

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

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March 10, 2009

Mayor Dains called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Councilors present: Karen Doherty, Clay Christensen, and Mayor Jeff Dains. Councilor Mac Lean arrived shortly after roll call was taken. 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 Christensen moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Councilor Mac Lean moved approval of the February 24, 2009, City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Christensen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Mayor Dains asked the councilors if they had questions regarding the claims. There being none, **Councilor Hawkinson moved approval of the claims totaling \$78,906.36. 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 licenses. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Bownik reported on the outcome of the winter dance and dessert buffet on March 5. He said the attendees enjoyed the Jennifer Grimm Band and all the desserts donated by Baker's Square, the Finnish Bistro, and Good Earth Restaurant. Additionally, HGA Architects and Engineers donated door prizes. CTV recorded the event and that will be aired on the community access channel.

Butkowski updated the Council on the status of area road projects. A signal tech from Ramsey County will evaluate the traffic signals at Eustis and Larpenteur and adjust accordingly. Ramsey County will do this again after the bridge is closed in May.

Xcel Energy's project to move the overhead power lines was successful and they don't plan to close TH280 for that project again. Their project to bury distribution lines under

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TH280 may still require a closure of TH280. They anticipate the work in the Malvern alley to be concluded by week end. Finally, Qwest submitted a permit request to bore at the southern end of the Malvern alley as well.

At the last meeting, the Council accepted the grant from the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board (MESB) to purchase two 800 MHz radios. Staff notified the MESB of the acceptance and they submitted a contract for the Council to consider. Butkowski told the Council that the city attorney reviewed the contract and did not have any suggestions.

**Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve the contract to purchase 800 MHz radios as presented. Councilor Christensen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

The Mayor acknowledged the list of agenda items for the next meeting which included a quote for manhole lining, a sanitary sewer agreement with the City of Roseville, setting a time for the annual goal setting session, sewer jetting equipment, and 2009 street sweeping.

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.

Bownik told the Council that title work was completed on the lift station property next to Virginia Matheny, owner of 1974 Walnut Street. The City can sell the property subject to the easement.

The Council discussed whether the City had a use for the property. They also asked staff to clarify how this lift station property differed from that on Summer Street. Bownik explained that the City owns the property adjacent to 1974 Walnut. In the Summer Street situation, the property owner granted the City an easement to use the property but the City was never the owner.

The Mayor questioned the reasons to sell the property and whether the sale would need to be open to others. Butkowski said the city attorney recommended conditioning the sale to the owner of 1974 Walnut Street (Lot 30, Block 2) as the parcel in question was once a part of that platted lot.

The Council then discussed the process for a land sale. If the Council wished to have the purchaser pay the fees associated with the land sale, Butkowski suggested an escrow account be established from which the title work and closing fees would be paid.

Matheny expressed concern over the costs to purchase the land. Staff was directed to get a cost estimate from the city attorney. Staff would then notify Matheny of the costs to see if she was still interested in purchasing the land.

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Butkowski explained that St. Anthony's proposed police contract was included in the packet. The primary changes were the fees for service from 2010 to 2012 and the termination language in section XXI that St. Anthony agreed to during a meeting with the city administrators. The Council questioned whether they could hold a closed session to discuss the contract. Butkowski said she would research that but did not think so.

Councilor Christensen noted the next meeting of the Ramsey County League of Local Governments (RCLLG) concerned ground water management and the meeting on March 26 addressed relationship building.

**Councilor Doherty moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Butkowski  
City Administrator