

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

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November 10, 2015

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

Councilors present: Mayor Jeff Dains, Mary Gaasch, and Roxanne Grove.

Councilors absent: Denise Hawkinson and Lara Mac Lean.

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, City Administrator and Jim Bownik, Assistant City Administrator.

Approvals

Mayor Dains asked for changes to the meeting agenda. Mayor Dains requested the topic of council attendance be added. Motion was made by Councilor Grove to approve the agenda with the council attendance topic added under Work Session, seconded by Councilor Gaasch and carried unanimously.

Councilor Gaasch moved to approve the City Council meeting minutes of October 27, 2015. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Councilor Gaasch moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the claims totaling \$101,086.17. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent

Mayor Dains asked if any Councilors wished to remove items from the Consent Agenda. There being none, Councilor Grove moved and seconded by Councilor Gaasch to approve the Consent Agenda thereby approving the Deputy Clerk Step Increase. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearings

A. Ordinance No. 15-08 Amending the Animal Control Ordinance

City Administrator Butkowski reviewed the revised ordinance which makes the dangerous dog section consistent with the City of St. Anthony's adopted code. Since the City contracts with St. Anthony for police services that include animal control, uniformity in ordinances makes enforcement consistent. The ordinance has been reviewed by City Attorney Batty.

Mayor Dains opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

There being no public comment, Mayor Dains closed the public hearing at 7:36 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilor Gaasch and seconded by Councilor Grove to adopt Ordinance No. 15-08 Amending Title 5, Chapter 3 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Animal Control. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

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Discussion / Action Items

A. Ordinance No. 15-09 Cable Television Franchise

City Administrator Butkowski highlighted the discussion from the October 27 council meeting where a five-year franchise would be granted to CenturyLink outlining the build-out of infrastructure. Butkowski noted that the ordinance is over 40 pages so a summary publication would be recommended but requires a 4/5 vote, so delayed until the November 24 meeting.

A representative of CenturyLink was in attendance.

Motion was made by Councilor Gaasch and seconded by Councilor Grove to adopt Ordinance No. 15-09 Cable Television Franchise Ordinance and the Findings-of-Fact as presented. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

City administrator noted the next meeting may include the 2016 Budget including Special Revenue, Capital Improvement and Enterprise Funds, Establish 2016 Utility Rates, and Benedictine Health Systems Conduit Financing.

Work Session

A. Public Comment.

None.

B. 2016 Special Revenue, Capital Improvement, and Enterprise Fund Budgets

City Administrator Butkowski summarized the draft budget with no comments received. Next, the draft ten-year capital improvement plan was discussed with the Administrator highlighting the two infrastructure projects: sealcoating and sewer lining projects. The sealcoating project will be completed in 2016 but the sewer lining project relies on Metropolitan Council grant funding. Notice of the grant application was not received due to email filtering. The number of grant applications was more than in the past so the amount of funding is questionable at this time.

The Utility Rate Study for sanitary sewer, storm water and recycling was discussed with focus on recycling single sort and processing fee of recyclables.

C. Sanitary Sewer Metering Report

Administrator Butkowski highlighted the Sanitary Sewer Flow Monitoring Study prepared by Stantec that addresses inflow and infiltration issues. Staff met with Corval representatives on November 10 because their address was identified as a source of inflow and infiltration.

The ultimate goal would be to address the issues so the City could petition the Metropolitan Council to be removed from the Inflow and Infiltration Program and its mandates.

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D. Council Attendance Policy

The Council discussed whether to develop an attendance policy. If a council member missed a determined number of meetings consecutively, their office could be declared vacant. Discussion ensued as to valid reasons for absences such as illness and what could be included in the policy.

E. Community Development Update

Administrator Butkowski informed the Council that staff was expecting a conditional use permit application for a commercial daycare facility on Eustis Street in the R-1 zoning district.

The Sustainability Fair will be held from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. on November 19 at Silverwood Park in St. Anthony.

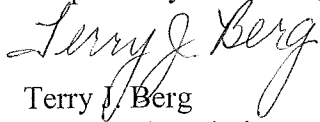
The St. Anthony Police Department apprehended a graffiti artist vandalizing the Rapit Print building earlier in the day on November 10. The apprehension was expected to lead to the arrest of other vandals.

An event was held at the Rapit Print Building (2520 Larpenteur Avenue) on Halloween that drew a significant number of people. Staff discussed the event with the owner in addition to a used clothing store that appeared to be opening in part of the building. Staff will be following up with the new lessee regarding his arts studio concept and whether it fits within the zoning ordinance or would require a request for a change.

Midland Hills Country Club began planting trees in the City's right-of-way along Ryan Avenue in an attempt to curb stray balls leaving the course. Staff was unaware this was going to happen and asked them to stop until public works staff had time to determine whether the City's infrastructure in the area would be negatively impacted.

There being no further business on the council agenda, motion was made by Councilor Gaasch and seconded by Councilor Grove, carried unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Terry J. Berg
Deputy City Clerk