

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

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January 27, 2009

Mayor Dains called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

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

Staff present: Jim Bownik, Assistant to the City Administrator.

Mayor Dains asked for changes to the meeting agenda. A report on the Ramsey County League of Local Governments was added by Councilor Christensen. **Councilor Doherty moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Councilor Doherty moved approval of the January 13, 2009, City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Dains asked if there were any questions about the claims. Councilor Mac Lean asked about the payment to Lillie Suburban News regarding delivery of the Roseville Review and the payment to Toshiba regarding the copier contract. **Councilor Hawkinson moved approval of the claims totaling \$26,848.81. 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 address the council.

Mayor Dains asked if councilors wished to remove items from the consent agenda. There being none, **Councilor Christensen moved the consent agenda approving 2009 rental housing and business licenses, 2009 garbage hauler licenses, and attendance at the MCFOA conference. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Bownik provided a post-event report on Snow*Commotion. About 60 people attended even though the temperature hovered around zero degrees. He named the winners of the medallion hunt and the sculpture contest, and thanked the volunteers.

Councilor Christensen reported on the Ramsey County League of Local Governments meeting. He said the meeting focused on the governor's budget proposal and how it will affect local governments and services provided. The Mayor mentioned that the city has already reacted by discussing ways to reduce expenses such as deciding to stop paying for

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delivery of the Roseville Review to the residents at a cost of about \$8,000 per year. The city is hoping they will continue delivering it without the city's payment.

The council discussed the proposed 2009 fee schedule. It was suggested to increase the cigarette licensing to \$200. Staff will revise the fee schedule and bring it back for consideration.

The council discussed the 2009 committee appointments. After much discussion, **Councilor Mac Lean moved to adopt the 2009 committee appointments. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Bownik explained to the council staff's suggestions for council chambers technology improvements. Mayor Dains asked staff to present information for potential microphone upgrades at a future meeting. **Councilor Christensen moved to approve purchases of equipment by CTV on the city's behalf not to exceed the budgeted \$14,000. Councilor Doherty seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

The council discussed workers' compensation insurance. The council had questions regarding medical coverage and whether it covered them at city events. Staff will bring back more detail regarding the medical coverage, as well as a resolution to a future meeting.

The Mayor acknowledged the suggested list of agenda items for the next meeting.

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

Bownik presented information on a request by Virginia Matheny, 1974 Walnut Street, to acquire the former lift station site adjacent to her property. The council agreed that the city should order title work for the property as the first step. The next step will be for staff to present the results to the council for further discussions. **Councilor Doherty moved to direct staff to order title work for the former lift station site adjacent to 1974 Walnut Street. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

With no further discussion, **Councilor Doherty moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it carried.** The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Bownik, Assistant to the City Administrator.