

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

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October 26, 2010

Mayor Dains called the City Council meeting to order at 7:40 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.

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

Councilor Grove moved approval of the claims totaling \$24,126.44. Councilor Gaasch 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.

Bownik said Halloween would be celebrated at City Hall on Sunday, October 31 from 5 – 7 p.m. The free event includes hot dogs, popcorn, candy, cider, hot chocolate, and more. Volunteers are needed for set up on Thursday from 5 – 8 p.m. and Saturday from 12 – 3 p.m.

Butkowski said staff met with Twin City Die Casting to review the quotes for sewer lining and the encroachment agreement drafted by the city attorney. The agreement will be completed with final approval happening after a contractor is selected. In the meantime, Twin City Die Casting plans to review the quotes and follow up with the contractors on questions they have.

Butkowski showed the Council a layout for the playground equipment being moved to the Ione/Walnut Park. The diagram showed that swings and playground equipment would be too large for the area. The Council concurred that it would be better to only plan for the playground equipment. The work will be completed this fall, if the weather continues to cooperate.

At the September 14 meeting, the Council authorized Ehlers and Associates to draft the documents required to call the 2002A bond series. After adoption of the resolution presented to the Council, staff will prepare for payment of the bonds on February 1, 2011.

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Member Hawkinson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 102610A
CALLING FOR THE REDEMPTION OF
GENERAL OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2002A

A. WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lauderdale, Minnesota (the "City") issued on behalf of the City \$1,200,000 General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2002A, dated June 1, 2002 (the "Bonds"), of which \$515,000 remains outstanding; and

B. WHEREAS, all of the said Bonds maturing in the years 2011 and thereafter, are subject to redemption and prepayment at the option of the City on February 1, 2010, and on any date thereafter, at price of par plus accrued interest, all as provided in the resolution of the City Council authorizing the issuance of said Bonds (the "Prior Resolution"); and

C. WHEREAS, the City Council deems it desirable and in the best interests of the City to call the 2012 through 2014 maturities of the Bond, inclusive, totaling \$390,000 in principal amount, on February 1, 2011, in accordance with the Prior Resolution.

D. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lauderdale, Minnesota, as follows:

1. Bonds to be Redeemed. All of the Bonds maturing in the years 2012 through 2014, inclusive, shall be redeemed and prepaid on February 1, 2011 at par and accrued interest for each such Bond called.

2. Mailing of Notice of Call. The City Administrator shall cause the Notice of Call for Redemption attached hereto as Exhibit A to be mailed prior to February 1, 2011, the date for call, to the bank where said Bonds are payable and to all registered holders of the Bonds.

3. Deposit of Sufficient Funds. The City Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to deposit with the paying agent where said Bonds are payable prior to said call date sufficient funds to pay the principal and interest due on the Bonds called for redemption as of the call date.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member Mac Lean and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Councilors Gaasch, Grove, Hawkinson, Mac Lean and Mayor Dains.

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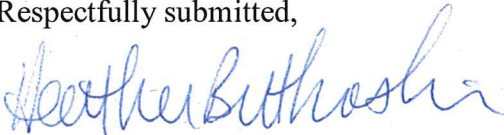
The Mayor explained that the City Council has been evaluating the viability of a municipal liquor store as it is one of the few tools the City has to make up for LGA losses. He noted that staff presented a number of options to the Council to learn more about municipal liquor store operations or bring in consultants to help with the process.

Councilors expressed their concerns over the future of Lauderdale if the City does not have another source of revenue. At the same time, they expressed concern as to whether a municipal liquor store may be too risky. Ultimately, councilors felt they had an obligation to evaluate options to raise revenue outside of raising taxes. They directed staff to invite Paul Bilotta to a future meeting to discuss possible locations and how to get good market research.

Butkowski reviewed the preliminary agenda for the next meeting, which included a discussion of land use training for councilors to receive an insurance reduction.

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 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Butkowski
City Administrator