

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

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November 23, 2010

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

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

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 Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Councilor Gaasch moved to approve the November 9, 2010, City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Mac Lean moved approval of the claims totaling \$36,719.86. Councilor Grove 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 Gaasch moved the following consent agenda items: 2011 rental housing licenses, 2011 business licenses, and October's finances. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Butkowski said the new playground equipment had been successfully installed and the wood chips would be delivered shortly.

Butkowski informed the Council that the meeting with business owners to discuss municipal liquor store options was set for December 9 at 10:00 a.m. An invitation was sent to all Lauderdale business owners.

Previously, the City Council elected to continue participating in the Livable Communities Program through 2020. In addition to the resolution already adopted, the Council must adopt a Housing Action Plan. The materials presented were largely drawn from the most recent Comprehensive Plan. The Plan affirms that the City will do the best it can to achieve 23 to 35 new units of affordable housing and 35 to 95 units of lifecycle housing by 2020.

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Councilor Mac Lean moved to adopt the 2011-2020 Livable Communities Housing Action Plan. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Council reviewed the proposed budget and levy. Since September, the County increased the city's overall property value which reduced the tax rate slightly. The property tax notices sent by the County show the owner of a median value home will see a 10.7% county tax increase, a 3.3% city tax increase, a 5.0% school tax increase, and an 11.5% "other" tax increase. Overall, the owner of a median value home can expect a \$147 tax increase. *The Council will take public comment on the budget and levy at the next meeting.*

Last year's budget included a \$200,000 transfer from the TIF Project Fund to the 304 Debt Service Fund (2003 road project). As the TIF district will last two years longer than anticipated, staff compared the debt service fund's anticipated revenue (special assessments and investment interest) to anticipated expenditures. Staff concluded that the transfer could be lowered to \$100,000 if the Council pledges the remaining special assessments from the 2002 and 2003 street projects to Fund 304 after the 2002A series bonds are retired in February 2011.

Councilor Gaasch moved to adopt Resolution 112310A – A Resolution Amending the 2010 Adopted Budget. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Butkowski said the City must formally accept all donations. While those that donate are thanked earlier in the year, the formal thank you happens once at year end. Councilor Mac Lean read the list of those that gave generously in 2010 in support of Day in the Park, the Fun Run/Walk, Halloween, the City-Wide Garage Sale, and Snow Commotion.

Councilor Mac Lean moved to accept donations and thank the volunteers of the city's events in 2010. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Butkowski reviewed the preliminary agenda for the next meeting, which included a public hearing and discussion prior to adopting the 2011 budget and levy and a presentation by Cor Wilson from the cable commission.

David Gardner, 2311 Ione Street, addressed the Council. He explained that he would like to construct a walkway made from pavers which the current ordinance doesn't allow. He said he will present his request to change the ordinance at the next meeting.

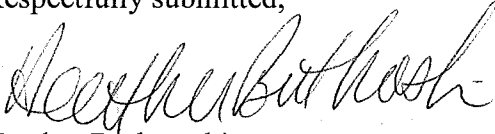
Mayor Dains explained the Council was moving into closed session to discuss the city administrator's performance, time being 8:15 p.m. Shortly thereafter, Councilor Grove left the meeting.

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The Council returned from Closed Session at 8:43 p.m. There being no further business on the council agenda, Councilor Mac Lean moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Heather Butkowsky".

Heather Butkowsky
City Administrator