

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

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March 24, 2009

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

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

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 Christensen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Councilor Doherty moved approval of the March 10, 2009, City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Mac Lean 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 \$25,113.90. 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 the PCIC minutes from March 16, 2009. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Butkowski updated the Council on the status of area road projects. Xcel Energy expects the duct line work in the Malvern alley to be completed in a week. They will then begin pulling cable. Boring under TH280 began on the west side this week. The project is expected to end by the May 1 deadline.

Butkowski reminded the Council of the open sanitary sewer manhole near Twin City Die Casting that was identified through smoke testing last fall. With the arrival of spring, the manhole can be rehabilitated and capped to prevent further inflow. Infratech provided a quote for the work in the amount of \$3,907.50. If Infratech finds excessive infiltration that requires an additional application of polyurethane chemical grout, that would be done at the rate of \$210/hour plus \$50.00 per gallon of grout. Additionally, the City requested the area be smoke tested again and that was quoted at \$210/hour.

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Councilor Christensen moved to approve the Infratech quote for sanitary sewer manhole structural modifications and smoke testing as presented. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Lauderdale public works has borrowed Falcon Heights' sewer jetter for many years. The last couple of years, this has been free of charge. Falcon Heights plans to sell the jetter since they do not use it. A dealer offered them \$15,000 for the machine so that is their asking price. Instead of purchasing Falcon Heights' jetter, the City can contract for the service or get pricing on other jetter models. Butkowski explained a company like Infratech charges \$210 per hour for labor and equipment. In the calculation presented, she said the jetter at \$15,000 would pay for itself in a year. She noted the advantage to purchasing the Falcon Heights' jetter is staff's familiarity with it as Lauderdale public works has largely been the only user of the machine.

The storage of the machine was discussed. Councilors asked whether Falcon Heights would be willing to store the machine during the winter. Staff said they would try to negotiate for that.

Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve purchase of Falcon Heights' sewer jetter in the amount of \$15,000. Councilor Doherty seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Council discussed the spring and fall street sweeping quotes. Two companies provided quotes. Public works recommended hiring Mike McPhillips, Inc. due to the quality of their work.

Councilors said the cleaning should be done late enough to minimize the chance of a late spring storm that results in more ice and sand on the roads.

Councilor Hawkinson moved to approve the street sweeping quote from Mike McPhillips, Inc. in the amount of \$5,100 for 2009. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Council discussed dates for the annual goal setting meeting. The Council is considering the first June meeting as the City should know the impact of local government aid cuts by then. **The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.**

The Mayor acknowledged the list of agenda items for the next meeting which include a sanitary sewer agreement with the City of Roseville, the annual stormwater prevention program presentation and public hearing, and quotes from the city engineer for erosion control and illicit discharge ordinances and an impaired waters review.

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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.

The City Council discussed the proposed police contract and brainstormed options to reduce the cost. Among the ideas were contracting for an alternative animal control service, additional use of community service officers, less patrol hours, creating a larger police and fire service district, and seeking proposals from other law enforcement agencies.

Overall, the Council was reluctant to issue an RFP for police services. They would like to retain St. Anthony in spite of aid cuts. The Council asked staff to address the option for one year contract with Chief Ohl. Falcon Heights City Council will discuss the contract at their April 1 meeting. Staff will bring back information from the Falcon Heights discussion to a future meeting.

Mayor Dains announced the City Council was moving into a closed session to discuss Virginia Matheny's request to purchase the former lift station property adjacent to 1974 Walnut Street.

Councilors present: Karen Doherty, Clay Christensen, Lara Mac Lean, Denise Hawkinson, and Mayor Jeff Dains. Staff present: Heather Butkowski, City Administrator; Jim Bownik, Assistant to the City Administrator.

Butkowski read to the Council the requirements of the closed session as detailed in the *League of Minnesota Cities Handbook*. The City Council may close a meeting to determine the asking price for real or personal property to be sold by the public body. Matheny made a request to purchase the former lift station site and the Council closed the meeting to discuss whether to sell the property and at what price.

The Council determined under what conditions they would sell the property and voted upon a sale price. They directed staff to make the offer to Matheny.

The Council moved back into the regular meeting session.

There being no further business on the council agenda, Councilor Hawkinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Christensen seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Butkowski
City Administrator