

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mayor Dains called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council members present: Lara Mac Lean, Denise Hawkinson, Karen Doherty, Clay Christensen, and Mayor Jeff Dains.

The City Council, MN/DOT representative, City Administrator and City Engineer viewed the sound wall location at Walnut and Ryan and then at Walnut and Ione.

The Council returned to City hall at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Dains asked for any additions, deletions, or changes to the meeting agenda.

Council member Hawkinson moved to approve the agenda; council member Mac Lean seconded the motion and it carried.

Council member Doherty moved approval of the March 25, 2008, City Council meeting minutes. Council member Mac Lean seconded the motion and it carried.

Council member Christensen moved approval of the claims totaling \$75,762.28. Council member Mac Lean provided the second and the motion carried.

Mayor Dains asked if members of the public wished to address the council on items not on the agenda.

Mr. Mark Salovich discussed with the Council his idea to move a home from a site near Gibbs Farm to his property. The home is a circa 1800's three story brick building. He discussed where he would locate the structure and indicated he understands there is an ordinance that might prevent the moving of this structure to Lauderdale. He requested the Council examine the ordinance and consider amending the ordinance to allow this type of structure to be moved into the city. The council thanked him and requested that staff review the information and present it to council at the next meeting.

Ms. Jean Blat and Leslie Krantz approached the Council to discuss the future of the off leash dog park now that the hockey rink is undergoing improvements. They stated the area is heavily used and there is a demand for such an area for dogs and requested the council include room for a dog park in future plans for the park.

Council member Hawkinson moved the Consent Agenda approving the 2008 street sweeping vendor and authorizing post audit transfer of excess funds. Doherty seconded the motion and it carried.

Heck provided a brief update on the Larpenteur Avenue redevelopment project. He indicated there is not much new; however, regular meetings are scheduled to keep the project moving.

Mayor Dains asked Mr. Marc Goess to discuss with the Council the proposed sound wall and summarize the discussion regarding the location of the sound wall. Mr. Goess summarized the council discussions during the site visit. He indicated the department would evaluate the feasibility of extending the wall across Walnut just north of Ryan. He also indicated the department will "soften" the corners at this end as well. At the south end, the department will end the wall at the City owned property and install a "right of way" fence. The fence will be chain-link.

Mr. Goess then discussed with the Council a problem identified involving the bridge construction planned for 2009. He stated there is a retaining wall that is required near the on ramp to northbound 280. Construction of the retaining wall is likely to undermine the stability of the sound wall so the proposal from Mn/DOT is to end the sound wall at station 20 (approximately at the home of Tracey Koch) and finish the sound wall when the department begins work on the Larpenteur Avenue Bridge.

The council expressed concern that the balance of the wall will not be finished. After additional discussion, the council suggested to include the completion of the noise wall as part of the municipal consent for the project. The Council will consider municipal consent at the next meeting.

The Council took a five-minute break and reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

Darren Amundsen presented information on the hockey rink improvement bids. He stated the lowest responsible bidder was Dunaway Construction for \$45,762 including all four alternates.

**Council member Christensen moved Resolution 040808A Accepting the bid for the Lauderdale Hockey Rink Project. Council member Doherty provided the second and the motion carried with all members voting yes.**

Mr. Amundsen then presented the outcome of the bid for seal coating. Mr. Amundsen stated the lowest responsible bidder was Allied Blacktop with a bid of \$46,730 using granite and including the city hall parking lot.

Council member Hawkinson asked if this was the same company who did the work in 2006. Mr. Amundsen stated it was.

**Council member Christensen moved resolution 040808B accepting the bid for Lauderdale seal coating project. Council member Doherty offered the second and the**

Council member Mac Lean, Doherty, and Christensen voting yes. Council member Hawkinson and Mayor Dains voting no.

The Council then discussed the issue of traffic calming. Heck offered information from the engineer to conduct a study and provide the city with recommendation on stop sign and crosswalk locations.

Council member Mac Lean moved to have staff prepare recommendations on the location of stop signs and crosswalks to bring back to council for consideration. Council member Hawkinson provided the second and the motion passed with all voting yes.

Heck presented information on recreational fires. After reviewing the information and brief discussion, the Council chose not to consider amending the current ordinance.

Bownik presented information on port-a-potty rental for the park.

Council member Hawkinson moved to acquire a handicapped accessible port-a-potty from Jimmy's Johnny's. Council member Doherty seconded the motion and it carried with all members voting yes.

The Council entered the work session.

Mayor Dains introduced the item relating to roles and responsibilities and suggested the Council and staff address the questions outlined in the memorandum.

Council member Mac Lean addressed information in the memorandum and indicated she would like to see position descriptions so she has a better idea of functions and duties.

There was discussion on a personnel committee and using an outside facilitator to assist the Council and staff improve relationships and communication.

The Council directed staff to gather information on potential consulting facilitators.

Council member Hawkinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Council member Mac Lean seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Brian W. Heck  
City Administrator