

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

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September 22, 2009

The Mayor called the City Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Mayor Dains asked for changes to the meeting agenda. Councilor Mac Lean asked to include today's police call to 1846 Walnut Street to the work session discussion of conduct at licensed rental dwellings. **Councilor Hawkinson moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Councilor Christensen moved to approve the September 8, 2009, City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Hawkinson moved approval of the claims totaling \$22,603.62. Councilor Doherty 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 election judge appointments. Councilor Doherty seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Mayor Dains introduced the compliance agreement with the MN Department of Agriculture, which the city is required to sign in response to the Emerald Ash Borer. Bownik stated all trimmers working within or transporting material within the quarantine area must sign the compliance agreement. Lauderdale, as well as all of Ramsey County, is in the quarantine area. **Councilor Hawkinson motioned to approve the compliance agreement with the Department of Agriculture as presented. Councilor Doherty seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Bownik reviewed the preliminary agenda for the next meeting, which included consideration of comprehensive plan approval and a presentation by Capital Regions Watershed District Advisory Committee Member Bob Milligan.

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Before moving into the work session, Mayor Dains provided an overview of the rental housing licensing provisions and explained the focus of the work session would be on concerns regarding police calls to a particular rental property. The council then moved into the work session. Work sessions are a continuation of the meetings but not aired on community television.

Bownik reported on police calls from September 11 and September 22 regarding a tenant from 1846 Walnut Street. Bownik stated it is possible one of these calls could trigger a third letter from the city for violations of the rental housing licensing provisions. If so, the city council could hold a hearing regarding the status of the rental license for the property.

Lauderdale's prosecuting attorney, Katrina Joseph, advised not to send a third violation letter at this time. Joseph explained, according to the police reports, the September 11 incident did not occur on the property. While the September 22 incident happened on the property and involved one of the tenants, the person being disorderly did not live there.

Joseph suggested waiting for an incident that provides a solid case, and getting the police reports on a weekly basis. The council suggested sending a letter to residents and owners of rental property reminding them of the rental housing ordinance, and letting them know to call the police if they see any problems at the rental properties.

There being no further business on the council agenda, Councilor Hawkinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Doherty seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Bownik
Assistant to the City Administrator