

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

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December 8, 2015

Mayor Pro-Tem Gaasch called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Councilors present: Mary Gaasch, Roxanne Grove, Denise Hawkinson and Lara Mac Lean.
Councilors absent: Mayor Jeff Dains

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, City Administrator; Jim Bownik, Assistant City Administrator; and Terry Berg, Deputy City Clerk.

Approvals

Mayor Pro-Tem Gaasch asked for changes to the meeting agenda. There being none, motion was made by Councilor Hawkinson to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilor Grove and carried unanimously.

Councilor Hawkinson moved to approve the amended City Council meeting minutes of November 24, 2015 correcting the motion to adjourn. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Councilor Hawkinson moved and seconded by Councilor Mac Lean to approve the revised claims totaling \$93,806.14. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent

Mayor Pro-Tem asked if any Councilors wished to remove items from the Consent Agenda. Councilor Mac Lean moved and seconded by Councilor Hawkinson to approve the Consent Agenda thereby approving the Publication of Summary of CenturyLink Cable Franchise Ordinance, 2016 Council Meeting Schedule, Accounts Payable Authorization for Year-end, Resolution 120815C Adoption of 2016 Fee Schedule, Approve Replacement Public Works Truck Purchase and Public Works Maintenance Step Increase. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion / Action Items

A. 2016 Budget and Levy

Mayor Pro-Tem Gaasch explained that the City would present the budget and levy recommendation with public comment after. City Administrator Butkowski reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed 2016 budget and corresponding levy.

Mayor Pro-Tem asked for public comment at 7:46 p.m.

Don Vandenberg of Brandy Chase condos questioned the 6% plus valuation increase of Lauderdale in relationship to Falcon Heights and St. Paul. Contact information for the Ramsey County assessor was provided.

There being no further public comment, council discussion ensued with the focus being the wide range valuation adjustments within the city.

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Motion was made by Mac Lean and seconded by Grove to adopt Resolution 120815A Adopting the 2016 Final Property Tax Levy and Resolution 120815B Adopting the Final Budget and Establish Fund Appropriations. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

City administrator noted the next meeting may include the Minnesota Commercial Rail Request for Support, November and December Financial Reports, Investment Report, Investment Policy, Designating Official Depository and Investment Institutions, Tobacco and Alcohol Licenses and Committee Appointments and Assignments.

Work Session

A. Public Comment.

None.

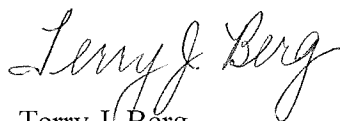
B. Community Update

Administrator Butkowski informed the Council that 1783 Pleasant Street was building a front yard deck but need a variance and the fitness center construction is progressing.

Lastly, the administrator reported that the city attorney is working on the former Rapit Printing building and its intended reuse.

There being no further business on the council agenda, motion was made by Councilor Mac Lean and seconded by Councilor Hawkinson, carried unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Terry J. Berg
Deputy City Clerk