



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, December 8, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall
400 La Crosse Street

Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Presiding

Mayor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 11 - Andrea Richmond, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Jenasea Hameister, Chris Kahlow, Mac Kiel, Chris Woodard, Rebecca Schwarz, Jennifer Trost, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann
Excused: 2 - Scott Neumeister, Mackenzie Mindel

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Reverend Michael McElwee, Christ Episcopal Church

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Kahlow to APPROVE minutes of November 10, 2022; the motion carried unanimously.

Reports

[22-1495](#)

Financial Report from the Director of Finance for the month of October 2022.

2022-12-001

A motion was made by Neumann, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Report be RECEIVED AND FILED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 2 - Neumeister, Mindel

Notices and Discussions

Janssen invited members of the Apartment Association to present the Council with a \$5,000 check for the K-9 Unit from proceeds raised from the meatball dinner. Janssen noted that the TSA Partnership Award was given to custodian Dan Pfister at the Airport.

[22-1470](#)

ADA Transition Plan Status Update

Brian Weinstein presented preliminary data to the Council.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[22-1496](#)

Resolution approving 2022 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in December 2022.

2022-12-002

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Schwarz, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 2 - Neumeister, Mindel

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[22-1494](#)

Board of Zoning Appeals: Ryan Haug. Economic Development Commission: Vicki Markussen.

2022-12-003

A motion was made by Hameister, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Appointment be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 2 - Neumeister, Mindel

SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL RULE VIII FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: (2/3 Vote Required)

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow to SUSPEND Council Rule VIII for items 22-1434, 22-1447, and 22-1501; motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED[22-1202](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Poellinger Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$64,125.49 for the 10th & Cass Historic Lighting Addition Phase 3 project.

2022-12-004

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Woodard, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 2 - Neumeister, Mindel

ITEMS WITH NO RECOMMENDATION[22-1326](#)

Amended Resolution approving a reorganization to the table of positions and classifications for the supervision and management of the Public Works Department.

2022-12-005

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Kahlow, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 2 - Neumeister, Mindel

[22-1501](#)

Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to obtain Airport Liability Insurance. *(Note: The Committee and/or Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel. Following such closed session, the Committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)*

2022-12-006

A motion was made by Neumann, seconded by Janssen to CONVENE in Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel; motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Unanimous consent to RECONVENE in Open Session.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 2 - Neumeister, Mindel

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[22-1447](#)

Amended Resolution authorizing the release of funds for the Police Department to procure and fully upfit an Animal Control services vehicle.

2022-12-007

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Happel, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 2 - Neumeister, Mindel

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

[22-1356](#)

Amended Resolution relocating polling place effective January 1, 2023.

2022-12-008

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Janssen to AMEND; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be ADOPTED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 2 - Neumeister, Mindel

[22-1380](#)

Resolution allocating additional funding for the Pearl Walkway Reconstruction.

2022-12-009

A motion was made by Neumann, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Woodard, Schwarz, Happel, Neumann

No: 1 - Trost

Excused: 2 - Neumeister, Mindel

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Kahlow to ADOPT the Consent Agenda; the motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

- [22-1245](#) Resolution approving a partial vacation of the alley located between Liberty Street, Charles Street and Gillette Street and Sill Street.
2022-12-010
- [22-1358](#) Resolution appropriating funds to pay for the remediation required on detached garages which violate the current floodplain standards per FEMA.
2022-12-011
- [22-1367](#) Resolution approving a professional services agreement with Leibowitz & Horton Airport Management Consultants Incorporated.
2022-12-012
- [22-1368](#) Resolution approving a professional services agreement with Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly Inc.
2022-12-013
- [22-1381](#) Resolution to rescind vehicle fire fee from Appendix C Fee Schedule.
2022-12-014
- [22-1412](#) Resolution granting Various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6, and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the remainder of license period 2022-2023 (December).
2022-12-015
- [22-1413](#) Resolution authorizing the Fire Department to accept a DHS/FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for swift water rescue training.
2022-12-016
- [22-1414](#) Resolution authorizing the Fire Department to accept a DHS/FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for Paramedic training.
2022-12-017
- [22-1416](#) Resolution Approving Application of Bee Cab, Inc. dba Bee Cab for 2023 Public Vehicle for Hire License.
2022-12-018

- [22-1417](#) Resolution approving Application of Coulee Region Taxi LLC dba Coulee Region Taxi for 2023 Public Vehicle for Hire License.
2022-12-019
- [22-1418](#) Resolution approving Application of Luxury Limos LLC dba Luxury Limos for 2023 Public Vehicle for Hire License.
2022-12-020
- [22-1419](#) Resolution approving Application of Sinkoss USA LLC dba Bullet Cab for 2023 Public Vehicle for Hire License.
2022-12-021
- [22-1420](#) Resolution approving Application of Cinderella Carriage LLC dba Cinderella Carriage for 2023 Horse-Drawn Carriage License.
2022-12-022
- [22-1421](#) Resolution approving Application of River Town Pedal Tours LLC dba River Town Pedal Tours for 2023 Pedal Cab License.
2022-12-023
- [22-1428](#) Resolution denying Application of Kimberly Reshel for a Beverage Operator's License and appeal of denial by the Police Department. (*Note: The Committee and/or Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 19.85(1)(a) to deliberate its decision. Following any closed session, the Committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.*)
2022-12-024
- [22-1434](#) Resolution approving animal sheltering contract with Coulee Region Humane Society. (*Note: The Committee and/or Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters. Following such closed session, the Committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.*)
2022-12-025
- [22-1436](#) Resolution approving Application of Making A Way Transport LLC dba CTS Taxi for 2022 Public Vehicle for Hire License.
2022-12-026
- [22-1437](#) Resolution approving Application of Making A Way Transport LLC dba CTS Taxi for 2023 Public Vehicle for Hire License.
2022-12-027

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED

[22-1396](#)

AN ORDINANCE to create Section 103-8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse pertaining to residential rental dwelling unit registration.

Referred 90 days to March 2023 meetings.

[22-1397](#)

Resolution amending Appendix C Fee Schedule regarding residential rental dwelling unit registration.

Referred 90 days to March 2023 meetings.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.