

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

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August 11, 2009

The Mayor called the City Council meeting to order at 7:26 p.m.

Councilors present: Clay Christensen, Karen Doherty, 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. He added receipt of a flag and plaque from Congresswoman McCollum to Special Order of Business and a police update.

Sergeant Jon Mangseth addressed the audience. He noted that a couple of burglaries had occurred and the police were working to identify the culprit. He reminded the audience to secure their property as crimes of opportunity most often occur during the summer months.

Councilor Hawkinson moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Doherty moved to approve the July 28, 2009, City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Christensen moved approval of the claims totaling \$77,797.02. 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 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. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Mayor Dains reported that Congresswoman McCollum had presented the City with a flag that flew over the Capital and a plaque replicating what was printed in the Congressional Record about the 60th Anniversary of the City.

Mayor Dains announced the public hearing for the proposed ordinance making it illegal to drive and park on paths and walkways and on unpaved surfaces on public land and in city parks. Butkowski explained this became an issue with the increase in the use of the park and police feel they are currently unable to take action.

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Mayor Dains opened the public hearing at 7:32 p.m. No one present wished to address the Council. The public hearing closed at 7:33 p.m.

Councilor Hawkinson moved to adopt Ordinance 09-04 amending Section 6-1 of the Code of Ordinances regarding parking restrictions. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bownik updated the Council on plans for Day in the Park. The event is scheduled for August 15. The event starts with a fun run/walk at 8:00 a.m. At noon, the rest of the events are kicked off by a parade; LaVanche Peterson is the grand marshal this year. In addition to games and food, the Lions Club sponsored music for the event. To celebrate 60 years as a city, Senator John Marty and the Mayor will speak at the event. Celebratory cupcakes will also be served.

Annually, the City purchases property, automobile, and casualty insurance from the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust. The policy runs from August to August of each year. Documents attached reflect the cost of the policy based on what is insured.

Councilor Christensen moved to purchase property, automobile, and casualty insurance from the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust for August 2009 – August 2010. Councilor Doherty seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Butkowski explained that the Rosehill TIF district was modified in the mid-1990s to allow the City to use the increment for road and utility improvements. Street rehabilitation projects then happened from 2000-2003. The debt service from the projects has largely been paid by TIF funds, assessments, and investment interest. As the TIF district expires before the bonds are fully paid, the Council may consider calling the bonds and use the available increment to pay off the debt. The 2000A series bond may now be called and the 20002A bond may be called in February 2010. To proceed, the Council would need to authorize Ehlers and Associates to coordinate the payment of the bond.

Councilor Christensen moved to authorize Ehlers and Associates to draft all documents required to call the 2000A series bond. Councilor Doherty seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Butkowski said the Council received another resident request to have alcohol in the park on August 30. Staff still plans to draft ordinances or policies regulating the use to a future meeting.

Councilor Mac Lean moved to allow Kyle Hughes, to consume, but not sell, beer and wine at his even in the park on August 30, 2009. Councilor Doherty seconded the

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motion and it passed with Councilors Mac Lean, Hawkinson, Doherty, and Christensen voting yes, and Mayor Dains abstaining.

The Mayor acknowledged the list of agenda items for the next meeting which included a 2010 budget discussion and a Day in the Park summary.

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 Council looked at the preliminary budget figures and discussed whether an increase in the levy would be necessary. The Council expressed concern over the ongoing potential for further unallotments. The annual Ramsey County finance directors meeting is August 20. Staff will receive the city's tax capacity figures at the meeting and be able to bring back information on the impact of a levy increase to the next council meeting.

Butkowski said that Roseville IT Director, Terre Heiser, asked whether the Lauderdale would be interested in having a cell phone tower within the City. They have the potential to generate revenue to off-set the costs of city operations. Councilors expressed interest in learning more about the opportunity. Staff said they would let Heiser know and ask about the next step in the process.

There being no further business on the council agenda, Councilor Christensen moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Butkowski
City Administrator