

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
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Tuesday, November 27, 2007

Mayor Dains called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Council members present: Denise Hawkinson, Karen Doherty, Clay Christensen, and Mayor Dains. Council member absent: Lara Mac Lean.

Heck said Commissioner Parker's Office called to say that Ms. Parker would not be able to attend due to a family emergency.

Council member Hawkinson moved to approve the agenda and council member Christensen seconded the motion and it carried.

Council member Christensen moved to approve the November 13, 2007, Council meeting minutes. Council member Doherty seconded the motion and it carried.

Council member Hawkinson moved to approve the claims totaling \$27,644.13. Council member Doherty provided the second and the motion carried.

No residents addressed the Council with issues or concerns not on the agenda.

Council member Christensen moved the Consent Agenda appointing Will Rossbach and John Zanmiller to the St. Paul Regional Water Service Board of Water Commissioners, approving the tree service quote from Blue Chip, approving union wage adjustments for 2008 at 3% in accordance with the union contract, and approving Infratech's quote to repair the manhole near Walsh Lake. Council member Hawkinson seconded the motion and it carried.

The public hearing regarding the inflow and infiltration policy began at 7:38 p.m. The mayor closed the public hearing at 7:39 p.m.

Council member Doherty moved Resolution 112707A adopting the Clear Water Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Program Policy. Council member Hawkinson seconded and the motion carried with Hawkinson, Doherty, Christensen, and Mayor Dains voting yes.

The public hearing regarding the proposed nuisance ordinance began at 7:40 p.m.

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Jack Barlow of 1947 Eustis Street addressed the Council. He questioned the requirement to have firewood eight inches off the ground. He stated keeping the wood elevated at this height makes it easier for rabbits, squirrels, mice, etc to nest. He described how he arranges his firewood.

There being no further public comment, the Mayor closed the hearing at 7:42 p.m.

Mayor Dains stated he supports the ordinance; however, he has several questions on enforcement of the ordinance. He feels there needs to be agreement whether violations are complaint driven or whether they can be identified by staff.

Heck suggested the council discuss this issue with staff at the next meeting.

Heck updated the Council on Highway 280. He stated St. Anthony Park was also holding a meeting that evening about a sound wall south of Larpenteur Avenue. Rep. Mindy Greiling, Rep. Alice Hausman, and Mn/DOT staff attended. Heck added there is no additional information or new developments.

Bownik provided information on the hockey rink. He stated the PCIC recommended paving the rink and orientating the rink so it faces north / south if changing the lighting was not cost prohibitive. Bownik said he contacted Muska Electric, the company that installed the lights, and the estimate to move the lighting is approximately \$8,000 to \$10,000. Therefore, reorienting the rink will cost an additional \$18,000 to \$20,000.

Bownik addressed the issue of painting the asphalt. He indicated the cities he spoke to did not notice any difference in the rate of ice melt on rinks that were not painted and those that were painted.

The Council spent time discussing the orientation of the rink. Heck indicated the council budgeted \$90,000 for park improvements, which would be enough to change the orientation of the rink.

The council consensus was to pave the rink as currently oriented.

Heck went over the final draft of the 2008 Lauderdale City Budget. Heck informed the council he found an error in the personnel cost calculation. He said he altered expenditures in other areas to keep the budget in line with the levy established by the council. The modifications result in reductions of \$10,000 in the development account, \$10,000 in the contingency account, and \$45,340 in the planned transfers to Special Revenue Funds. The adjustments totaled \$65,340.

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The council asked several questions on the format of the budget and discussed the impact of the personnel cost changes.

The council set December 11, 2007, for the public hearing on the 2008 budget.

The Council established agenda items for the next meeting including presentations by Representative Greiling and Senator Marty; 2008 Budget adoption; non-union wage adjustment; Nuisance Ordinance; presentation for an Eagle Scout project; and end of year business.

Council member Hawkinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Council member Doherty seconded the motion and it carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Brian W. Heck
City Administrator