement.

Mayor Dains said he wanted legal advice because the issue had been litigated and settled.

Skow said he felt that an undocumented illicit conveyance was on his property and questioned the enforcement of the street excavation ordinance.

Mayor Dains asked if councilors wished to remove items from the consent agenda. There being no one, **Councilor Hawkinson moved the following consent agenda items: 2011 rental housing licenses, PCIC minutes, and Resolution 110910A – Score Grant Funding for the Recycling Program. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Butkowski said the playground equipment had been successfully moved to the Ione/Walnut Park. Construction of the new equipment was set for the week of November 15.

Mayor Dains thanked all the volunteers that helped prepare for and carry out the Halloween event. He said it was a great success.

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Butkowski explained the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT) was offering a financial incentive for cities that participate in an on-line land use training activity. All council members volunteered to participate.

Butkowski reviewed the preliminary agenda for the next meeting, which included a review of the 2011 budget and levy and the draft Livable Communities Housing Report.

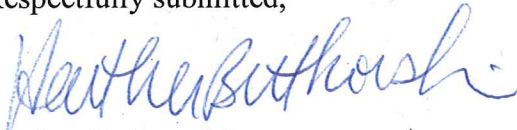
Mayor Dains explained the Council was moving into the work session. Work sessions are a continuation of the meetings but not aired on community television.

The Mayor said the City Council has been evaluating the viability of a municipal liquor store as it is one of the few tools the City has to make up for LGA losses. This evening, Paul Bilotta, a retail development consultant from Bonestroo, was asked to lend his expertise. Bilotta presented information to the Council about area traffic counts, the population of the area during the day versus at night, the dollars spent locally on alcohol each year, and the make up of other liquor stores in the area. He said these preliminary numbers did not preclude the City from continuing to research further. Ultimately, market research will show the size of store needed for optimal profitability. With that information, the Council will be able to focus on sites that are viable within the City.

The Council talked with Bilotta further about sites that would best suit a municipal liquor store. He suggested meeting with area business owners to get their input. Staff noted this could be done in 2010 with market research tentatively planned for early in 2011.

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 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Butkowski
City Administrator